



Frequently Asked Questions

What is the minimum spend?

Instead of a minimum guest counts, pricing at Whalers is initially based on a food and beverage minimum which is different depending upon the size of the party, days and times. Menu prices vary but all food and beverage costs go towards meeting the food & beverage minimum. If the minimum is not met the balance is charged as a room fee. Not included in this minimum are a 20% administrative fee and 8.625% NYS sales tax.

What is the administrative fee? Is this a gratuity?

The administrative fee is the amount charged to offset the cost of planning and executing your event which includes room rental, utilities, insurance, cleaning and administrative costs. This charge is not purported to be a gratuity. The amount is not distributed as a gratuity to the workers who provide service. This charge is subject to NYS sales tax under 20 NYCRR section 527. Gratuity is suggested based on your satisfaction.

What is the capacity of the the full upstairs?

The full upstairs holds from 50 up to 115 guests and has its own bar, restrooms and balcony space and views of the Great South Bay. It has projector and screens, Bluetooth speaker capability and space for a DJ/band up to 4 pieces and a dance floor.

This space is handicap accessible via our elevator.

How do you arrange tables in the rooms?

Every event we do has custom seating and room layout which we work closely with you to achieve. For the full upstairs we can do combinations of tables from 8-14 and maximum 9 tables. To include high top bar tables, you can have a maximum of 8 tables and 1 high top or 7 tables and 1 high top. Alternatively, we can do 2 or 3 long tables of up to 35 guests for a unique and stunning statement! Any additional tables such as gift tables, favor tables, etc. are provided upon request which are discussed during your appointments.

What decorations are allowed?

Our newly renovated restaurant boasts a gorgeous second floor room with tall ceilings, exposed beams and twinkle lights hanging throughout. It is a neutral space where you can decorate as little or as much as you would like. Decorations are allowed however we do not permit the

following: glitter, confetti, command strips, items taped to the walls, and open candles not in votive holders. Whalers does offer one standing easel and Whalers centerpieces which are assorted glass bottles with faux white flowers (spring-mid November) or seasonal, holiday décor (mid November-late February). Please speak with our catering manager for specific décor related questions.

When is the final headcount and menu due?

Depending on your event type, the final headcount is due 1-2 weeks prior to your event. The menu is due one month prior to your event. Both headcount and menu are due in writing via email.

What is the pricing for children?

Pricing for children 10 and under is 50% of the adult price. Children 3 and under are no charge. For children 11 and up it is the adult price for food. We charge \$3 per child for unlimited juice, soda, etc. and they are not charged the liquor package price.