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Ka Makana Ali'i Welcomes Brand New, Expanded Kickin' Kajun

*Their signature Cajun menu paired with a new soju cocktail selection
creates a culinary experience unlike any other on O'ahu*

KAPOLEI, HI (May 4, 2022) — Ka Makana Ali'i is pleased to announce that Kickin' Kajun is expanding to a new location at the Center for West O'ahu on May 6. The brand new, 6,600-square-foot location is one of the largest locally-owned and operated restaurants in West O'ahu and more than triple the size of the the existing restaurant at Ka Makana Ali'i.

Kickin' Kajun is Hawaii's first Cajun-style seafood restaurant, known for including local ingredients and sourcing the freshest and live seafood. The new location, located in the theatre wing directly across from California Pizza Kitchen and Taqueria el Ranchero, will feature a dining room, an expansive bar with high-top tables and bar seating, six TVs, 14 glass-enclosed tables for group seating, a modern takeout counter, and a chalkboard mural by artist Erin Ibarra. The restaurant owners hope to add dancing and live music in the future.

In addition to popular food items like snow crab legs, Kauai shrimp, Cajun fries and their signature Cajun garlic butter sauce, the restaurant will serve craft cocktails and a brand new draft beer system. Kickin' Kajun will also serve its new signature soju pop, a soju-infused cocktail crafted with Chum Churum soju and a Melona bar for a refreshing, sweet and creamy concoction. Daily drink specials of \$15 cocktail soju pitchers (with a choice of more than 25 different flavors) and \$2 off any draft beer pitcher will be offered every Monday through Saturday from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Kickin' Kajun prides itself on live seafood, not frozen, and sauces made with real butter, fresh garlic and Cajun spices. The most popular dish with families and groups is the six-pounder, which includes six pounds of fresh shellfish, including live Dungeness crab, lobster, Manila clams, along with snow crab legs, shrimp, crawfish, mussels, corn, potato and sausage. For every combo or by-the-pound seafood order, customers can choose their own sauce and spice level.

“It has been thrilling to watch Kickin’ Kajun grow with such tenacity and creativity. As a locally-owned business, their commitment to this community continues to impress and amaze me,” said Stephanie England, general manager of the Center. “We are proud that this tenant has selected Ka Makana Ali’i as a partner in creating such a dynamic dining destination on O’ahu.”

Kickin’ Kajun is owned and operated by husband and wife team Jason and Yani Higuchi. The two are working on another restaurant concept to open in the current Kickin’ Kajun space at the Center. The new concept will be announced this summer. Kickin’ Kajun opened its Ka Makana Ali’i restaurant in 2016. View its full menu online at www.kickin-kajun.com and follow them on Instagram @kickin_kajun.

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