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An Excruciatingly Opinionated Guide to the Connecticut Shoreline

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Doesn't it feel like summer JUST started? And now it's the rush to fit it ALL in. I have yet to visit my favorite summer lunch spot, Cafe Flo at the Florence Griswold Museum, or eat my annual portion of fried clams (hello, Shanks!), or while away an afternoon at the Tree House with a lobster roll and Apérol spritz. I did, however, grab a chocolate cone (okay, twice) at the all-new-but-back-to-the-old-name Hallmark Drive-in and it was as good as it ever was (see below for links and addresses). Hope you're having as much fun as I am.

love,
Erica

p.s. To all of you who sent healing thoughts to my husband about his poor broken shoulder and ribs: thank you, and he's on the upswing!



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[More on Shanks](#)



Our Favorite Lobster Rolls

When I moved to Connecticut from Massachusetts seventeen years ago, I fell hard for the most quintessential of summer eats: the lobster roll. I was never a fan of the cold, mayonnaise-drenched version proffered in the shacks of my home state. For me, the Connecticut version is sublime...



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Boogie Nights: Sounds of the 70's Cabaret at the Ivoryton Playhouse, 7/15

For one night only, get your groove on and enjoy an evening of groundbreaking 70's tunes, followed by a cash bar, snacks, and dancing in the tent. [Read more...](#)

"Jaws" Screening and Clambake at Stone Acres Farm, 7/18

Lobster rolls and a New England clam bake on the farm followed by an outdoor screening of an American classic. [Read more...](#)

"Romantic Comedy" Performed Live at the Kate, 7/18 - 7/21

Support live local theater at the Kate and The Saybrook Stage Company's heartwarming and hilarious production of "Romantic Comedy". [Read more...](#)

Farm to Table Dinner at Smith Farm Gardens, 7/28

Feast on farm-grown food, enjoy the house and gardens and learn about the history of this 240-year-old local home. Plus local beer, wine, and live jazz. [Read more...](#)

3rd Annual Appetizer & Dessert Crawl at the Shops at Yale, 8/18

With two planned crawls and plenty of tasty treats to chose from, come to downtown New Haven for an afternoon of food, tax-free shopping and

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p.s. from Erica

Details from our first paragraph above:

Visit Cafe Flo in Old Lyme; [click here for more info](#).

[Click here](#) for more snack shacks.

Learn more about the Tree House at Oyster Club [here](#).

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