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Wandby Landing: Modern food, historic name

There's a new restaurant in town, and it's generating buzz for its name, which is steeped in history, and its approach to food, which is decidedly modern.

Wandby Landing opened just a few weeks ago at 46 Western Ave. in Kennebunk, in the building formerly occupied by On the Marsh. The space has been given a streamlined makeover and now sports stripped down wood floors, leathered marble tables, a spacious 20+-seat bar and plenty of seating upstairs, in what used to be event space.

The project has been a labor of love for husband wife team Matt and Mariah Wiggin Dyer. "I think hospitality is in us to the core," Matt said. "We met working together in a restaurant and even though we have tried other occupations, we always were drawn back to a restaurant somehow, together. I believe it is the balance of organization and chaos mixed with fostering relationships with our guests." The Dyers are familiar with the restaurant scene



in the Kennebunks.

"With Wandby Landing, we wanted to find our lane in this incredible community," Matt said. "Our intention is to offer a place for locals to meet up for a casual drink and snack as well as

offer a comfortable space for large parties and gatherings."

Many people might not consider naming a new business after a shipwreck – this one in 1921 – good luck, but Dyer sees it differently.

"We chose Wandby Landing because the story is so Kennebunk; a ship ran ashore, the locals stepped up and invited the crew into their homes," Matt said. "Not only did they provide safety and shelter, but they introduced the crew to the Kennebunk that we all know and love.

They flaunted our beaches, shared our cuisine and welcomed them into this tight-knit community. In return the crew offered whisky and friendship. For us this is one of the many stories that makes Kennebunk so special and is the epitome of what makes the Kennebunks so

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OUR MAP: Can't get there from here? You can with our map!

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special - hospitality." Wandby Landing is currently open for dinner from Thursday-Sunday, with happy hour kicking off at 4 p.m. And while the menu features delicious pastas, mains and appetizers, Dyer said there are plans to expand it in the near future. "The menu boasts local seafood and produce, it is Italian leaning for sure," Matt said. "House-made fresh pasta is a staple and wood-fired pizza is coming, I promise. We offer creative cocktails, a wine list with some of our favorite producers, beer from all of our friends in



Dyer said having Executive Chef Michael Bergin And Sous Chef Giordano Smiroldo setting the tone for the food is a real game changer. "We are lucky to be building a team around Michael and Gio in the kitchen," he said. "They come, new to the area, with so much synergy, experience and creativity. Their standards are second to none. We feel fortunate to have been able to build such an enthusiastic and supportive team, especially in these times."

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