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**A CHANGE OF COURSE FOR WATERFRONT DINING ALONG HISTORIC PENN'S LANDING**

*Keating's Rope & Anchor, Bar + Kitchen Sets Sail at Hilton Philadelphia at Penn's Landing*

**PHILADELPHIA, PA – June 15, 2016...**Keating's Rope & Anchor, Bar + Kitchen is the newest dining destination to enhance the transformation of the Delaware River Waterfront. Housed in Philadelphia's only waterfront hotel, the Hilton Philadelphia at Penn's Landing, Rope & Anchor serves contemporary American cuisine with an emphasis on sustainable seafood and locally sourced ingredients. Open year-round, this social eatery is ideally situated in the epicenter of historic Penn's Landing and will serve as an anchor destination along the Delaware River for visitors and locals alike.

"When the hotel opened in 2000, we were one of the first hospitality developments on the river," remarked Dan Keating, owner and developer of Keating's Rope & Anchor, Bar + Kitchen and Hilton Philadelphia at Penn's Landing. "16 years later, the Delaware River Waterfront is a vibrant destination with piers, parks and diverse attractions," he continued. "A convergence of history and evolution, Penn's Landing is a beacon of change in the Philadelphia community. Rope & Anchor is situated in the center of this landmark and will offer patrons a prime dining destination all year long."

As a patriotic man and maritime fan, the hotel took on Keating's vision to provide a glimpse of life along the river while offering refreshing hotel accommodations. Now, the new dining experience will take guests one step closer to the waterfront with the nautically inspired Keating's Rope & Anchor, Bar + Kitchen. Pairing culinary craftsmanship with heritage and history, the menu for the new space focuses on fresh interpretations of classic American and seafood fare.

Driven by Executive Chef George Gilfesis, dishes at Keating's Rope & Anchor, Bar & Kitchen are bright and well balanced. Savory light bites such as Firecracker Shrimp and The Smokestack Flatbread lead the way to tasty handhelds options like the Keating's Signature Cheeseburger with Yard's cheddar ale or the Classic Philadelphia Cheesesteak.



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On the lighter side, guests can nosh on healthy summer salads like the Farmer's Market or the Sarah Salad (red quinoa, mixed greens, tomato, avocado, cucumber served with a cumin balsamic vinaigrette) – a menu favorite of Sarah Keating (wife of Dan Keating) for whom the dish is named. For seafood lovers, Chef Gilfesis crafts a selection of Lobster, classic Hand Battered Fish and Chips and Grilled Swordfish. From the land, carnivores select from a NY Strip 1855 or the Boursin Filet.

Pair your meal with a selection from the expansive bar at Rope & Anchor featuring more than ten beers on tap and an extensive wine list. This summer, refresh with specialty hand crafted cocktails such as the Lemonade on the Waterfront (Grey Goose citron, prosecco, limoncello, lime, cherry and agave) or the Classic Red Sailor Sangria. Libations flow over a riverfront view, live music and entertainment at neighboring attractions like Spruce Street Harbor Park and Blue Cross RiverRink Summerfest.

A multi-million dollar investment, Keating's Rope & Anchor, Bar + Kitchen is noticeably more spacious, and open, with more than 160 seats inside and out. Guests can choose from intimate seating at the waterfront bar, communal dining tables, traditional café tableside seating, outdoor patio dining with softly lit bistro lights or casual lounge options. New for the restaurant, Admiral's Quarters is a private dining room that can be reserved for parties of up to 80 guests for cocktails, dinner or special events.

The official design partner for the hotel and restaurant, Floss Barber Inc. is credited with reimagining this riverside dining destination. "We envisioned a space that was reflective of the unique location, history and culture of the waterfront," said Floss Barber, CEO and owner of Floss Barber Inc. "This is the most unique site in Philadelphia and the only waterfront hotel. Although the restaurant has an identity all its own, we felt it should complement the new design we are implementing throughout the hotel and speak to the personality of the man behind it all – Dan Keating."

The colors and materials used throughout Keating's Rope & Anchor, Bar + Kitchen are nautical referenced, natural textures and weathered colors of blues, grays and a touch of red. The artwork pays homage to the unique heritage of Penn's Landing and incorporates knots, ships, and scenes from the Delaware River. American artifacts from the neighboring Independence Seaport Museum are incorporated throughout the space including *Top Priority* – a tuck up or small water craft. *Top Priority* is a reproduction built by the Independence Seaport Museum's Workshop on the Water in the 1980s and now floats above the entryway of Rope & Anchor. A piece of American history, guests are invited to dine at communal tables carved out of preserved white oak live edge wood harvested from a 275 year-old tree, native to Lebanon, Pa.

"As the only waterfront hotel in Philadelphia, the Hilton team prides itself on delivering incomparable experiences," said Bill Fitzgerald, general manager of Hilton Philadelphia at Penn's Landing. "Now, with the addition of Keating's Rope & Anchor, Bar + Kitchen – we offer first-class lodging, unique event space *and* fine dining options. We welcome our neighbors throughout the Philadelphia community to come experience our stellar new restaurant and make an overnight escape out of it with a stay at Hilton! Our associates are ready to accommodate to you."



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Keating's Rope & Anchor, Bar + Kitchen is open seven days a week. Serving breakfast, lunch, dinner, light bites and cocktails, the restaurant will offer several menus for the different seating areas. Keating's Rope & Anchor, Bar + Kitchen will also offer happy hour during the week and live entertainment in the evening, Thursday – Saturday.

To book your waterfront dining experience, visit [www.ropeandanchorkitchen.com](http://www.ropeandanchorkitchen.com) or call 215-521-6509. Join the conversation with Keating's Rope & Anchor, Bar + Kitchen on social media at [www.facebook.com/ropeandanchorphl](https://www.facebook.com/ropeandanchorphl), and @ropeandanchorPHL on both [Twitter](https://twitter.com/ropeandanchorPHL) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/ropeandanchorPHL).

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*About Keating's Rope & Anchor, Bar + Kitchen: Opened on May 27, 2016 – Keating's Rope & Anchor, Bar + Kitchen is the newest dining destination on the Delaware River. Housed in the Hilton Philadelphia at Penn's Landing, the restaurant is open to the public seven days a week and offers seasonal outdoor seating. Rope & Anchor offers contemporary American cuisine with an emphasis on sustainable seafood and locally sourced ingredients paired with waterfront views. Private dining and event space is available. Visit [www.ropeandanchorkitchen.com](http://www.ropeandanchorkitchen.com) for more information or dial 215-521-6509.*

*About Hilton Philadelphia at Penn's Landing: As Philadelphia's only waterfront hotel and conference center, the new Hilton Philadelphia at Penn's Landing offers picturesque views of both the river and the city, luxury accommodations and expansive meeting space along with easy access to nearby attractions. This 22-story landmark hotel boasts 348 updated guest rooms (including ADA accessible options and 11 suites) and 24,000 square-feet of event space. Enjoy comfort and convenience with amenities including waterfront dining at Keating's Rope & Anchor, Kitchen + Bar, an indoor swimming pool and fitness center, a 24-hour business center and pet-friendly accommodations. Visit [hiltonpennslanding.com](http://hiltonpennslanding.com) for accommodation and meeting information or dial 215-521-6500.*