

Dinner: Casa Del Mare Ristorante



Chef and partner Fabrizio Polizzi at his oceanfront Casa Del Mare Ristorante in Fort Lauderdale. (Casa Del Mare Ristorante)

There are several ways to go with dinner in North Beach Village, including Botanic, of course, the lovely Village Café at the North Beach Hotel and the somehow even lovelier Wine Garden.

But we're doing early dinner at 6 p.m. at Casa Del Mare, both for its location in the Sea Club Resort Hotel, a kitschy waterfront spot that resembles a ski chalet on the ocean, and for new chef and partner Fabrizio Polizzi.

While the name of the restaurant is the same, its ambitions have changed since the June 1 arrival of Polizzi, who spent more than five years as sous chef at Miami's revered Casa Tua. Born in Belgium to Sicilian parents, the personable chef bills the menu he is developing as "fresh seafood with an Italian twist."

"All the pastas on the menu are homemade, fresh, all of them. Which makes a difference," Polizzi says. And you can't beat the view.

Casa Del Mare Ristorante is on the second floor of the Sea Club Resort Hotel, 619 N. Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd. Call 954-537-1722 or visit CasaDelMareRistorante.com.