

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



# WHERE D.C. MEETS WATERFRONT

## A New Destination in Town: The District Wharf

**P**hase one of The Wharf opened in October in D.C.'s Southwest quadrant. The \$2.5 billion, 3.2-million-square-foot waterfront neighborhood features spaces for residences, offices, hotels, shops, cultural events, and bars and restaurants, along with 10 acres of public waterfront parks, promenades, piers, and docks. Built as a public-private partnership that began more than a decade ago, the new waterfront destination is a place for music (including four live music venues), sports (think sailing lessons

and kayaking in summer and ice skating in the winter), and enjoying (with swings, fountains, and fun-to-gather-around fire pits).

And, oh, the eating and drinking! Guests can enjoy everything from an ice cream cone to a hoagie to a five-course dinner...from Italian to Mexican to French, and beyond. Or how about a beer or a specialty cocktail overlooking the harbor! Among the first to open: Ben & Jerry's, The Brighton (from nightlife gurus Ian and Eric Hilton), Del Mar (from Fabio and Maria Trabocchi), Hank's Oyster Bar (see feature, page 19), Kirwan's Irish Pub, Kith and

Kin (see feature, page 19), Requin (from Mike Isabella and Jen Carroll), Shake Shack, Taylor Gourmet, and Velo Café at District Hardware.

More restaurants, bars, and cafes are scheduled to open in the coming months, along with a facelift for the 200-year-old municipal fish market—for a whopping 2,200 restaurant seats in phase one alone.

Move over museums, monuments, and cherry blossoms! D.C.'s got a new destination for tourists and locals alike. Phase two of The Wharf is scheduled to begin construction in late 2018 with completion in 2021. More food and fun to come.

### ON THE WATERFRONT

At full build-out, 14 signature buildings—each designed by a different architect—will be linked by 10 acres of public space and parks.

The community comprises 24 acres of land and 50 acres of water and includes:

- A restored 200-year-old fish market
- 1,400 waterfront residences
- A 127-year-old yacht club
- Three hotels
- A 6,000-person-capacity concert hall and conference center
- Four public piers
- 75 restaurants and shops extending along a mile of waterfront

