

a little somethin'

- oysters** every day we feature 2-3 selections of fresh shucked oysters 3, 6 or a dozen | 3 each [gf]
- crostini** pickled granny smith apples, walnuts, garlic butter, blue cheese foam, cranberry reduction, warm crostini bread | 9
- fries** triple cooked, pickled shallots, fried herbs, garlic aioli | 5 [gf, v]
- smoked salmon dip** house smoked salmon, horseradish, capers, cream cheese, dipping chips | 9 sub crispy tortilla chips [gf]
- fried kale** crispy tuscan kale, truffle salt, wisconsin parmesan | 5 [gf, v]
- general tso's cauliflower** crispy buttermilk dipped cauliflower bites, general tso's famous sauce, it's a little spicy | 7 [gf, v]
- baked crab dip** crab meat, cream cheese, green onions, louisiana tomato jam, panko bread crumbs, toasted crostini | 11 sub crispy tortilla chips [gf]

tacos

- carnitas** braised pork, red onion, queso fresco, cilantro, pickled jalapeno [gf] | 2 for 9
- shrimp & chorizo** pan seared shrimp, house-made chorizo, pico de gallo, lime tequila sauce [gf] | 2 for 9
- cauliflower** crispy cauliflower, apple cabbage slaw, spiced apple creme fraiche, crispy rosemary [gf, v] | 2 for 9
- off the hook** today's fresh seafood catch on a taco | mp [gf]

sliders

- mozzarella** panko breaded fresh mozzarella, pesto, heirloom tomato | 2 for 9 [v]
- burger** 21 day dry aged beef burger, american cheese, caramelized onions, house cured pickles | 2 for 9

flatbreads

- mushroom** roasted wild mushrooms, braised leeks, montamoré cheese, cream sauce, truffle oil [v] | 10
- rosemary** caramelized onions, garlic, arugula, rosemary, parmigiano reggiano cream sauce | 10
- chicken** chicken breast, pistachio pesto, mozzarella, red peppers | 10
- sausage** italian sausage, garlic butter, julienne of apples, fennel greens, spicy cherry jam, red onions, cheddar | 10

Tell your server about any allergy or dietary restrictions as menu items may contain unlisted ingredients. We'll do our best to accommodate your requests.

Consuming raw or under cooked meats, poultry, seafood, shellfish, or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.

eat. drink. share. [winter]

The Dancing Marlin is all about sharing. The rules for sharing? There are no rules! We encourage you to begin by trying a few dishes - there is no set order, just share and order as you want. If you're not the sharing type, and there's nothing wrong with that, enjoy one of our larger plates all by yourself!



fresh "off the hook" fish + raw oysters

Every day the culinary team features fresh caught hawaiian seafood specials, wild salmon & a selection of raw oysters. Your server will explain today's selection & preparation!

from the water [🌊 = seafood selections]

- spicy garlic shrimp** inspired by the shrimp shack on the north shore of hawaii, butter sauteed shrimp, lots of garlic, spicy sriracha | 14 [gf]
- scallops** seared japanese hokkaido scallops, potato cakes, champagne & red curry beurre blanc, yuzu pearls | 16 [gf]
- crab stuffed peppers** 3 jumbo lump crabmeat stuffed piquillo peppers, pickled shallot remoulade, tarragon & chili oil, micro greens | 15 [gf]
- crispy calamari** point judith calamari, shishito peppers, sambal aioli | 11 [gf]
- shrimp & grits** creamy polenta, sauteed shrimp, truffle sausage, beurre blanc | 15 [gf]
- seared ahi tuna** sesame seeds, bacon braised bok choy, avocado puree, pickled ginger, micro greens, wasabi vinaigrette | 17 [gf]
- korean bbq shrimp** jumbo shrimp, kimchi, bbq sauce, toasted sesame | 17 [gf]
- salmon** pan seared faroe island salmon, risotto, green beans, lemon beurre blanc | 20 [gf]

salads & sides

- chopped salad** romaine, grilled chicken, cucumber, scallions, red onions, house bacon, tomatoes, roasted corn, hook's blue cheese, avocado, crispy tortilla chips, citrus vinaigrette | 13
- beets** roasted red & golden beets, spiced honey, champagne & fig reduction, slivered almonds, whipped ricotta cheese | 7 [gf, v]
- burrata salad** burrata cheese, heirloom cherry tomatoes, peach balsamic jam, micro basil, honey salted peanuts | 10 [gf, v]
- sweet potatoes** grilled sweet potato, fried chives, "ranch" dressing | 5 [gf, v]
- vegetables** multi-color smoked carrots, brussel sprouts, roasted pumpkin, cantaloupe & yogurt sauce, pumpkin seeds | 10 [gf, v]

the culinary team: jon, matt, vince, matt k, jennifer, lora, ben, heather, rebekah, daniel, nino & "el jefe"

more to share

- cachaca chicken** skewered grilled chicken thighs, garlic, brazilian rum, chili aioli dipping sauce | 8 [gf] the spirit of brazil!
- pierogis** roasted butternut squash filled dumplings, sage beurre blanc, crispy berkshire bacon, roasted pumpkin | 11
- meatballs** turkey ltalian meatballs, rutabaga mashed, nino's red sauce, parmegiano-reggiano cream | 10 [gf]
- chicken cabernet** brined, sous-vide & pan seared chicken breast, sauteed maitake mushrooms, cabernet reduction, crispy skin, sweet smoked corn ragu | 16 [gf] winner winner!
- the fig & the pig** house bacon rolled & stuffed with italian sausage, preserved figs, fennel, honey & goat cheese | 11 [gf]
- gnudi** our version of italian gnocchi made with fresh ricotta, topped with vodka sauce, beef brisket, fresh basil & parmigiano reggiano, balls of joy! | 13
- mac daddy** a creamy blend of hook's cheddar, wisconsin parmesan, gruyere & bechamel sauce, penne pasta noodles | 11 [v] add chorizo for 3, braised beef for 4 or crabmeat for 5
- little bit of chicken fried** buttermilk brined & fried chicken bites, louisiana hot sauce, house pickles | 10 [gf] we serve the sauce on the side... add a cold beer on a friday night
- roasted bone marrow** wait...come back! roasted bone marrow, sea salt, crostini, bacon marmalade jam "God's butter" (anthony bourdain) | 15 do the shot "luge" for 3
- pork belly** braised berkshire belly, spicy peanut sauce, citrus glaze, apple & ginger slaw, sesame oil [gf] | 12
- ny strip steak** usda "prime", center-cut 16 oz ny strip, served tuscan style & enough for the table to share! | 39 [gf] add maitake mushrooms & rich demi glace sauce | 7 add a compound butter of shallots & hook's blue cheese | 5

two-handers

- the dm cheeseburger** a half-pound custom blend beef burger, american cheese, house cured pickles, caramelized onions, secret mayo | 12 add house bacon | 3

sunday family dinner

sundays only from 3pm - 8pm
you get the chicken dinner, mac daddy, chicken fried, smoked sweet corn, sauteed mushrooms, choice of salad & potatoes. enough darn food to feed the family {well most families} | 45

the rules:

[It's not all you can eat, just all the regular sized items, for a really sweet deal!]

[gf = gluten free v = vegetarian]

[we use only allergen free oil for deep frying]



dancing marlin was featured on Check Please, check it out online <http://checkplease.wttw.com/restaurants/dancing-marlin>

share: \shair\ \cher\ v.

- to experience or enjoy with others
- to give a portion of something to someone else
- to have a portion of something with another or others
- to divide something into parts and each take a part

examples of sharing;

- order the sliders & you and your best mate get one
- your bff gets the stuffed peppers & shares one with you
- order the yakitori & pass it around the table...be nice
- the kids order a flatbread & give a piece to mom and dad

suggestions for sharing:

2 people = 4-6 dishes

4 people = 7-10 dishes

Order a few things at a time, share, drink, repeat.
How to share is up to you. Remember, there are no rules!

about us:

Our kitchen team creates fresh dishes from scratch. We're sustainable, green as we can be, and proud to use local farmers whenever their crops allow. Check out the 147 year old barn wood used for the dining room floor, reclaimed lighting and pine wood tables. We do our best to offer gluten-free items & vegetarian menu selections whenever possible. There are no preservatives in the mix here & barely a freezer. Our 18 wines on tap, are all in kegs - no bottles, no corks, no waste. Although we do offer a full bar, we also feature 8 hand crafted cocktails on tap. People, food & fun are the passion here, and we promise to always do our best for you!



join us [summer]

events at the Dancing Marlin

Planning a family or company event?
the "kitchen table" seats up to 16
the "cove" seats up to 24
the "anchor room" seats up to 60
the "main dining room" seats up to 120

sunday brunch & lunch 10am-2pm

Join us for brunch the Dancing Marlin way. Chicken & waffles, crab benedict, breakfast sliders, tacos & more. Did we mention our "make your own bloody mary bar"?

like our wine glasses or tiki mugs?

So do we! So why not buy a couple & enjoy the fun at home. They make a great gift too!

tap wine tuesday

Half price wines by the bottle all night. The taps are flowing. 16 wines to choose from!

dueling pianos

Join the fun. An outrageous night of music & sing-a-long by two of Chicago's finest piano duelers. Thursdays @ 7:30pm
June 2nd • June 30th • July 28th • August 25th

happy hour 4:30pm-6pm

Join us for great wine, cocktail & oyster specials every tuesday thru saturday.

loyalty program

Dancing Marlin restaurant is proud to offer a unique Diners Rewards program, designed with you, our most loyal guest in mind. Sign up today at dancingmarlinrestaurant.com

what the critics are saying

"This seafood specialist would feel right at home in river north or lincoln park." –Phil Vettel, Chicago Tribune

"Dancing Marlin offers cutting-edge menu."
–Steve Dolinsky, abc tv, Hungry Hound

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