

GOTHAM



TASTE CuiScene



Selections from the raw bar at P.J. Clarke's, north: Industry Kitchen's dining room, which overlooks the East River.



P.J. CLARKE'S ON THE HUDSON

Why the buzz: The venerated New York pub's downtown location means you can enjoy your burger with spectacular harbor views. **What's on the summer menu:** Along with its famous burger, sample seafood fare like oysters on the half shell or yellowfin tuna tartare tacos. **Sunny sip:** Patrick Joseph Clarke Sidecar with Hennessy VS cognac, Giffard curacao, and fresh lemon juice. **Best time to go:** Always; the restaurant is open 365 days a year. 250 Vesey St., 212-285-1500; pjclarkes.com/hudson

THE RIVER CAFÉ

Why the buzz: Long considered one of the most romantic restaurants in all of New York, the River Café is especially beautiful during the warmer months. **What's on the summer menu:** Poached Nova Scotia lobster with squid ink cavatelli and spinach gratin. **Sunny sip:** The wine list is so extensive and excellent, you'll want head sommelier Edmund Pollard to guide you through it. **Best seat in the house:** Any; every table in the dining room has a view of the river. 1 Water St., Brooklyn, 718-522-5200; therivercafe.com

WATER'S EDGE

Why the buzz: With a panoramic view of the Manhattan skyline, this Long Island City spot has long been a favorite for its impressive riverside location. **What's on the summer menu:** Five different steak preparations are available, including the succulent bone-in rib-eye with Cabernet glaze. **Sunny sip:** Mixologist Kelly Luna has concocted an entire martini menu. Try the East River, made with Hendrick's gin, lemon juice, club soda, and a lemon twist. **Best time to go:** Dusk, when the glittering lights across the river begin to glow. 401 44th Dr., Long Island City, 718-482-0033; watersedgenyc.com **G**

Water, Water, Everywhere

THIS SUMMER'S BEST TABLES, WITH A SIDE OF RIVERFRONT VIEWS.

BY JULIET IZON

INDUSTRY KITCHEN

Why the buzz: The newest addition to the South Street Seaport, this American spot has killer views of the East River, thanks to its location underneath the FDR. **What's on the summer menu:** Snag a pizza from the custom wood-fired stone oven, including a dessert version topped with caramelized chocolate and mozzarella. **Sunny sip:** The Gimlet Printemps with Dorothy Parker gin, fresh grapefruit, and lime juice. **Best seat in the house:** The bar, which has a postcard-perfect view of the Brooklyn Bridge. 70 South St., 212-487-9600; industry-kitchen.com

NORTH RIVER LOBSTER COMPANY

Why the buzz: It's a three-floor floating lobster shack. Need we say more? **What's on the summer menu:** Lobster rolls are king here, of course, but the newly expanded menu also includes an

intriguing lobster ice cream. **Sunny sip:** The Life Saver, with peach vodka, triple sec, and orange and pineapple juices served in a Mason jar. **Best time to go:** Sunset; snag a table on one of the outdoor decks. Pier 81, W. 41st St., 212-630-8831; northriverlobsterco.com

PIER A HARBOR HOUSE

Why the buzz: This summer is the first time in 128 years that Pier A has been open to the public. Harbor House features three separate floors of innovative eats and drinks. **What's on the summer menu:** Day-boat codfish with pipérade, fingerling potatoes, and parsley emulsion. **Sunny sip:** The Annie Moore, named after Ellis Island's first immigrant, features Champagne, Lillet rosé, ginger syrup, and muddled strawberries. **Best seat in the house:** Table 23 on the second floor. 22 Battery Pl., 212-785-0153; pierra.com

