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**Dana Point's Wind & Sea Restaurant Celebrates 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

***-- Local Icon With Delicious Food and Expansive Ocean Views Has Been a Popular Destination for Generations of Guests and Employees --***

**(DANA POINT, CA)** Oct. 18, 2017 – Host to first dates, celebratory dinners, weddings and weekly lunch meet-ups, the award-winning Wind & Sea Restaurant, which opened in 1972 in Dana Point Harbor, is celebrating its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary. For many, the affinity for the Wind & Sea restaurant goes far beyond great food to encompass a sense of familiar comfort that links visitors to the heart of the Dana Point community and each other.

“The Dana Point community is just as much a part of us as we are of it,” said Bob Mardian, Wind & Sea Restaurant owner. “Forty-five years ago when we opened our doors, I never could have imagined the love and support we would receive from the community.”

Mardian didn't set out to become a restaurateur. He grew up visiting Dana Point and saw the untapped potential of the beautiful harbor, and at the urging of a friend he looked into opening a restaurant. At age 24, he signed a 30-year lease to open the Wind & Sea.

The restaurant opened with a limited menu and has grown to become one of the most popular lunch, dinner and brunch destinations in the community. The restaurant serves seafood classics, house specials with Hawaiian-inspired flavors, an array of appetizers, salads and sandwiches, and a deliciously fashionable weekend brunch. The bar offers a weekday Hawaiian happy hour appetizer menu and drink specials, and a sophisticated wine list and timeless and contemporary cocktails including their world-famous Mai Tai with a recipe borrowed from their sister restaurant in Hawaii, the Kona Inn.

**More than Food, It's about Family**

Over the years, the Wind & Sea restaurant has become a second home to guests and employees alike. There are numerous employees who met and married while working at the Wind & Sea, and now their children are counted among the growing Wind & Sea family. Today, second generation bussers, bartenders, servers and cooks account for about one third of the staff, and their commitment to serving guests has the personal touch of someone who believes whole-heartedly in what they are doing.

“Many of our guests and employees have become like family, and I wouldn’t change it for the world,” added Mardian. “These relationships are the most exciting part of the Wind & Sea legacy.”

Guests, too, have shared much of their lives with the Wind & Sea Restaurant, celebrating life’s big milestones in the banquet room and ordinary daily events at the restaurant’s comfy booths. There are groups of guests who have been watching football games in the bar every season, sitting on the same stools, ordering the same drinks, for decades.

To commemorate its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Wind & Sea restaurant will roll back prices on a limited menu from Oct. 22 – 25, offering popular menu items from the original 1972 menu at original prices. These include top sirloin steak for \$4.95 and shrimp teriyaki for \$3.95. Reservations can be made [online](#).

For more information, please visit  
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