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Lungomare Makes An Opening Splash in Jack London Square



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Oakland's industrial waterfront may not exactly be the first place you think of to reenact *la bella vita*, but **Chop Bar** owner Chris Pastena's latest and splashiest (no pun intended) new coastal Italian restaurant overlooking San Francisco Bay in Jack London Square, **Lungomare**, beckons you to do just that. Not surprisingly, the menu, which is inspired by the Cinque Terre region, is seafood-centric (think crudos, cured fish, whole fish, squid ink chitarra pasta, Ligurian fish stew), but it also includes a slew of antipasti, handmade pasta, wood-fired pizza and house-cured meats overseen by Craig DiFonzo (formerly of **Cantinetto Piero**).

The 120-seat restaurant offers a little something for everyone—a spacious, glass-paneled heated patio for watching the marina, a large bar and lounge specializing in craft cocktails, Ligurian wines and special custom brews from **Linden Street Brewery** and an adjacent café that's open early for grabbing coffee, morning pastries and lunch to-go.

1 Broadway, Oakland; 510-444-7171, dinner only this weekend, regular hours begin Monday, February 11 serving, breakfast (in the café), lunch and dinner seven days a week.

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