

# Lunch, dinner cruises offered on river

**T**wo Fredericton businesses have teamed up to offer a unique service.

Caribbean Flavas and the Carleton 2 tour boat are now providing lunch and dinner cruises on the St. John River.

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said Naz Ali, co-owner of Caribbean Flavas.

Cruise passengers enjoy a meal from the local Caribbean restaurant, live entertainment, a Car-

ibbean atmosphere, a variety of drinks from the Carleton 2 and a tour of New Brunswick's famous waterway. It's a fantastic experience.

"It's going really, really well," said Ali, adding many people have already taken advantage of the cruises.

He said one of the unique features of the concept, called Crusin' with Caribbean Flavas, is that dishes on the cruise are items visitors will not find at the York Street restaurant.

The menu also frequently changes, Ali said.

The Trinidad native opened his downtown Fredericton restaurant last summer.

The establishment treats visitors to authentic Caribbean cuisine in a tropical-like environment.

Ali said the cruise idea came out of a desire to do something new.

To that end, he approached Carleton 2 owner/operator Brad Woodside and the idea became a reality.

"I've had a lot of requests over the years for dinner cruises," said Woodside, adding he believes the restaurant has a quality product. July also marks the first anniversary of Caribbean Flavas.

Ali said visitors will enjoy

many things as part of the celebration ranging from contests to specials to live entertainment. The restaurant has seen several changes during the past year, he said, including additions to its menu.

Chef Rod Gruffydd said the new menu offers a better mix of exotic offerings and familiar favourites. Visitors will also find bigger portions, Gruffydd said.

Meanwhile, anyone interested in taking advantage of the cruises or the restaurant's anniversary celebrations is advised to call or drop by Caribbean Flavas on York Street.