

## RESTAURANT REVIEW



Photo by JEFF OSTROWSKI

For a total vegan dinner with a view overlooking the West Palm Beach Canal, Darbster might be your place.

# Eatery's vegan dishes please most carnivorous of palates

### MENU

All vegan. You'll find no animal products here. The "chik'n" and "cheez" are made with soy, and even the ice cream is based on coconut instead of cow's milk.

### ATMOSPHERE

Dive bar turned hip hangout. Darbster opened in November after a thorough renovation. The dining area is on a deck overlooking the West Palm Beach Canal. All tables are outside, so we'd suggest visiting before summer. Dogs are welcome.

### OUR FAVORITE FOOD/PRICE

The vegetables tempura appetizer (\$8) was spicy and tasty. The palm cakes entree (\$13), made with hearts of palm, offered an intriguing twist on crab cakes. A few dishes startled our palates, including the enchiladas (\$10) and the kids mac & cheez (\$4), both prepared with soy cheese.

### REASON TO GO

Darbster is one of a handful of vegan eateries in Palm Beach County, but dining here isn't an exercise in self-denial. The French fries are excellent, the wine and beer lists are extensive and football was showing on the TV over the bar.

### Darbster

8020 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach, (561) 586-2622

**Hours:** W-F 5 p.m.-10 p.m., Sat.-Sun. 2 p.m.-10 p.m. Closed Monday, Tuesday.

**Note:** Post staffers will anonymously visit a restaurant in your neighborhood each week in search of the best menu item. They'll tell you about that item and why they liked it in this spot each week.

### SERVICE

Our servers were friendly and enthusiastic.

### NOISE LEVEL

The Dixie Highway bridge into Lake Worth is only steps away from the dining area, so traffic noise was a bit loud at times.

### KID FRIENDLY

The casual atmosphere is perfect for kids, and there's a kids menu with vegan items.

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