

# San Diego Food Finds Blog

## Summer Sippers are light and refreshing

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Nothing screams the dog days of summer more than soaking up the sun while sipping on light and refreshing cocktails. From fruit-infused liquor to exotic berries and floral garnishes, we've rounded up the 10 best summer sippers that are sure to have you wishing it was this sunny all year long!

Only steps from the beach, **Sandbar Sports Bar & Grill** lets you cool off with their own imaginative margarita take. The Mission Beach Melon Margarita is a tantalizing tropical option that's made with Herradura Reposado Double Barrel, fresh watermelon and cucumber, Licor 43 vanilla liqueur, Cointreau Noir, fresh lime juice, agave nectar and a pinch of salt.

Head to Encinitas and visit local cocktail hub, **Union Kitchen & Tap**. As you take in the cool breeze coming in from their large garage doors, sip on their summer-inspired The Beetnik cocktail. Concocted with Hendrick's Gin, freshly-squeezed beet juice, cucumber, basil and ginger, the taste of this earthy cocktail is as vibrant as its pink color!

If your body is begging for nutrients, head to **Fig Tree Café** to refuel on their deliciously nutritious cocktails and dishes. Swig down their Fig Tree Mule combined with ginger kombucha, muddled figs, vodka, lime squeeze, and a splash of lavender.

Little Italy's **Sirena Cocina** is host to a number of Latina cocktails made with sunny power-fruits! Dive into an ice-cold Ginebra Sabueso cocktail made with fresh grapefruit juice, Fords gin, fresh lime juice, sweet vermouth and a lemon peel.

Nothing says light and revitalizing more than a cocktail filled with bubbly. Thankfully San Diego's morning hotspot, **Breakfast Republic**, is known for popping bottles! Sit in the summer sun and try one of their many champagne cocktails such as their Cranberry, Grapefruit or just-squeezed OJ Mimosas.

Head on over to **Duck Dive** where you can relax by the beach, sipping on one of many spirits offered in an unassuming atmosphere. Looking to get yourself into a little bit of trouble? Try their Trophy Wife cocktail. Cool Absolut pears is mixed with St. Germain, local strawberries and bubbles to make a cocktail that goes down as smooth as water.

Be transported to a Caribbean island with **Bracero's** Mahalo Guey! Full of antioxidants, this sip is concocted with green tea-infused Rum, Kalani Coconut, lime and Orgeat.

There's nothing like drinking chilled lemonade on a warm, July day. **True North Tavern's** Skinny Jeans Lemonade will take you back to memories of the lemonade stand! Refresh after a day on the sand and revitalize your energy with Hendrick's Gin, fresh lemon juice, honey, cucumber, dill and soda.

**PB Alehouse** is known for their skydeck view of the ocean, perfect for sunset watching. Fitting enough, they have a summer drink called The Green Flash that is a must-try. Hendrick's Gin, cucumber, elderflower, agave and pineapple come together to make a cocktail that is equally as impressive as the real "Green Flash."

In Pacific Beach, **Backyard Kitchen & Tap** has a patio for soaking up the sunshine, with some refreshing vodka drinks to match. The Cucumber Cooler features a refreshing cocktail comprised of Ketel One, St. Germain and fresh lemon juice, mixed with muddled cucumber and watermelon, and just a hint of sugar.