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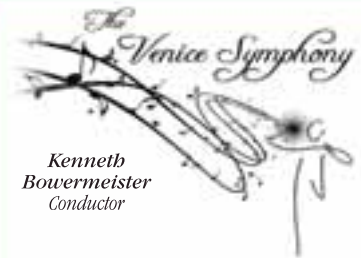
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Dine! Pop's Sunset Grill is popular with locals for their friendly staff, casual waterfront attitude and abundance of food. In fact, it's commonplace to see the restaurant's onsite dock lined up with boaters waiting for an open slip, on a sunny afternoon.

Appetizers, deemed Mooch's Munchies for the resident dolphin that inhabits the waters near the restaurant, sound like they could be meals in themselves and range from \$6.65 for fried gator bites or calamari to \$8.69. Entrees feature Sunset Signature Sandwiches including a Mahi Reuben and Crab Salad. Children's entrees and "fry" baskets are available.

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