Savannah Buzz



Sips of Summer

To help you beat the heat, **Summer Teal Simpson** samples some icy new beverages from Tybee's hopping hangouts.

Wet Your Whistle

Just in time for summer. Wet Willie's frozen daiquiri bar has opened its newest location on Tybrisa Street. This marks the 15th location for the Savannah-born restaurant chain. For many, Willie's arrival on the island is a no-brainer. After all, a frozen drink is a beach bum's best friend. But these are no ordinary frozen cocktails. For locals who haven't visited the River Street tourist magnet, barmaids serve up concoctions from a long line of blenders boasting a wide array of frozen flavors and colors. Don't let the fruity deliciousness fool you—these tasty concoctions pack a powerful punch. Fortunately, there's also a full menu to help the drinks go down. My personal favorite libation is "Call-A-Cab," which promises to take your mind on a brief vacation—as if the sun and surf isn't enough.

www.wetwillies.com

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One too many daiquiris the

one too many daiquiris the night before? Start your "morning after" at the Tybee Island Social Club, now offering an unmatched Sunday brunch with live music on the porch and signature breakfast cocktails. Forgive me if I go overboard on my praise, but Social Club has taken its rightful place as my single favorite dining experience on the island. The food is flawless and affordable, and the atmosphere is inviting and relaxing. I love the self-described "surf-bungalow-meets-safari-plantation" décor.

And have I mentioned the bacon Bloody Marys? Sure to get you back on the beach, this Mary adds a particularly delightful twist to the time-tested morning tradition: bacon. Strict vegetarian? Opt for a crisp Champagne cocktail.

www.tybeeislandsocial

Catch the Sunset

Should you find yourself packing up your beach chairs when the sun goes down, don't let supper time come and go without a visit to Coco's Sunset Grille (formerly Cafe Loco). Just off U.S. 80 E. on the shores of Lazaretto Creek, Coco's is known for live entertainment, delicious seafood and unparalleled views of the setting sun. This summer, catch the spectacle over a new local brew: the Tybee Island Blonde. This crisp, light Kolsch-style ale by local craft brewery Coastal Empire Beer is best served ice-cold after a long day in the summer sun. Use it to wash down a fried oyster po-boy and some steamed shrimp. After all, if you have to brave "Lazaritus"—the debilitating dread of crossing the Lazaretto Creek Bridge and returning to the mainland—you might as well do it on a full stomach.

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