SoNo Food, Drink, Flamingos & Fun in 21-and-Over 'Maritime With A Twist' at Aquarium

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Sample the best of South Norwalk's restaurants amid pulsing jellyfish and pink flamingos — live pink flamingos, not the vodka cocktail — during a fun adults-only evening on Thursday, June 22 in The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk.

"Maritime with a Twist" is a special but casual affair that celebrates and connects SoNo's food and drink with SoNo's anchor, The Maritime Aquarium.

From 6 to 8 p.m., guests 21 and over can explore the entire Aquarium, including the expanded new jellyfish exhibit "Journey with Jellies" and a special exhibit featuring gorgeous Chilean flamingos.

— an announcement from the Maritime Aquarium

Pay one price at the door and then enjoy happy-hour samplings from such neighborhood restaurants as Cask Republic, El Segundo, Killer B, Hell or High Water, The Spread, Match, Prime Burger, Washington Prime, Tablao and Rio Bravo, as well as the meal-delivery service Maikana Foods.

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Area craft breweries and artisanal distilleries offering their products will include Aspetuck Brew Lab, Asylum Distillery, Hartford Flavor Company, Charter Oak Brewing, 212 Brewing and Spiked Seltzer.

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"If you've ever been to a wedding reception or corporate party here, you know that the sharks and seals and other Aquarium exhibits are a unique and memorable backdrop for private social events," said spokesman Dave Sigworth.

"'Maritime with a Twist' is a chance to open the fun experience to everyone, while — for this evening — letting guests taste the special flavors of South Norwalk. Come on June 22 to sample, socialize, raise a glass to the flamingos and new jellies, and support The Maritime Aquarium."

(Opening June 17, "Journey with Jellies" offers mesmerizing new permanent displays of local and exotic species of jellies — the most of any aquarium in the region. And, open now through Labor Day, "Flamingos" is the only place in Connecticut to see the famous big pink birds this summer.)

Presenting sponsor of the June 22 "Maritime with a Twist" is Darien Rowayton Bank. Media sponsor is CTBites.

Tickets are \$50 (\$45 for Aquarium members), with proceeds going to The Maritime Aquarium. There are no other costs for food and drink after your admission ticket.

Purchase tickets at the door or in advance at the <u>Maritime Aquarium's website</u> or by calling (203) 852-0700, ext. 2206.

The Maritime Aquarium is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to educate visitors about — and to create stewards for — Long Island Sound.

It accomplishes this by allowing visitors to get close to more than 250 species native to the Sound and its watershed, including sharks, seals, sea turtles, river otters, jellyfish and other animals.

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[&]quot;Maritime with a Twist" includes live music by Kritikal Mass.

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One of the top places for family fun in Connecticut, the Aquarium also features hands-on educational programs and displays, public study cruises out onto the Sound, and Connecticut's largest IMAX® movie theater, with a screen that's six stories high.

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