

The Krill Drill

The history and traditions of eating and honoring krill

Long before The Deep Dive Bar & Krill became a bar, krill were treated as little more than food.

They were eaten by practically everything in the ocean. Fish, squid, seabirds, whales—if something could catch a krill, it generally did. Their enormous numbers made it easy for the larger creatures of the deep to regard them as insignificant. One krill hardly seemed worth noticing.

Then came **The Infamous Event**.

Even by blue-whale standards, the whale known as Blue Thunder was enormous. They say it could strip a reef bare in a single feeding and send entire colonies scattering with a turn of its body. Whether every detail is true has been debated for generations. What is certain is that when the whale came through, nothing in its path was safe.

According to the oldest accounts, Blue Thunder was approaching an inhabited reef. The krill detected the threat first. Rather than scatter, the swarm formed a massive moving cloud and deliberately drew Blue Thunder away from the settlement.

The plan worked. The reef survived. The krill did not.

In the aftermath, the survivors could no longer regard the krill as disposable. They had seen firsthand that the smallest creatures could make the greatest difference—and that the lives of countless larger creatures depended upon them. Everything eats krill, and almost everything depends on them.

So the survivors established a simple rule: never eat a krill without giving it its due. More importantly, krill would be eaten one at a time, so that each could be individually acknowledged rather than lost among thousands. Thus began the tradition now known as the Krill Drill.

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Catch a krill.

Eat the krill.

Honor the krill.

Around The Deep Dive Bar & Krill, they call that a proper send-off.

Regional Differences

The Deep End — The Quip: A brief, improvised line delivered immediately after eating. Puns, jokes, and clever observations are encouraged. E.g. “Small fry, big sacrifice.”

The Midrifts — The Ripple: A short poetic acknowledgment of the krill's contribution, traditionally accompanied by a small circular motion through the water. E.g. “From the small, the great.”

The Southern Shelf — The Salute: A brief gesture of respect toward the krill, traditionally accompanied by a verbal acknowledgment, though words are optional. E.g. a raised fin and “Well done, little one.”