



# A Grove Isle Classic Returns to Miami a Decade After Closing

Baleen comes back to South Florida as Baleenkitchen

In the early aughts, one of Miami's go-to restaurants was Grove Isle's **Baleen**. Shuttered for close to a decade, the restaurant has emerged as **BALEEN**kitchen in the Sole on the Ocean (17315 Collins Avenue) in Sunny Isles.



Lead by executive chef **Adam Votaw**, who has done stints at restaurants like The Dining Room at Little Palm Island and Chispa, the menu features plenty of meat and seafood dishes using tropical flavors. Think items like lobster sliders, spicy tuna tacos, calamari fritto, Caribbean conch chowder, miso-glazed mahi mahi, blue cheese crusted filet of beef, and Key West pink shrimp, with an extensive wine, beer and cocktail menu rounding things out.



The 4,200-square-foot space itself features floor-to-ceiling windows and outdoor dining terraces looking upon the beach. It boasts indoor and outdoor seating — a rarity in the area — with decor that gives off a maritime feel.

Baleenkitchen is now open daily for breakfast from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., lunch from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and dinner from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. A happy hour and brunch are slated to launch later this year. Valet is complimentary for all BaleenKitchen patrons. For more information call 786-923-9305.