

## Summer Guide: Nautical Noshes

Seattle's shoreline dining offers paddlers, sailors, and listless drifters alike a pleasant port of call.

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Two Bainbridge Island ferries glide past, dwarfed by the three enormous cruise ships carefully edging away from their docks en route to Alaska. Rain clouds as murky as the Sound hover, threatening to drench my tacos with extra nunya sauce. I wash down my sexy tofu tacos with a lychee margarita before the rain closes in at the new Marination Ma Kai on the Water Taxi dock in West Seattle.

I mostly don't mind abandoning my post, given that I can still see the skyline from the indoor seating, much more ample than that of the Marination Station on Capitol Hill. You won't get a chopstick in the eyeball here, though I imagine sunnier days will bring the crowds.

### **Ivar's Salmon House**

Also situated on the north shore of Lake Union, this piece of the Ivar's empire sits next to the Aurora Bridge. The dark wood and stone Whalemaker Lounge was recently renovated with even bigger windows so patrons can take in the scenery while washing down oyster shooters and salmon skewers with specialty cocktails, local beer, red and white wine by the glass, and Woodinville Whiskey Company spirits. The lounge hosts a happy hour from 3 p.m. to close seven days a week. Boaters can moor at the long dock in front of the restaurant, though competition for spots is fierce on sunny afternoons when happy hour's on. **401 N.E. Northlake Way. [ivars.com](http://ivars.com)**