



Ophelia's

ON THE BAY

Elegant waterfront dining can be found on the southern tip of Siesta Key, at Ophelia's on the Bay. Nestled along the shoreline of Little Sarasota Bay, Ophelia's has been a gathering place for visitors and locals of Sarasota for over 20 years.

Ophelia's on the Bay has earned its reputation as a place to celebrate any kind of special occasion and has hosted many in-house catered events such as weddings, business luncheons and rehearsal dinners. At Ophelia's, there is a commitment to an eclectic menu, friendly and efficient service and excellent food. Chef Daniel Olson creates the innovative menu, which changes nightly using the freshest ingredients available, inspired from cuisines from all over the globe.

Since its inception, 20 years ago, Ophelia's on the Bay has served as a Siesta Key landmark, winning many accolades along the way. Winner of Florida Trend Magazine's "Silver Spoon Award", Zagat's "Extraordinary" rating and the People's Choice Awards for "Best Waterfront Dining," "Most Romantic Restaurant" and "Best Outdoor Dining," Ophelia's never ceases to amaze.

The restaurant overlooks a national wildlife preserve, which is a home for an abundance of tropical birds. Patrons can enjoy the breathtaking views indoors, with floor to ceiling windows facing the bay, or dine al fresco on the charmingly landscaped outdoor patio. Located at Marker 48, guests may also arrive by boat, with plenty of dock space available.

Stanley and Jane Ferro, proprietors of Ophelia's on the Bay, have been in the restaurant business for over 40 years. Originally from Cape Cod, Massachusetts, they began their career at a very young age, at their first restaurant, The Cape

Playhouse Restaurant, on the grounds of the oldest summer-stock theater in the country. There they hosted 14 years of Opening Night Galas and press conferences for many famous stage and screen stars. After Stanley's Great Aunt Ophelia moved to Sarasota in the early 1970's, Stan and Jane were introduced to Sarasota. Several years later they followed Ophelia, naming their new restaurant, Ophelia's on the Bay, in her honor.

With Stan and Jane's daughter and son-in-law, Kristina and Kevin Grainger, following in their footsteps, the restaurant maintains the coziness of a family run operation. Kevin and Kristina have also helped launch the newer side of Ophelia's on the Bay, an offsite catering division, fully equipped with a self-contained mobile kitchen. Their youthful enthusiasm and excellent work ethic, combined with Stan and Jane's wisdom and experience, creates a dynamic team willing to cater to every event, large or small.

Ophelia's not only offers breathtaking views and an inspiring menu, but a full bar and very intensive wine list. Visitors celebrating an extra special night are encouraged to see Ophelia's private cellar list, peppered with wines for the true wine aficionado.

The restaurant is open nightly from 5-10 p.m. Reservations are recommended, but not required. Dress is resort casual and all major credit cards are accepted. *

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