

Resort to open restaurant May 1

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Along with the golfing, boating and shopping opportunities available for Horseshoe Bay Resort members and overnight guests, two new eateries will be opening soon.

Martha Heagany, chief marketing officer, said officials decided a casual restaurant was needed, especially after the land La Bahia, a former Horseshoe Bay hotspot, sat on was recently sold.

Yacht Club Grill is located within 30 feet of the lake and will open May 1 to offer an outdoor dining facility to its guests. There

are more than 50 seats available for patrons outside and 68 seats inside.

Heagany said what makes the restaurant unique is the 24-boat dock and Jet Ski launch pad available for attendees to leave their modes of transportation while

they stop in to grab a bite to eat.

"These are day docks so there is no docking overnight," Heagany said. "We encourage the members and overnight guests to roll-in and come to the restaurant."

Marc Moulinet, director of food and beverage, said the restaurant will offer an all-day menu offering appetizers, salads, sandwiches, steaks and desserts.

"We really want to encourage that there are a lot of appetizers and nice salads," Moulinet said. "We will also carry on the very popular Sangria Swirl from La Bahia."

The restaurant features a seasonal outdoor summer kitchen so the doors to the restaurant will be closed Nov. 1 of every year, Moulinet said, and reopens May 1.

The executive chef of the Horseshoe Bay Resort (including the 110-passenger

yacht that sail on Lake LBJ), Robbin Murphy, will bring his skills to the kitchen of Yacht Club Grill by cooking everything from the New York strip to the smoked brisket served with Dr Pepper barbecue sauce.

Other good news about the establishment: There will be poolside service, a bar area and seating underneath the deck.

"In my opinion, if the restaurant was three times bigger, we could still fill it up," Moulinet said. "There are the weekends when people will dock their boats and come in and for those living nearby and wanting to eat in their home, they could drive their boat over, dock it and get their food to go."

Heagany said officials

have known for a while that a casual restaurant was needed, but it was never assumed it would be added to the yacht club. However, once it was decided that an eatery would be added,

plans moved forward.

Along with Yacht Club Grill opening next week, a restaurant at the Cap Rock Clubhouse is being added to the resort and will open Memorial Day weekend.

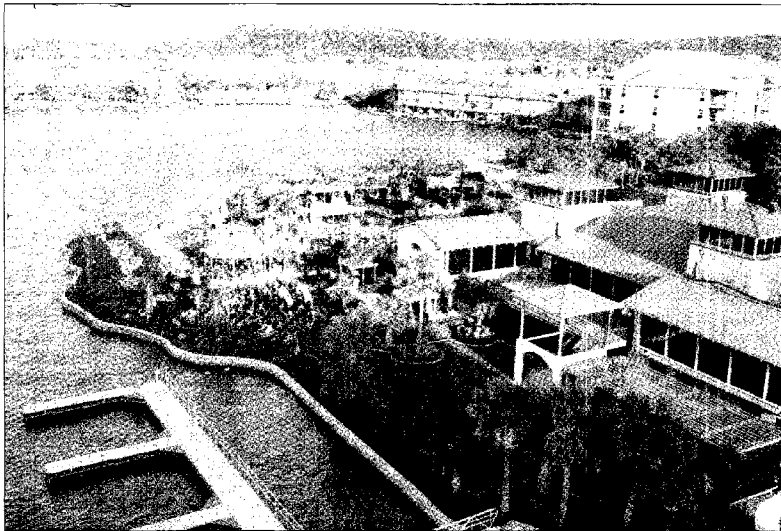
Cap Rock Grill overlooks the 18th hole of Apple Rock Golf Course and will also host an all-day menu featuring comfort food.

"The menu is top secret," Moulinet said. "We want to keep it a secret as long as possible. I want it to be an awesome surprise."

This grill, steered by G. Michael Thomas, the resort president and chief operating officer, will feature a double-tiered deck and an open kitchen.

About 115 people can be seated inside the restaurant and there will be a small private dining room with a capacity of 12 people.

The chef at Cap Rock Grill will be David Svoboda, and James Murdock will manage.



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The Yacht Club Grill will open for business May 1. The restaurant is connected to the rest of the Horseshoe Bay Resort Yacht Club's facilities with second-story deck and a bar area on the first floor, close to the docks.

