

Canalside Restaurants Add to the Cruising Experience

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If you're hungry while cruising the canals, don't despair! There are many places to stop, some offering top notch dining experiences, others unique and healthy dishes, and others that quaint upstate charm that will dial your blood pressure down a few notches.

In Waterford, walk over to 66 Broad St and Don & Paul's Coffee Shoppe for a quick breakfast, lunch or dinner at amazingly low prices, or continue up the street a bit to McGreivey's Restaurant at 91 Broad St for fine dining, a pub atmosphere, and some great food prepared by Culinary Institute-trained chef, Art Riley and his fantastic staff. Both places also have nautical themed decorations throughout, and oftentimes you can meet a local person with a canal story to tell. Stop to look at the decades-old pictures at Universal Office Products, which doubles as the Waterford Office of the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County, grab a local brochure or map, and if owner Mike Cicchinelli is there you will be treated to a story, weaved with his colorful descriptions of nautical lore and days gone by on the canal system.

Just a few hours north, the village of Schuylerville has so many choices for food you might have to stay a few days just to check them all out. Start with the restaurant right at the Schuyler Yacht Basin – Clark's Steakhouse. Then, a short walk up the street are some really nice places. Sweet Lou's Deli and Restaurant (161 Broad St), for example, is another quaint, adorable place to grab a (huge!) sandwich served with a beaming smile by chef Louis Maggiore. Just down the street, the Old Saratoga Eatery (112 Broad St) has some great sandwiches, salads, pizzas, dinner selections and more, plus a comfortable relaxed atmosphere to enjoy the upstate New York ambiance. The "Feeding the Crew" section has information on these restaurants and more in downtown Schuylerville and the surrounding area, waiting for your visit!

Heading west on the Erie Canal? No problem. A must-stop is the Water's Edge Lighthouse Restaurant, 2 Freemans Bridge Rd, Glenville, which is open weekdays for lunch and dinner and weekends for dinner only. The experience is truly unforgettable, and the location and food are quite exceptional as well. Stop in and see why this is such a favorite with locals! A short distance west is Mohawk Harbor and the sprawling Rivers Casino and Resort complex, which also has dining, nightlife and of course casino gaming at the only such facility easily accessed from the water in the state of New York.

For more information on these restaurants please visit www.southernsarotoga.org.

A tasty sandwich awaits your palette at the Old Saratoga Eatery in Schuylerville.



Sweet Lou's Delicatessen is easy to find right on Broad Street in downtown Schuylerville. Tell Lou we sent you!

A 2016 photo from McGreivey's Restaurant, with the author (left), former schoolmate Larry Jensen (2nd from left) and supporters of his kayak journey from Lake Champlain down the mid-Atlantic coast. Many voyages include a stop at this charming upstate New York restaurant and pub in downtown Waterford.



Glenville's Water's Edge Lighthouse Restaurant viewed at sunset. Not only does Old Glory fly above the restaurant, but there is a very poignant 9/11 memorial on the well-manicured grounds.

