

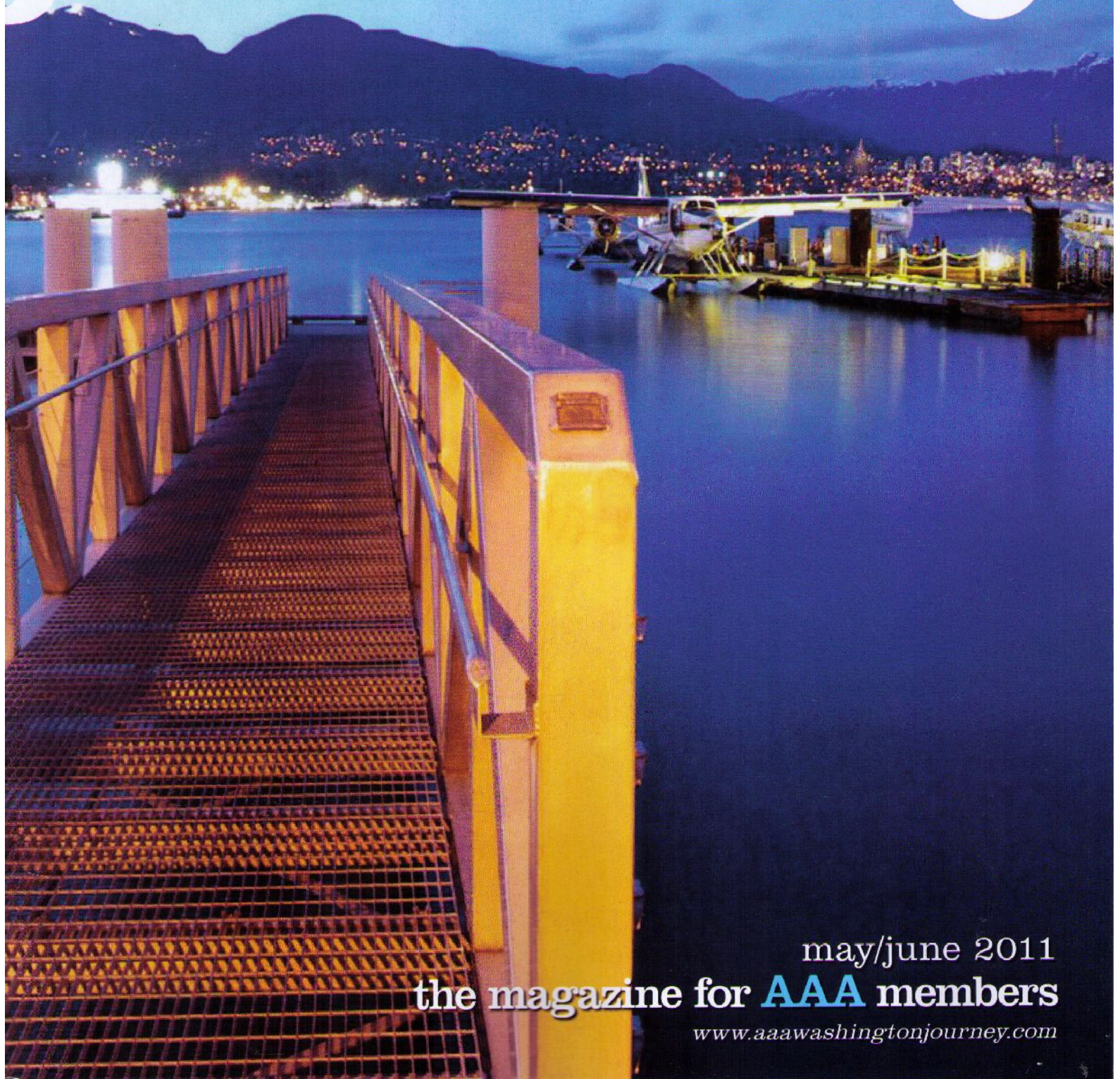
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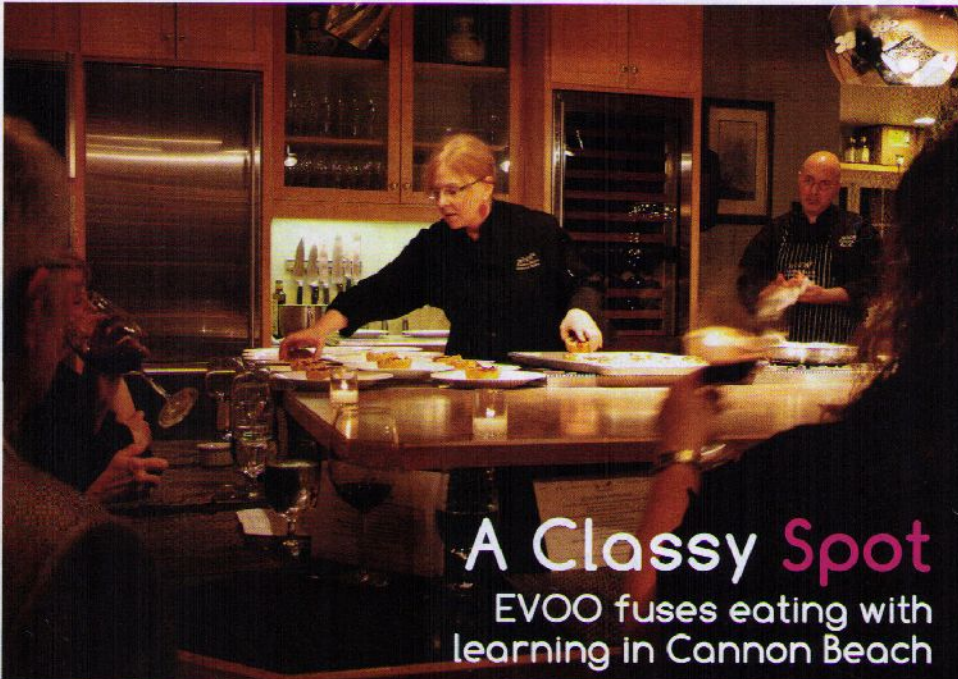
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A Classy Spot

EVOO fuses eating with learning in Cannon Beach

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