

Middle Grounds Grill

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Yet another triumphant ingredient to the allure of Treasure Island is the addition of **Middle Grounds Grill** at 10925 Gulf Boulevard. Owned and operated by the venerable Coover Family (formerly the proprietors of Robby's Pancake House), this decadent seafood eatery takes its moniker from the famous *middle grounds* approximately 100 miles offshore of Treasure Island renown for its abundance of quality fish, promised to be delivered fresh to your table on a nightly basis. You've tried all the others - now try the very best.

Middle Grounds Grill offers a "sophisticated yet relaxed" atmosphere (casual attire, by all means) where the drink menu is as enticing as their choice food selections. The full liquor bar features flavored martinis, margaritas and hands down the best mojitos on any beach in Florida, while also pouring out over 100 select wines for those on the grape juice binge. After you've wet your pallet, open the **Middle Grounds** menu to behold a scroll of tasty appetizers like the pink Key West shrimp martini; tuna sashimi; the tangy Creole egg rolls; or the herb butter escargot. Soup and salad entrees are served up fresh for the tiny tummies in the house, but rest assured that those with the fuller cravings will find that every *serious* entrée at **Middle Grounds** will satisfy and gratify even the hungriest of seafood savages and turf connoisseurs. It's a peerless cast of savory delights: mango nut grouper; broiled lobster tail; king crab; grilled salmon; alligator scallops; crab cakes; skewered jerk shrimp; Caribbean tuna steak with berry inferno sauce; grilled fillets and a New York strip steak... gulp! No other restaurant in the area serves up such a versatile and delicious bevy of seafood and steak varieties as fresh or famous as the **Middle Grounds Grill**. It didn't take long for them to establish themselves as King of the Sea.

Reservations are suggested here at **Middle Grounds Grill** and banquet facilities are available for larger parties. Doors are open Sunday, Tuesday thru Thursday from 5pm to 10pm (closed Mondays) and Friday and Saturday from 5pm to 11pm. Come on in and let the Coover Family do what they have done best for over 34 years now on Treasure Island - host a remarkable evening of the most succulent seafood dishes around, a classy cocktail to toast the event and a promise to deliver you the freshest out-of-water experience that will reel you in time and again. For more information call 360-4253 or visit their website at www.middlegroundsgrill.com.