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Shoobying down to Ruby's for a bite

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The restaurant tour continues this week as Heather and I had a nice Saturday night at Ruby's on the Seal Beach Pier.

I gotta admit, walking the Pier is something I need to do more of, particularly as the sun sets. Lots of people, who had apparently been on the beach all day, were seen with their families just enjoying the good weather and bonding together.

As we approached the restaurant, we could see that a good crowd of folks had the same good idea we did as the place was crowded. General Manager Art Haack, who has been there for going on 23 years in January greeted us and found us a tremendous table overlooking the water with the sun behind Heather.

Art, an extremely pleasant fellow, told us as we were perusing the menu that he had a hand in building the original Ruby's down at Balboa Pier and also a hand in the Ruby's birthday song, which we got to hear performed as someone at a nearby table was celebrating a birthday.

Haack wasn't afraid to get his hands dirty either, clearing tables

and mingling with guests to make sure everything was to their liking. You don't see much of that anymore, managers only coming around when there's a problem.

Haack gave us some suggestions on what to order suggesting seafood as we were close to the ocean. Heather and I opted to take his advice and each had seafood.

We debated on an appetizer, eventually getting onion rings. My mom made the best onion rings known to man, making them from scratch and refusing to touch anything out of a box. I don't think anyone will ever come close but these were still pretty good.

Our food came quick on what was a busy night and was very tasty. My fish and chips were like four fried pillows and had a good crunch to them. We each had enough to take home, which is saying a lot with my appetite.

Thanks to Art and the Ruby's crew for a nice evening. Keep up the good work.