

You Come for the Food

At the heart of any great restaurant is the kitchen. As our menu has expanded over the years so has our kitchen. Port Edward's modern spotless facility of gleaming stainless steel is under the direction of Executive Chef Randy Waters.



Friday~International Seafood Buffet

Guests from near and far come for the *Port Edward* Friday Night International Seafood Buffet. Gastronomic presentations of Paella Valenciano, Lobster Bisque, Bouillabaisse, Grav Lax, freshly shucked oysters and clams, and seafood specialties from around the world are all topped off with an authentic sushi bar. Nobody in Chicagoland does it better.

Sunday~Champagne Brunch

There is also a sumptuous award-winning Sunday Champagne Brunch where you can bring the whole family for a made-to-order omelet at the omelet station, or enjoy Eggs Benedict, seafood selections, a Chef's London Broil carving station, and dozens of other selections followed by a delectable dessert table.

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Welcome to *Port Edward*, a landmark that the AAA Motor Club calls, "One of Mid-America's Most Unusual Restaurants." Join us now for a tour of Chicagoland's most nautical and romantic dining experience.

The Waterfront Lobby

You won't be the first to imagine the scent of salt water as you embark on your *Port Edward* journey. You really are in another world. A unique environment of 17th century Spanish cannons, an Alaskan ice breaker's double ship's wheel, rustic anchor chains, and a keel from an old sailing craft signal the launch of your *Port Edward* nautical experience.



Your eyes may be deceiving you or, then again, you could really be seeing a full size sailboat, The Porpoise, gently floating in its own indoor harbor. Be on the lookout for the rare figureheads of an 18th century English gun ship and a 16th century French vessel aloft. Yes it's a big one. That's a coral encrusted anchor, hauled up from the Florida Keys, perched on the surrounding stone wall. Lobsters and wine do go together even before they are served. The live lobster tank is stocked with today's new arrivals and the wine "jails" hold for bail over a thousand bottles of fine wine.

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The Porpoise in the Harbor

Gently floating in our indoor harbor is a welcoming 25-foot sailboat. The Porpoise was built by naval architect John Deering in 1934. This sturdy wooden craft spent her early years plying the Great Lakes and now enjoys her golden years as a cozy shipboard dining area for *Port Edward* guests. The cozy and romantic cabin is a memorable setting for intimate and private dining that can comfortably seat up to four. Every October, reservations are taken for the following year and are filled rather quickly so please place yours early.

The backdrop of Porpoise Harbor captures the essence of the great harbor sights of New England like the Colony House of Newport, Rhode Island; the Old Union Oyster House in Boston; and the picturesque lobster shacks of old Penobscot Bay in Maine. Mortared between the stones on the harbor's east wall is a shotgun salvaged from the Little River in Miami and ominously points at the stern of the Porpoise. The heavy timbers are virgin cuttings of rare long leaf yellow pine, no longer available commercially, and the huge timbers used for joists were salvaged from an old Milwaukee cheese factory and the old Stark Piano Company warehouse in Chicago.

Sea Shanty

The Sea Shanty sits alongside the harbor overlooking the Porpoise and the picturesque Fox River. Wooden booths for dining are separated by authentic whaling harpoons. Warm soft lighting washes down from weathered lobster cage fixtures. A half-ship model, used as a pattern in the old ship yards, rests on the opposite wall. A quiet and cozy setting for your dining pleasure.

Salem Lounge

Surrounded by floor to ceiling glass windows framing a panoramic view of every beautiful season of the Fox River, the Salem Lounge was inspired by the House of Seven Gables in Salem, Massachusetts. Salem's obsession with witchcraft

motivated the building of secret rooms to provide safety for the owner's sisters hiding from hysterical "witch hunters." Not to be outdone, our Salem Lounge has a secret room. It's rather well hidden but with a little investigation you might find it. There are three dormer windows above containing stained glass designed by Edward and skillfully crafted by notable glass master, Art Nesser.

As you enter the Salem Lounge there is an original 1920's windmill to your right. Saved from destruction by Edward, it now provides an intimate setting for popping the question or popping the cork! Hundreds of those engaged in this special place come back to celebrate their anniversaries and become part of the Port Edward legacy.

On the starboard side of the lounge is the Salem Shanty with tables made of hatch-covers from WWII "Liberty" ships with seating crafted from much used church pews. Along the wall are authentic ship carpenter's tools with old metal flare guns separating the booths. Look up to view an ornate old sign of King Neptune imported



from England. A glass-cased ship model, brass portholes, and a ship's telegraph hung from the ceiling further enhances the nautical charms of the lounge.

Wine Cellar and Gifts International

Down a few steps from the lobby you'll notice a jail window. Arrr matey ... peer inside where a pirate skeleton with sword rests among the coins and booty. A few more steps reveal the Wine Cellar and Gift Shop. A glazed terra cotta portrait of a vineyard goddess, salvaged from a Sheridan Road mansion in Chicago, graces the wall next to our wine cellar. Hand-hewn timbers and



fieldstone make up the cellar's structure. Edward carried and fitted each stone. Recognized with the coveted Wine Spectator Award of Excellence, the cellar chills over 3,500 bottles of wine from over 355 different producers.

Edward's worldwide travels are everywhere apparent in our "Gifts International" shop directly across from the Wine Cellar. Selections include one of a kind five-foot cased museum quality steam ship models for serious collectors, frame and plank sailing ship models, binnacles, ship wheels, scrimshaw, telescopes, various nautical and gift items along with jewelry for the captain's lady and even whimsical selections for younger sailors.

The Navigator's Room

The Anchor Lounge was the beginning of *Port Edward*. The original 50' x 70' building on the corner of Algonquin Road and Harrison Street was the starting point for Edward's multi year transformation into a Fox River Valley landmark. After several make-overs it is now the Navigator's Room and features a collector's bounty of shallow and deep water hard hat diving helmets, Portuguese whaling harpoons, lances, and the jawbone of a sperm whale. Hanging from the ceiling are oars used in lifeboats from "Liberty" ships. It's a popular spot for receptions and private parties as well as meetings.

Across the way is a functioning part of the original bar. The walls are festooned with antiques and Edward's original artwork. It is now enjoyed for exceptional dining as well as meetings and receptions. On the starboard side, Lobster Cove is decorated with ship hatch covers, church pews, and brass portholes including rope and dead-eye rigging that separate each booth for added privacy.