

Crabby Bill's in Clearwater Beach Reopens with Fresh New Look

Our design for a new modern and open space for the iconic seaside restaurant will boost the cultural integrity of Clearwater beach while giving beachgoers a spot for refreshments that integrates with the natural surroundings.

For the [past 17 years](#), Crabby's Dockside (formerly known as Crabby Bill's) has provided Clearwater locals and tourists alike with fresh, delicious seafood. The Crabby Bill's building sits right on the entrance to Clearwater beach making it a visual landmark for the community. After receiving approval from the City of Clearwater to fulfill a [30 year lease](#), the owners of Crabby's Dockside decided the restaurant needed a new fresh look and hired [Klar and Klar](#) to design a new building.

Starting in May 2016, Crabby's Dockside closed and we began work on a new building. Klar and Klar Architects and Interior Designers collaborated with Crabby's team to create a [modern design](#) which included three stories with three separate and unique dining experiences. In March 2017, Crabby's reopened with a beachy and airy look.

As with all of our award winning [coastal designs](#), Klar and Klar sought to compliment the serene beach environment by echoing elements of the surrounding natural landscape. We wanted to create a space that served as an alluring landmark, but also blended harmoniously with the landscape.

The new 11,000 S.F. Crabby's Dockside includes a rooftop deck with sun shades and a [panoramic view of Clearwater Beach](#). An outside bar area and sidewalk seating on the first floor were designed to accommodate beach goers. For Clearwater's scorching hot summer days, the second story offers air conditioning with floor-to-ceiling windows installed to offer gorgeous views while beating the heat.

Since the design overhaul, Crabby's Dockside has been [immensely busy](#). Our aim was to bring people to this tried and true family spot by creating an attractive, organic design which will stand the test of time and contribute to the development of the local coastal aesthetic. It was important to highlight both the modern nature of redesigned Clearwater Beach and the natural beauty of the gulf coast.

Since 2001, Crabby's Dockside in Clearwater Beach has been serving quality seafood at its 37 Causeway Boulevard location. Prior to Crabby's Dockside, the building was home to [a few different businesses](#) including a gas station in the 1970s, Clearwater Beach Seafood in the 1980s and Crazy Bill's in the 1990s.

Reflections and Referrals

It's been said that an outward design is a reflection of an internal vision. At Klar and Klar Architects we are daily inspired by our clients, our community and our surroundings. If you share the feeling that [architecture](#) is a form of artistic expression and functionality, we hope you'll refer our team to others who can be inspired by our designs. We appreciate all of our clients.

Architecturally Sound...

- England's mysterious Stonehenge structure was completed 1500 years before the Colosseum in Rome.
- The Great Pyramid of Giza is composed of 2.3 million stones which weigh in at 6,648,000 tons.
- The Statue of Liberty contains 403 steps from its foundation to the top of its torch.