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SEASCAPE MA‘ALAEA RESTAURANT, AN ADVENTURE IN SEASIDE DINING

MA‘ALAEA, MAUI, HI – For spectacular views and island-inspired cuisine, Maui Ocean Center’s Seascape Ma‘alaea Restaurant, open daily for lunch from 11am to 2:30pm is a favorite among locals and visitors alike. The Seascape Ma‘alaea Restaurant has two convenient entrances, one inside the Aquarium for the perfect break between exploring the Living Reef and venturing on to the outdoor courtyard, and an entrance near the Harbor Shops at Ma‘alaea, available without entry to the Aquarium. The restaurant has an expansive view of Ma‘alaea Bay and Haleakala, serving as the perfect location for watching the boats heading in and out of the harbor, and for spotting Humpback whales in the winter time. The Edge of the Reef Exhibit also serves as a dramatic backdrop for the restaurant, with reef sharks and tropical fish to entertain diners.

The spectacular view with island-inspired fare at the award-winning Seascape Maalaea Restaurant is a dining destination not to be missed. The open-air restaurant serves as the perfect location during the summer to cool down with one of our unique tropical cocktails while watching surfers ride the south swells. Organic and locally grown ingredients bring out the best of Maui flavors. Mouthwatering 100% wild caught blue crab cakes and the chef’s creatively prepared fresh catch of the day are just a few dishes on the diverse, sustainable seafood-friendly menu. Kids menu also available.

Maui Ocean Center’s Seascape Ma‘alaea Restaurant has removed trans fat from its menu items since 2007. Several mainland-based chain restaurants have already started to reduce or eliminate the use of trans fats, and New York City has banned the use of trans fats in all restaurants. Trans fats have been linked to an increased risk of heart disease.

The Seascape Ma‘alaea Restaurant is heart-healthy as well as ocean-friendly! In addition to no longer serving food cooked with trans fats, the restaurant continues to follow Monterey Bay Aquarium’s Seafood Watch Program, serving only seafood off the program’s Best Choices and Good Alternatives lists. “People who have concerns about eating seafood while visiting an aquarium are understanding and very appreciative upon being informed of our goal to serve only sustainable seafood,” mentioned the Aquarium’s Food and Beverage Manager. “We aim to serve as a pioneer in Hawaii’s restaurant industry and hope that others will also be inspired to help protect our oceans and sea life.” Hawaii Seafood Watch Pocket Guides are available at the restaurant, at the Aquarium’s Ocean Care Station and are passed out during naturalist presentations. The guides are also available on Monterey Bay Aquarium’s websites, www.mbayaq.org or www.seafoodwatch.org.

The culinary staff of the Maui Ocean Center has been gaining much attention and notoriety throughout the Hawaiian Islands in the past few years. Their accomplishments have been highlighted throughout many media outlets, and their inclusion in some of the islands top culinary events, including the popular Taste of Lahaina, have put them on par with the top level chefs for which Hawaii is known.

Instead of one head chef, the Seascope chooses to use a team format. The culinary “team of chefs” has been working together for many years and each member was hand-selected for their skills. They consistently produce high quality dishes that impress not only the guests, but other island chefs as well.

In addition to lunch at the Seascope, Aquarium guests may choose from an assortment of sandwiches, salads, snacks, drinks and desserts at the Reef Café. Located in the center of the marine park, Reef Café is open from 10am to 4:30pm.

The Seascope Ma‘alaea Restaurant is also the exclusive caterer for evening events at Maui Ocean Center.

For information and group reservations, contact Maui Ocean Center.

The mission of Maui Ocean Center is to foster understanding, wonder and respect for Hawaii’s marine life. Maui Ocean Center was named “Top 25 Best Aquariums in the U.S.” and inducted into “Certificate of Excellence Hall of Fame 2015” by TripAdvisor, “Top-Rated Attraction in Hawaii” by Zagat Survey US Family Travel Guide, “Leader In Responsible Tourism” on the Top 100 Blue List by Islands Magazine, and “Best Land Activity” in 2008, 2009, 2011 by the readers of The Maui News. Open daily from 9 to 5, and from 9 to 6 in July and August. For more information please contact the Maui Ocean Center: 192 Ma‘alaea Road; Ma‘alaea, HI 96793; telephone (808) 270-7000, facsimile (808) 270-7070, e-mail: info@mauiocenter.com or visit www.mauiocenter.com.

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