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Seafood lovers' ship comes in; Carolina Shrimp opens in St. Matthews

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For area seafood lovers, the ship has come in with Carolina Shrimp & Seafood, a new restaurant in the heart of St. Matthews.

The restaurant, which opened Thursday, May 11, features food available for dining in, carryout service or delivery.

It offers its specialty three ways: peel

and eat, 18 for \$5.48, peeled for \$6.38, and peeled sprinkled with cheddar cheese for \$6.58. Servings come in 18-piece, 36-piece and 54-piece. A combo of 36 shrimp with three sides of either cole slaw, rotini pasta, cocktail sauce or oyster crackers is \$11.78.

All the shrimp is steamed with diced onions, green peppers and a seasoning.

"We're trying to give people shrimp at pizza prices; and I think we're doing it,"

owner Jere W. Smith said. "Nobody's selling any kind of shrimp at this price."

The restaurant is in a new 1,500-square-foot building at 3922 Westport Road behind Rally's and Bluegrass Brewing Co.

It offers New England cod, Long Island oysters and sea scallops. "Shrimp is our forte, though - it is our drawing card," he said.

None of the food Carolina Shrimp pre-

pares is fried. Everything is steamed, a method Smith believes helps the food retain its flavor and gives it the best flavor possible. "It is also healthy," he added.

For those who are less enthusiastic about seafood, the restaurant offers a steamed boneless chicken breast sandwich and even a steamed hotdog.

Homemade cole slaw accompanies most meals as does rotini pasta.

Smith said he thought about the restaurant idea for over two years and believes it has tremendous potential. "We are selling good taste and good health."

Business hours are Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

To order, call 894-8947.