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Waterbar Celebrates the Holiday Season with Gingerbread Model of the San Francisco Ferry Building

Ferry Building Marketplace Gingerbread Replica Created by Executive Pastry Chef Angela Salvatore Now Displayed in Waterbar's Entrance through December

WHAT: Widely regarded as San Francisco's foremost seafood restaurant, Waterbar is now displaying its annual elaborate gingerbread house; this year is a replica of the neighboring San Francisco Ferry Building. The model depicts the architectural details of the beloved city landmark, as well as a miniature scene of the popular Ferry Plaza Farmers Market.

Created by Executive pastry chef Angela Salvatore, the gingerbread house measures 6 feet wide and stands 2.5 feet tall. Intricate details make the model come alive including Farmers Market stands with produce and goods created from candy including flowers, ice cream, honey, eggs, fruit made with Runts candy, soap made with Pez candy, and cookies fashioned as miniature gingerbread men.

As a nod to the holiday season, the model features Santa Claus and his reindeer landing on top of the Ferry Building. The model also includes four detailed flags posted on the roof – a California State flag, San Francisco city flag, the flag of the Port of San Francisco, and the United States flag, all made of gum paste.

The massive gingerbread house was expertly created by Chef Angela using 18 pounds of flour, 20 pounds of powdered sugar, 11 cups of brown sugar, 13 cups of corn syrup, 18 sticks of butter and dozens of carefully chosen types of sweets as decoration.

The Ferry Building is one of San Francisco's most famous landmarks. The structure was designed in 1892 by A. Page Brown, a New York architect who had moved to California. Influenced by studies at the École des Beaux-Arts in Paris, he designed the clock tower after the 12th-century Giralda bell tower in Seville, Spain. Opening in 1898, the Ferry Building became the transportation hub for anyone arriving to the city by train.

From the Gold Rush until the 1930's, arrival by ferry boat became the only way travelers and commuters could reach the city other than by the Peninsula. Passengers passed through the elegant two-story public area with repeating interior arches and overhead skylights.

The opening of the Bay Bridge and Golden Gate Bridge, along with mass use of the automobile, rendered the daily commute by ferryboat obsolete. In 2003, after decades of dilapidation and a 4 year restoration process, the landmark Ferry Building opened back to the public. The building is now home to a world-class public food market, weekly Farmers Market, and has active ferry terminals that operate to Larkspur, Sausalito, Vallejo, and Alameda.

WHEN: Model will be on display beginning Friday, Dec. 9 through Dec. 31

INTERVIEWS: Angela Salvatore, executive pastry chef of Waterbar

WHERE: **Waterbar**
399 The Embarcadero
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ABOUT

WATERBAR: Widely regarded as San Francisco's foremost seafood restaurant -- and offering one of the city's most extraordinary views of the San Francisco Bay, the Bay Bridge, the famed Ferry Building and the Embarcadero skyline -- Waterbar has set new standards of sustainability, variety, and excellence in the sourcing, preparation and presentation of food from the sea. Under the guidance of Executive Chef Parke Ulrich, Waterbar presents a daily menu of fresh-caught, sustainably raised fish as well as the most expansive selection of oysters on the West Coast, served sparkingly fresh from the famed oyster beds of California, Washington, British Columbia, Alaska, Massachusetts, Maine, Virginia and Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick. Waterbar features a full bar and an extensive wine list culled from the world's great seafood-centric cultures.

For more information, please visit the Waterbar website at www.waterbarsf.com. Reservations can be made by calling (415) 284-9922.

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