



Bar Review

Watermark Bar

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Watermark Bar: We didn't think it was possible. But if the dream of summer materialized in bar form, this would be it. Frozen margaritas. Water sloshing up at your ankles. Bacon burgers. Plus, you'll feel like you're on a boat. A fancy boat.

Watermark Bar is the newest addition to the South Street Seaport, out on Pier 15, where you'll eat and drink, next to some awesome ships. How to get there? Saunter a little to the right of Pier 17, where Fulton Street ends. Don't just walk along the water, walk out towards it. That last rectangular glass building on the edge there, with wood-slatted sun chairs and a giant steel and glass frame, that's the place, beckoning you to sidle up to the counter and say hi to the smiling staff. The one room bar lined with bright red industrial stools feels just like the friendly neighborhood spot you'd frequent every day were it on your own block, only it's better, with 9 ft. floor to ceiling windows and a view of three Brooklyn bridges. Drink your beer, zip your hoodie all the way up, look out at the waters and pretend you're not in New York anymore. Coerce the vacation mindset further with the Bourbon Palmer, a sweet tea-flavored bourbon cocktail (\$12), frozen margaritas (\$10) or a glass of wine that's safe to take out on the deck (it comes in a plastic glass). Order the Watermark Signature burger, piled high with bacon and drizzled in a special sauce (\$11) or the buffalo chicken tenders, which are spicy, juicy, and come with bleu cheese. There isn't much else you need to feel like summer has finally arrived. Oh, except maybe a boozy snowcone. Yeah. They have those too. - Cass Daubenspeck