

Tally's Dockside Celebrates 70th Anniversary

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Tally's Dockside Owners Keith and Jan Dehnert have spent their lives in the resort business. The couple purchased Tally's in 1990, renovated the building, installed plastic docks, operated a marina, purchased new pontoon boats, conducted fishing camps, opened C.G. Hooks Eatery and served as "Music by the Water" hosts for the past eight seasons.



The Anchor Inn's second owners, Mildred and Ralph (Tally) Blommer, ran Tally's Anchor Inn for 25 years. The boat rental business became famous for its annual picnics, walleye fish fries, 100-gallon booyas and social gatherings.



(left to right) A proud father displays his catch as his son watches with admiration in the early 1950s; a boy in the early 1950s shows a Northern pike he landed; boys having fun during a recent fishing camp excursion; and Tally's Dockside as it appears today.

Tally's Dockside is one of White Bear Lake's greatest landmarks. For 70 years it has provided families with access to the lake for fun, fishing and festivities. In 1939, Clarence and Lylan Elsner converted a Mobil gas station into the family's home and moved its garage across the street as a boathouse called the Anchor Inn. Four other families have since operated the business.

Owners Keith and Jan Dehnert do their best to remain true to the boat rental and refreshment pavilion's history. Tally's is the last place on the lake where you can rent a fishing boat with a motor, get a container of worms and fish all day.

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