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Look Who's Cooking

A changing of the guard at two prominent East End eateries BY BETH LANDMAN

THE MONTAUK YACHT CLUB'S **Gulf Coast Kitchen** by **Robbin Haas** (32 Star Island Road, Montauk, 668-3100) has undergone a major culinary overhaul. Haas, who rose to fame at Turnberry Isle in south Florida before opening his own restaurants in Guatemala, has taken over the kitchen and is turning out some of the best food on the East End. There are starters like avocado, tomato and bacon salad with blue-cheese sorbet; pastas such as hand-cut rigatoni with slow-roasted veal, mushrooms and tomato and sprinkled with micro greens, or gluten-free corn fusilli with asparagus, mushrooms, snap peas, pear tomatoes and tofu; and entrées aplenty, including seared skate wing with oranges and grapefruit and blood-orange vinaigrette, or dry-aged New York sirloin with a splash of porcini oil.

The Grill on Pantigo (203 Pantigo Road, East Hampton, 329-2600; thegrillonpantigo.com), which took over the former Wei Fun space, offers straightforward, moderately priced fare, including fried artichokes, steamed Little Neck clams and chopped salad as starters, followed by thick-cut swordfish, roasted diver scallops with summer truffles and veal rib chop.



Scallops from The Grill on Pantigo

• *Primetime* coanchor John Quinones and friends stopped in to **Bostwick's Chowder House** (277 Pantigo Road, East Hampton, 324-1111), ordering the tomato and mozzarella stack, blackened mahi mahi, a cheeseburger and roasted corn chowder. Also there: David Johansen and a friend, sharing New England clam chowder, fried oysters, fish and chips, and seafood pasta.

• Beyoncé and Jay-Z sat outside at **Babette's** (66 Newtown Lane, East Hampton, 329-5377) sipping smoothies, while Lou Reed sat nearby with an omelet and fresh vegetable juice.

• George Stephanopoulos sat on the porch at **Nick & Toni's** (136 N. Main St., East Hampton, 324-3550) with his wife, Ali Wentworth, and friends. Also there: chef Eric Ripert, with his wife and friends, and actress Blythe Danner, with five friends, including Loraine Boyle.

• Shannen Doherty and her new boyfriend, photographer Kurt Iswarienko, stayed at the **Panoramic View** (272 Old Montauk Hwy., Montauk, 668-3000).



Kurt Iswarienko and Shannen Doherty

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