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An Excruciatingly Opinionated Guide to the Connecticut Shoreline

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AND THE WINNERS ARE....It's always so interesting to find out what your

favorites are (sometimes we agree, sometimes we don't, and sometimes we discover new places from your answers)! We've included a few here and you can click through below to see the whole list of The BEST. Thanks to everyone who voted in our Annual Readers' Poll and big congrats to our winners! Sarah Albanese was our lucky winner of the River Tavern Gift Certificate.

Love, Erica

p.s. scroll down for our exhaustive list of Fairs, Festivals and Things to do in August! Please share with your friends.





Favorite New Restaurant

1. Grano Arso, Chester
2. Little Pub, Old Saybrook
3. Los Charros, Centerbrook

Favorite Spot on the Shoreline

1. Hammonasset Beach State Park, Madison
2. Guilford Green, Guilford
3. Harkness Memorial State Park, Waterford





Best Cake/Cupcake Bakery

1. Pursuit of Pastry, Old Saybrook
2. Savour Cafe and Bakery, Centerbrook
3. Sugar Bakery, East Haven



Best Ethnic Food

1. Himalaya Café, Old Saybrook
2. Kamana, Guilford
3. Som Siam, Multiple Locations

Favorite Burger

1. Haywire Burger Bar, Westbrook
2. Jack Rabbit's, Saybrook
3. Ivoryton Tavern and Café, Ivoryton



Vegetarian / Vegan

1. G-Zen, Branford
2. Shayna B's, Old Saybrook
3. Three Girls Vegan Creamery, Guilford

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Favorite Winery/Vineyard



1. Chamard Vineyards, Clinton
2. Jonathon Edwards Winery, Stonington
3. Stonington Vineyards, Stonington

Brewery or Brew Pub

1. Little House Brewing Company, Chester
2. Stony Creek Brewery, Branford
3. Thimble Island Brewing Company, Branford
3. Fox Farm Brewery, Salem



Best Coffee/Tea Cafe

1. Ashlawn Farm Coffee, Old Saybrook
2. Guilford Coffee House, Guilford
3. Cilantro, Guilford

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Fairs and Festivals

Here's a whole slew of fairs and festivals to keep you partying all summer long.



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From The E List Events Calendar

The Dinner Detective: Murder Mystery Event in Glastonbury/Hartford, 8/3

Put your detective hats on and bring your appetite to this unique night of food and entertainment. [Read more...](#)

10th Annual Saybrook Point 5k, 8/24

On one of the prettiest road races in the state, enjoy sweeping river and marsh views with proceeds benefitting local charities. [Read more...](#)

Brats and Beer Cruise on the Essex Steam Train & Riverboat, 8/1

Enjoy beer, a brat buffet and live tunes on the Connecticut River. [Read more...](#)

Into the Garden: A Book Signing with Christian Peltenburg-Brechneff at RJ Julia, 8/3

Into the Garden chronicles a long-term pilgrimage of a visionary painter to exquisite private gardens from around the world. [Read more...](#)

“Jaws” Screening and Clambake at Stone Acres Farm, 8/4

Head to the farm for lobster rolls and a New England clambake followed by an outdoor screening of an American classic. [Read more...](#)

Summer in New England at Susan Powell Fine Art, thru 9/2

Now on view this popular summer show with over seventy paintings of the shoreline and New England, from traditional realism and impressionism to contemporary art. [Read more...](#)

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