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Waterfront dining

Q: Does anyone know what happened to Gordon's on the River? It was a good dining spot hidden behind the Naples Airport. I can't find a website for it, so I fear the worst!

A: What were formerly Gordon's on the River and Jack's River Bar are now the Flying Bridge restaurant upstairs and Wahoo's River Bar & Grill downstairs.

At the end of last year, Naples Harbour Yacht Club was purchased by Jim Walker of Walker Marine Group and the property was renamed Walker's Hideaway Marina of Naples. The Naples waterfront restaurant and watering hole are still at 475 North Road — on the Gordon River, of course.



The clubhouse at Walker's Hideaway Marina of Naples hosts the Flying Bridge Restaurant and Wahoo's River Bar & Grill. (Photo: Walker's Hideaway Marina)

The Flying Bridge, formerly Gordon's, on the upper level of the clubhouse, serves aged steaks and fresh seafood, but the venue now is only available for private dining and special events.

Wahoo's, formerly Jack's, is open to the public. Dine at Wahoo's River Bar and Grill and receive a complimentary two-week social membership, according to the casual eatery's website, wahoosriverbarandgrill.com.



Wahoo's River Bar & Grill is poolside at Walker's Hideaway Marina of Naples. *(Photo: Walker's Hideaway Marina)*

Wahoo's has a covered outdoor bar, a heated swimming pool and spa, and live music on weekends. All Wahoo's River Bar & Grill members and their guests are welcome to use the pool.

Sandwiches provide the centerpiece of Wahoo's menu. They range from Hebrew National hot dogs (\$8) to prime rib sandwiches (\$16). Other entrees include pizza flatbreads (\$10), blackened fish tacos (\$11), quesadillas (\$14), and fish and chips or chicken and chips baskets (\$11).



Quesadillas and fish and chips served poolside at Wahoo's River Bar & Grill at Walker's Hideaway Marina of Naples. *(Photo: Walker's Hideaway Marina)*

The menu also features appetizers ranging from deep-fried pickles (\$8) to peel-and-eat shrimp (\$14), as well as soup (\$3 per cup or \$5 a bowl), salads (\$9-\$16) and desserts (\$7).

True to its “hideaway” name, the marina is tucked away behind the Naples Municipal Airport. To drive there, turn off Airport-Pulling Road onto North Road as if going to the airport, but pass the terminal and continue on North Road for about another mile as it veers to the right.



Blackened fish tacos at Wahoo's River Bar & Grill features two soft tacos with freshly blackened mahi mahi topped with shredded lettuce, Mandarin orange salsa and chipotle aioli. (Photo: Walker's Hideaway Marina)

The summer hours for Wahoo's are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, and 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays. The bar and grill are closed now Mondays and Tuesdays. For more information, call 239-213-1441.