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## THE DISH

NEWS FROM THE BAR AND RESTAURANT INDUSTRY IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY

### Two new Oceanside rooftop bars open at hotels steps from beach

Two new rooftop cocktail lounges have opened at downtown Oceanside hotels in the past few weeks.

Cococabana Rooftop Bar, a 2,100-square-foot Caribbean-style cocktail bar with a small bites menu, has opened atop the Brick Hotel, a newly restored historic three-story hotel at 408 Pier View Way. Managed by Grind and Prosper Hospitality, Cococabana serves tropical cocktails and charcoal-grilled coconut curry clams, Wagyu skewers, roasted wild mushrooms, char-grilled cauliflower and more. A sister concept, Q&A Oyster Bar and Restaurant, will open later this month on the hotel's ground floor. Cococabana opens at 4 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays and at noon on weekends. Call (760) 688-0033 or [thebrickhotel.com/rooftop-bar](http://thebrickhotel.com/rooftop-bar).

A few blocks west, the Rooftop Bar on the sixth floor of the Mission Pacific Hotel has just reopened with a new theme that includes surf-themed cocktails, a shareable plates menu and weekend DJ entertainment. All of the cocktails are named for local surfing spots, including Stone Steps, Moonlight, Bird Rock, Torrey Pines and Sunset Cliffs. The small-plates menu includes Baja oysters, coconut salmon crudo, charred octopus, chicken ciabatta, beef short rib and vegetable pita. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sundays-Thursdays and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. 201 N. Myers St., Oceanside. [missionpacifichotel.com](http://missionpacifichotel.com)

### GOAT Sports Hall opens in Del Mar

GOAT Sports Hall, a new restaurant-bar named after the sports acronym for "greatest of all time," has opened in the former Trattoria Ponte Vecchio space on Los Peñasquitos Lagoon at 2334 Carmel Valley Road, Suite A, in Del Mar.

Owned by former University of San Diego quarterback Joseph Luciano, GOAT offers continuous live sports programming, arcade games, 11 beers on tap and an extensive wine list. The food menu includes tacos, burgers, fish and chips, pork ribs, brisket, wings and more. Happy hours are 7 to 9 p.m. daily. Call (858) 299-9008 or [goatsportshall.com](http://goatsportshall.com).



The Rooftop Bar at Mission Pacific Hotel in Oceanside offers a small-plates menu and cocktails named for local surf spots.

### Local chefs cook up Home Bistro

San Diegans Richard Blais and Claudia Sandoval are among a handful of award-winning celebrity chefs who have lent their culinary expertise to Home Bistro, which ships frozen, single-serving gourmet entrees to customers' homes.

Customers order individual meals, or groups of five to 10 meals, online at [homebistro.com](http://homebistro.com) and the packages are shipped nationally in freezer containers within one to two days. Meal prices start at \$17 each.

National City-raised Sandoval, who won Fox's "MasterChef" TV cooking series in 2015, has created five entrees for Home Bistro. They are: garlic-sauteed butter shrimp with white rice; chicken mole enchiladas with red rice; poblano rajitas con queso with saffron rice; carne asada with chorizo refried beans and charred green onions; and salsa verde pork with red rice.

Blais, a Del Mar resident and the 2011 winner of Bravo's "Top Chef: All-Stars," has also created five meals. They are: steakhouse culotte steak, creamed spinach and home fries; roasted salmon, miso caramel, broccol-



### Home Bistro is offering delivered frozen meals created by local chefs Richard Blais and Claudia Sandoval.

ini and rice; chicken with garlic, spinach and truffle fettuccine alfredo; chicken tandoori with curry, cauliflower, chickpeas and mango relish; and boneless pork, cauliflower, mac 'n' cheese and braised greens.

Other participating chefs are Cat Cora, Ayesha Curry, Daina Falk and Melanie Moss, with more coming soon.

### Sushi Taisho reopens in Carlsbad

New owners have taken over the old Sushi Taisho location in Carlsbad Village Faire and given the second-floor space a new look and menu, but kept the name for sentimental reasons.

Married San Diego restaurateurs Misun and Brian Yoon — who own three Hooked on Sushi and two Hooked on Poke restaurants — recently took over the former Sushi Taisho location at 300 Carlsbad Village Drive, Suite 214. They renovated the space and expanded and elevated the menu to include both sushi and Asian fusion bites. Specialties include Hello-tail Carpaccio, mango pineapple ceviche, chicken katsu and Japanese curry.

The Yoons met as friends in their native Korea and fell in love while working together at the old Sushi Taisho during their college years here. Fifteen years later, they decided to open their own version of Sushi Taisho in honor of the early days of their relationship. Hours are 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sundays-Thursdays and 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. Visit [sushitaisho.com](http://sushitaisho.com).

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