



Floral centerpieces decorate the Harbor Club's dining tables.  
Photo Credit: Sherwood-Triart Photography. Opposite: View of Huntington Harbor from the venue. Photo Credit: Sherwood-Triart Photography

# The Harbor Club at Prime

## Events to Remember—and a View You'll Never Forget

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aterfront vistas, savory bites and a modern setting are just a few of the key touches that Prime: An American Kitchen and Bar in Huntington has become known for since it opened for business in 2006. So when the property right next door became available, the Bohlsen Restaurant Group, which owns Prime, jumped on the opportunity to create a sister venue that would serve as a catering facility for large parties and share the stunning waterfront location on Huntington Harbor. Thus, the Harbor Club at Prime was born.

*“Many waterfront venues get away with serving subpar food because they lure you in with a spectacular view,” says Michael Bohlsen, co-owner of the Bohlsen Restaurant Group. “At the Harbor Club, just like at Prime, we consider the view to be superfluous. We operate with the food as the main focus, and the locale is just an added bonus.”*

In fact, Bohlsen says that the goal of the Harbor Club is to provide the same steakhouse offerings as Prime, but in a banquet setting (Executive Chef, James McDevitt oversees both kitchens). Many of the entrees and appetizers at the Harbor Club were taken straight from Prime’s menu, including the 12-ounce center cut of filet mignon and the signature 38-ounce bone-in rib-eye steak with scalloped potatoes au gratin and seasonal vegetables. Passed hors d’oeuvres like mini Kobe beef patty melts and Hudson Valley smoked salmon provide guests with a taste of luxury, and themed cocktail stations, including pan-Asian “take-out” and Mediterranean selections, take diners on a culinary journey around the world.

### Celebrations Customized to Your Liking

Whether it’s a cocktail party for 35 guests or a sit-down dinner for 350 guests, the Harbor Club at Prime will customize a setting best suited for clients’ needs. The venue staff, which caters to weddings, corporate events and other celebrations, aims to give guests a restaurant-style experience, regardless of how large or small the event. “It’s hard to do a party with a DJ or a dance floor at Prime because of the a la carte business,” says Bohlsen. “But at the Harbor Club, it’s your space for the night and you can use it however you choose, whether you want a band, a sit-down dinner, or even an event made up of multiple cocktail hours.”

The waterfront view from the Harbor Club's outdoor deck. Photo Credit: Sherwood-Triart Photography. Below: Individual appetizers served during a wedding at the Harbor Club at Prime. Photo Credit: Sherwood-Triart Photography.



### Picturesque Setting, Luxurious Amenities

The open-air balconies, manicured grounds and floor-to-ceiling windows that offer the ultimate vantage point for picturesque Gold Coast sunsets have made the Harbor Club a hotspot for wedding celebrations. The Bohlsen Restaurant Group solicited the expertise of celebrity wedding planner Michael Russo. “The venue design serves as a clean palette to be as creative as you wish,” says Russo. “It’s a little difficult to compare the Harbor Club at Prime to other wedding venues because there is no other venue like it. The sleek finishes, fine linens, and built-in intelligent lighting and sound system are unparalleled.”

According to Bohlsen, many native Long Islanders have travelled to Manhattan or Westchester to look for wedding venues because they haven’t found local facilities that fit their needs. “Our clients are very glad we’re doing this right here in Huntington because people who grew up here want to get married here,” he says. “It’s where their friends and family are.”

So what’s next for the venue boasting some of Long Island’s finest views and most delicious eats? “We really want to introduce ourselves to the public,” explains Bohlsen. “Private events are great, but our hope is that by hosting public events, such as bridal fashion shows and wine tastings, we will really expose our beautiful venue to a whole new swath of people.”



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