

LAST CALL

TABLE TALK

Milwaukee's water culture dines by boat

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Milwaukee is considered a global freshwater city.

The UWM School of Freshwater Sciences is dedicated to the study, the Water Council serves as a world water hub, and the Milwaukee Water Works has been operating as the city's water utility since 1874.

The waterways of Milwaukee were a traditional avenue for direct commerce.

"We usually find places by word-of-mouth."

KATE HILL of Heartland Information Research Inc., who uses a boat to dine along the river.

In recent times, they have given way to leisure activities, with cruises and river dining among the most popular.

Not everyone owns a boat like they do a car. However, the expansion of kayak, canoe and pontoon boat rentals, along with chartered excursions, makes access to the Milwaukee River more realistic and affordable.

Cutting through the heart of downtown, the two-mile riverwalk runs along the Milwaukee River with access to some of the city's best restaurants, brewpubs, shops and nightlife. These locations are all within a kayak's paddle distance for lunch or an evening meal.

There are three docks along the Milwaukee River that service Milwaukee's river cruises and rental craft. These operate from May until September, or later depending on the weather.

All the restaurants listed can be accessed by car or by foot. So even if boating is not an option, dining along the Milwaukee River is still an experience for anyone to enjoy.



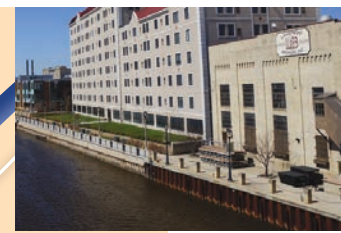
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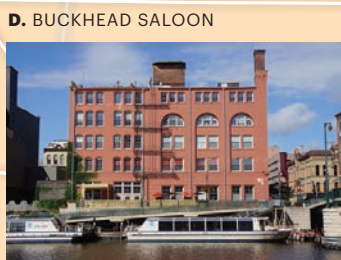
- be located directly along the river within the downtown area;
- have outdoor dining;
- have direct boat dock access to the dining area; and
- have no road or barrier between the river and dining area.



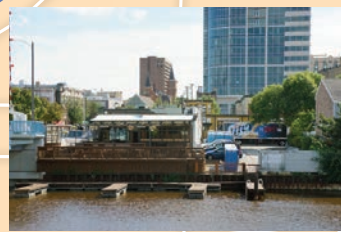
C. MOLLY COOL'S SEAFOOD TAVERN



A. LAKEFRONT BREWERY, INC.



D. BUCKHEAD SALOON



B. THE HARP IRISH PUB



E. PORT OF CALL BISTRO & BEER GARDEN



G. JOHN HAWKS PUB



F. ROCK BOTTOM RESTAURANT & BREWERY



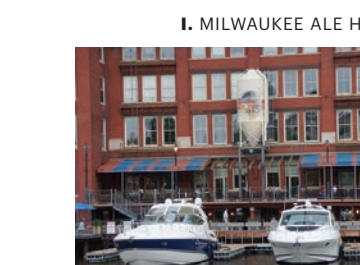
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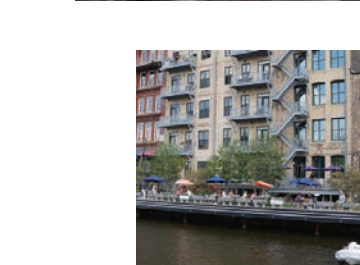
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I. MILWAUKEE ALE HOUSE



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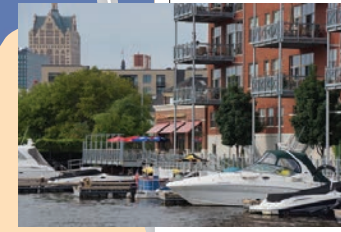
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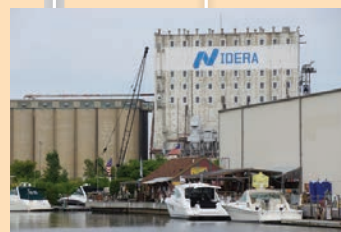
L. SCREAMING TUNA



M. RIVERFRONT PIZZERIA BAR & GRILL



N. MILWAUKEE SAIL LOFT



O. BARNACLE BUD'S



P. HORNY GOAT HIDEAWAY

These locations are all within a kayak's paddle distance for lunch.



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