GAZETTE RESTAURANT Of The WEEK

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Greek Captain Has The Best Fish

It's simple. If you want the freshest fish and seafood in town, you must go to the Greek Captain. For nearly 15 years, Greek Captain has been serving the finest and freshest fish, shrimp, clams, oysters, crab and more, thanks to a daily supply from the Atlantic seaboard, established many years ago. Don't forget to place your holiday fish order to ensure a truly festive and delicious holiday meal, without the hassle. Let the professionals at Greek Captain prepare and deliver your Christmas Eve fish order to your home and enjoy a trouble-free family tradition.

As you enter the restaurant, diners view the open kitchen and display cases filled with ice and the day's catches. The blackboard outside lists all the specials of the day and tempts you from the start. Dine comfortably in Greek Captain's dining room with its clean, whitewashed walls, Aegean blue trim and nautical objects on the walls. The handsome woodwork is reminiscent of a ship's cabin and families and large parties are welcome. During the whole month of December, enjoy a complimentary glass of wine with every entrée ordered. The amiable owner, Yanni (John) Vullis, bounces from table to table, ensuring that all his patrons are satisfied.

Greek Captain's appetizers are meant to be shared and savored. The grilled octopus is fantastic here, impossibly tender and tasty, thanks to a vinegar and oil dressing. There are also crispy baked clams and plump shrimp cocktail, practically the size of small lobster tails. Order some clean, fresh bluepoint oysters or littleneck clams from the raw bar. Elegantly served on shaved ice, a drop of cocktail sauce or a squeeze of lemon bring out the natural briny flavor of this fresh, tender shellfish. Crab cakes are made with real Maryland jumbo lump crab meat, and one taste will prove it, seasoned perfectly with herbs and spices. The fried calamari are crunchy on the outside and tender inside and are meant to be shared. Your friendly waitress will bring you a basket of warm, crusty garlic bread, perfect for dunking into a steaming bowl of creamy shrimp bisque or hearty fish soup ($6).

After a sampling of the wonderful appetizers, choose a whole fish such as porgy, red snapper or black sea bass for your dinner. Grilled over charcoal and drizzled with lemon and olive oil, the whole fish is flaky, juicy and can be easily filleted. Sea bass, sole, swordfish or halibut can be grilled over charcoal or broiled, for around $18.99. One of the most popular items on the menu is the Greek Captain combination. The enormous platter features steamed crab legs, lobster tail, shrimp stuffed with that wonderful crab meat, clams and scallops. The broiled combo teams up salmon fillet, flounder fillet, plump shrimp and broiled scallops. Swordfish or shrimp kebabs are laced on a skewer with chunks of veggies for a light and healthy meal. Kids and adults alike love fried fish and shrimp and Greek Captain prepares light and crispy fried shrimp, snapper, fillet of sole and scallops and tasty fish and chips, starting at $13.99. All entrées are served with garlic bread and your choice of baked potato, Greek potato chip, French fries, rice or vegetables. Share a crunchy Greek salad full of fresh cucumbers, tomatoes, red onion, and creamy feta cheese, or a plate of sautéed greens. The tip is included in the check, so you pay one price either with cash or by credit card.

Stop in for lunch where specials are offered Monday through Friday from 11am to 4pm for just $12.99. Greek Captain is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner, from 11am till midnight and until 1am on weekends. Families and large groups are always welcome. Greek Captain now accepts major credit cards and free delivery is available. Don't forget to place your holiday fish order now to ensure timely delivery and a hassle-free holiday.

A good way to keep healthy is by eating more fish and vegetables. For the freshest fish and seafood with a flavorful Greek flair, you owe it to yourself to visit Greek Captain right away. They'll be open on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day for your dining pleasure. Enjoy delicious food, fast and friendly service, reasonable prices and a glass of wine on the house during the month of December. Yasoo!

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