We’re all foodies in our own rights. Sometimes we’re just on the hunt for a quick, yummy pop-in snack or a cool, refreshing ice cream. Other times, we’re looking for that extra-special fine-dining experience to celebrate a momentous birthday, an anniversary or a graduation.

Whatever it is we may be in search of, a cornucopia of smells and taste delights bursts from every corner in the heart of Ocean Beach, where restaurateurs continue to set the gold standard for hungry neighbors and visitors.

The patio-dining experience under the setting sun or underneath a canopy of stars simply can’t be beat, especially when paired with the sweet sea air and the thunder of waves crashing against the shore nearby. In Ocean Beach, the options are virtually limitless.

With a treasure trove of food-related businesses, we asked our readers to pick the “best of” when it comes to restaurants and eateries in Ocean Beach. In this edition of The Peninsula Beacon Readers Choice Awards, readers were eager to weigh in on their favorite Ocean Beach foodie stops and cast their votes for the winners.

Take a look inside and see their choices for the best atmosphere, the best chef, the best burger, the best dessert, the best appetizer, the best comfort food, the best pizza and the best location to people-watch, along with many other categories.

Some of the merchants are longtime community fixtures; others are upstarts eager to win over the hearts and tummies of neighbors. The merchants of Ocean Beach are also dedicated to winning your business — and more important, to keeping it.

Inside, you’ll find the results of paper and online balloting. The results paint a broad canvas of category offerings, from the tastiest yogurt and smoothies to the best Happy Hour and the best wine bar — and plenty more.

The awards served up on the following pages were chosen by our loyal readership, which we value so highly. Take a look inside at this year’s Peninsula Beacon Readers Choice Awards — a true insider’s judgment of the restaurants and eateries that fuel our food passions, fill our bellies and add that extra spice to our beach dining experience.

Congratulations!
Best Overall Restaurant
Nati’s Mexican Restaurant
Year after year, Beacon readers have said Nati’s Mexican Restaurant is their favorite local restaurant overall, for eight years running! It’s no wonder, though, as Nati’s has been serving the finest Mexican dishes made from scratch with fresh ingredients for more than 56 years. The owners take tremendous pride in serving virtually every dish made to order, including chili rellenos made with fresh chilies while providing patrons with affordable prices. They offer a variety of margaritas, Mexican and American beers, cocktails and wines. Diners may enjoy dining indoor or on the patio. Open daily at 11 a.m. for lunch and dinner.

Nati’s Mexican Restaurant
1852 Bacon St. (619) 224-3360
natis.sandiegan.com

Best New Restaurant (tie)
Ocean Beach Brewery
The goal of Ocean Beach Brewery is to craft a beer that is as much a testament to the community around us as it is to the art of craft brewing. Their intent to present craft beers that are innovative in spirit and a cause for pleasant contemplation, while their three-storied, rustic-tasting room provides an inspirational view of Ocean Beach; a combination that invokes a sense of enjoyment that is unparalleled on Newport Avenue. Of course, their food is what won them the title of Best New Restaurant. OB Brewery offers friendly attentive service, relaxed atmosphere and delectable eats. Kids are always welcome and they would love to host any events. Add this to one of the best ocean views in San Diego and you just can’t go wrong. Every aspect of Ocean Beach Brewery is an experiment in artistry with Ocean Beach as their exclusive muse.

Ocean Beach Brewery
5041 Newport Ave. 619-955-6053
obbrewingco.com

Plant Power
The Plant Power Fast Food Family feel that there’s a better way, and they’re offering you some new choices in burgers, fries, wraps, tacos, salads, shakes, smoothies and other tasty treats made entirely without the use of animal products, GMO’s or artificial ingredients and served to you in 100% biodegradable materials. They recognize that we’re all moving pretty quickly these days but that doesn’t mean we shouldn’t be able to enjoy some nourishing fast food that feeds our soul and makes our mouth happy. Now we can enjoy a delicious meal or snack that’s kind to our animal friends, easy on the planet and good for the body we live in.

Planter Power
2204 Sunset Cliffs Blvd
619-450-6845
plantpowerfastfood.com

Best Overall Service
OB Warehouse
OB Warehouse world food and bar is an innovative American eatery in an industrial-chic space in Ocean Beach. One of the many Cohn owned restaurants, a great addition to their list of achievements earns them the Best Overall Service title from our readers!

OB Warehouse
4839 Newport Ave. (619) 222-1700
cohrenrestaurants.com

Best Acai Bowl
OB Smoothie
Routinely charged with having the best acai (pronounced: ah-sigh-ee)
bowls around OB, portions are huge with lots of fresh fruit to order, such as fresh mango, banana, blueberries and, of course, the chilled acai mix itself. Try yours with a little granola and honey for a real treat. Other specialties include traditional juice drinks and fruit bowls. A great breakfast or lunch alternative to heavier take-out options.

OB Smoothie
5001 Newport Ave.
(619) 756-6265

Best American
Raglan Public House
Raglan Public House is a New Zealand-inspired organic burger joint that specializes in organic gourmet burgers, sandwiches and salads, as well as a constantly rotating selection of craft beers and craft cocktails. Conveniently located on the corner of Niagara and Bacon in the heart of OB, Raglan is a great place to come grab a local craft beer and the best burger in all of San Diego!

Raglan Public House
1851 Bacon St
(619) 794-2304
raglanpublichouse.com

Best Appetizer
BO-beau kitchen + bar
Part of the local powerhouse Cohn Restaurant group, BO-beau takes its place as their premiere French restaurant. And this is no mere bistro, we’re talking about classic French cuisine, from starters like escargot with a garlic-herb butter sauce and smoked salmon tartare tartine with brie and celery greens to main courses of bourguignon, chicken fricassee and a selection of moules, salads and pastas. But you won’t find any cliché Gallic restaurant snobbery here; everything at BO-beau is done in an inviting, warm and casual dining atmosphere. Entrees will run you between $12-$20, a good bargain for fine French fare.

BO-beau kitchen + bar
4996 West Point Loma Blvd.
(619) 224-2884

Best Atmosphere
BO-beau kitchen + bar
(see entry under Best Appetizer)

Best Bagels
Point Loma Bagels
This local mom and pop bagel shop has as big a selection of favorites you would expect to find at one of the big chain bagel shops. Stop by and choose your favorite and enjoy the fresh smell you get from fresh made bagels and coffee. You’ll enjoy a nice variety of cream cheese selections and other specials at this neighborhood shop.

Point Loma Bagel
3704 Voltaire Street, Ste. 107
(619) 223-4788

The Venetian
Even after receiving numerous awards this local Ocean Beach/Point Loma restaurant is still humbled by the continued recognition. This little Italian restaurant has stayed true to its family recipes more than 40 years, pleasing generations of families. Owners Frank and Joe appreciate the local business and enjoy meeting the community that helps their restaurant prosper. The food has best been described as California-Italian, which simply means you can expect great fare without a lot of heavy sauce, the way some other places think Italian should be done. The pastas and chicken entrees will command your serious attention, as will the tidy bar and the family-style menu and great atmosphere.
Best Bakery
The European Cake Gallery
The European Cake Gallery is as the name suggests, a gallery of delicious cakes and other goodies you are not likely to see at one location. Local favorites include apple, pumpkin and other pies which line the shelves as surely as the German chocolate, carrot and white Bavarian cakes, cookies and fruit bars — and you haven’t lived until you've tried a piece of the Swiss Black Forest. Open Tuesdays — Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
The European Cake Gallery
3661 Voltaire St.
(619) 222-3377
europeancakegallery.com

Best Acai Bowl
Tiki Port
Tiki Port is a unique drive-through and outdoor cafe located in the heart of Ocean Beach. Aside from 12 different delicious brewed coffees, Tiki Port will get you entirely acquainted with a whole new way of life with extremely healthy, exotic, and delicious acai bowls, fresh fruit smoothies, exciting frappes, crafty iced cold brewed coffee and much more to meet your energy needs. Tiki Port also offers a variety of sinful pastries, bagels and other treats. Ocean Beach brings diversity and with diversity comes a new way of life with food and beverages that are healthy and delicious. The drive-through area offers a variety of other sundries such as surf wax, cigis, lotion, energy bars, bottled beverages and more. Customers get free kids treats and dog treats while visiting.
Tiki Port
2201 Cable St. (619) 399-9031

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VOTED BEST Bar
Sunshine Company Saloon
An Ocean Beach institution since 1974, Sunshine Company Saloon features an ocean view deck with beautiful sunset views and ocean breezes. Enjoy happy hour daily 5 to 6 p.m. offering drink specials and 28 beers on tap and many locally handcrafted brews. Stop by and check out their recent remodel!
Sunshine Company Saloon
5028 Newport Ave.
(619) 222-0722

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Best Chinese
Little Chef
Little Chef has become a favorite for Asian food as well as fast, fresh take-out. They’ve been at the same location for more than 22 years. That means not only does Little Chef have the best Chinese, but it will be really tough to beat their prices! Some 60+ chicken, beef and shrimp dishes dot the menu. Add the daily specials, and there’s not a lot Little Chef is missing!
Little Chef
4910 Newport Ave.
(619) 222-6627

Best Bar
Lucy’s Tavern
Great bar food, cheap beer, music and the kind of atmosphere you’d find at the local favorite bar. Stop in for a cool drink or a game of pool. There’s no place like Lucy’s to relax and immerse yourself in laid back lifestyle so uniquely OB. It’s not complicated. It’s Lucy’s.
Lucy’s Tavern
4906 Voltaire St
(619) 224-0834

Best Beer Selection (tie)
Newport Pizza & Ale House
With a motto of “No crap on tap!” Newport Pizza & Ale House is a slice of heaven for beer and pizza aficionados. With 21 taps and at least 100 local and imported bottled beers, this is the place to settle in for some delicious pizza like the Ron Jeremy meatlovers, Clint Eastwood barbeque chicken or Big Kahuna Hawaiian specialties, among 27 others. Or build your own! Newport Pizza & Ale House sports an ocean view patio for those who want to bring Fido along while the master signs a cold one. The venue has a dog-friendly patio. Hours of operation are Sundays through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 12 a.m., Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.
Newport Pizza & Ale House
5050 Newport Ave.
(619) 224-4540
obpizzashop.com

Best Deli
Chris’ Liquor & Deli
Chris’ Liquor & Deli was the first family owned deli in San Diego opening in 1906. They take great pride in making great sandwiches with the best quality Boar Head meats and cheeses. Over 15 types of salads (all homemade from scratch) including their renowned ceviche along with 40 other sandwiches is what continues to propel them to the top to win the “gold” medal for best deli. Chris has always been known for its original famous hot pastrami sandwich, known as the “Harpers,” as well as other favorites as voted in the readers choice polls. They also offer over 300 crafted beers, fine wines and liquors to fulfill all your shopping needs. Stop by and see what everyone is talking about. Check out the newly remodeled ocean view deck!
Chris’ Liquor & Deli
2275 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.
(619) 222-0518 | chrisliquor.com

Thank you OB & Point Loma for choosing us the Readers Choice for Best Chinese food to go!

Little Chef
Chinese Food To Go
9 Years in a Row

We appreciate your support over the last 27 years!

4910 Newport Ave. Ocean Beach, CA. 619-222-6627
3rd Corner Wine Shop & Bistro
Your first glance at this OB wine bar may prompt a certain confusion. You won’t know whether you’ve walked into a bar that dabbles in retail sales or a wine cellar with a drinking license—such is the level of attention this establishment renders for both services. Hundreds of bottles from around the world are there for the taking, surrounded by funky-colored walls and maps of the world’s most well-known wine regions. 3rd Corner serves dinner, too, and many patrons make it a habit of ordering a meal and then visiting the racks to pick the wine that goes best with their food. And you won’t be paying an inflated price just because you’re at a restaurant.

Best Chef
Tim Eylens
OB Warehouse
(see entry under Best Overall Service)

Best Breakfast
Old Townhouse Restaurant
Bringing you the comforts of home-style cooking when you’re not at home! We all love the excitement of visiting new places and eating new foods but as travelers we sometimes want the creature comforts of home. This is where the Old Townhouse comes to the rescue — the meals are like they’ve come out of your own kitchen. Enjoy bottomless cups of coffee, breakfast all day, daily specials including biscuits and gravy and specialty omelettes, Mexican breakfasts to get those gastronomic juices flowing and more! They also do to-go orders!

Old Townhouse Restaurant
4941 Newport Ave.
(619) 222-1880
oldtownhouserestaurant.com

Best Burger (tie)
Hodad’s
Hodad’s is no longer just a local favorite featured on Diners, Drive-Ins & Dives and voted by CNN as one of the top five burger joints in the country. Hodad’s is the only burger joint recognized on the West Coast! Fodor’s travel guides call the Hodad’s bacon cheeseburger “awesome,” and there’s even a grilled cheese sandwich on the menu for those desiring lighter fare. Those who want to see what all the fuss is about can stop by after the original location or the new location now open downtown. A local legend for years has definitely hit the big time!

Hodad’s
5010 Newport Ave.
(619) 224-4623
945 Broadway, Downtown
(619) 234-6323
hodadies.com

Raglan Public House
(see entry under Best American)

Best Burrito
Nico’s Mexican Food
Love burritos? You’ll really love the Nico’s burrito. According to the majority, it’s the best! The chicken taquitos rate high as well, as does the veggie burrito, breakfast burrito, California burrito, well, most of their burritos. Did we mention the legendary hot sauce? The food is reasonably priced, especially for the amount you receive. In a city that touts close to five million Mexican restaurants, Nico’s Mexican Food is the only one that the majority votes for that special someone? Whether you’re on the go, call ahead and simply pick your order up. Did you know they have a boutique area where you can buy your teas and coffees in bulk or pick up a gift card for that special someone? Whether you’re in a rush or need some down time to savor your coffee and a sumptuous bagel, Newbreak gives you two locations and plenty of choices to get your day off on the right foot.

Newbreak Coffee/Cafe
With two locations in Ocean Beach to satisfy the caffeinated urge of locals and visitors, Newbreak Coffee and Cafe is celebrating more than 20 years in business. The venues are bright, colorful and inviting, tempting guests to return time after time. Delicious breakfast combinations await, along with wraps, vegetarian fare, soups, salads and grilled pani-nis. If you’re on the go, call ahead and simply pick your order up. Did you know they have a boutique area where you can buy your teas and coffees in bulk or pick up a gift card for that special someone? Whether you’re in a rush or need some down time to savor your coffee and a sumptuous bagel, Newbreak gives you two locations and plenty of choices to get your day off on the right foot.

Newbreak Coffee and Cafe
• 1959 Abbott St.
  (619) 224-6666
• 1830 Sunset Cliffs Blvd., Ste D
  (619) 226-4471
newbreakcafe.com

Best New Restaurant
Ocean Beach Brewery
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Ocean Beach Brewery

Best Healthy Dining
Ocean Beach People’s Organic Food Market
Ocean Beach People’s Organic Food Market, San Diego’s only customer owned grocer, boasts an award winning co-op deli featuring a delicious selection of vegetarian and vegan entrees, soups, salads, sandwiches, freshly prepared baked goods, desserts, and more! Additionally, People’s offers an extensive selection of organic produce, grocery, dairy,bulk foods and herbs, supplements, cruelty-free body care, gifts and aromatherapy products.

Ocean Beach People’s Organic Food Market
4765 Voltaire St.
(619) 224-1387 dbpeoplesfood.coop

Best Café
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To the Point
4161 Voltaire St.
(619) 226-6222

Best Chinese
Little Chef
Little Chef has a menu of Asian cuisine including fried rice, noodles, and dumplings. It's a great place for families or large groups. The staff is friendly and the prices are just right!

Little Chef
4910 Newport Ave.
(619) 226-6227

Best Coffee Shop
Jungle Java
Jungle Java is located on Newport Avenue right in the heart of Ocean Beach. What makes this coffee spot unique is that it is practically an outdoors coffee shop (it has a tarp roof), so you feel as if you're sitting peacefully in your own backyard sipping on a cup of tea or coffee. You are surrounded by lush plants and flowers, most of which are for sale. It's a great place to go for a little peace and quiet, to study, or just unwind during the day. And it's just steps to the beach!

Jungle Java
5047 Newport Ave. | (619) 224-0249

Best Comfort Food
(tie)
Old Townhouse
(See entry under Best Breakfast)

Village Kitchen
The Village Kitchen offers American and Mexican cuisine. So, there’s sure to be something for everyone. Many of the regulars rave about the chilaquiles (and other Mexican selections), the three egg breakfast and biscuits and gravy. You can also enjoy albondigas from the menu. Some say the salsa is some of the best you’ll find. Enjoy a casual setting--perfect for families or large groups. The staff is friendly and

Village Kitchen
4853 Newport Ave. | (619) 222-0151

Best Deli (tie)
Chris’ Liquor & Deli
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Chris’ Liquor & Deli
2275 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. | (619) 222-0518
Chrisliquor.com

Olive Tree Market
Over 300 varieties of salad. Less than 20 sandwiches and more! The deli uses fresh ingredients from the market’s best ingedients to provide the deli with the best quality Boars Head meats and cheeses. Over 15 types of salads (all homemade) including their renowned ceviches along with 40 other sandwiches is what continues to propel them to the top to win the “gold” medal for best deli. Chris has always been known for its original famous hot pastrami sandwich, known as the “Harpoon,” as well as other favorites as voted in the readers choice polls. They also offer over 300 crafted beers, fine wines and liquors to fulfill all your shopping needs. Stop by and see what everyone is talking about. Check out the newly remodeled oceanview deck!

Olive Tree Market
4805 Narragansett Ave.
(619) 227-0589

Best Desserts
Azucar
Azucar communicates the Cuban origins of Owner/Chef Vivian Hernandez-Jackson – producing Cuban-inspired favorites like light coconut cupcakes and red velvet cake or unique mojito cookies. Other fare include specialty Cuban items such as Cuban sandwiches with turkey and pork, papa relenas (stuffed potato balls), corquetas (small fried rolls filled with minced meat, mashed potatoes, and or shell fish and vegetables), pasteltitos (baked puffs with filling), Azucar brings a taste of ethnicity to an ordinary lunch or snack. Whether you’re in the mood for a Cuban sandwich or a delicate cupcake, this green establishment will always bring an exotic flavor to the table.

Azucar
4820 Newport Ave. | (619) 523-2020
iloveazucar.com

Best Coffee Shop
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Jungle Java
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Best Comfort Food
(tie)
Old Townhouse
(See entry under Best Breakfast)
**Best Fish & Chips**

**WOW Cafe**

The Walk-On-Water Ocean Beach Pier Cafe has a one-of-a-kind atmosphere and view! Where else can you enjoy lunch while sitting over the ocean. Sit back, and enjoy their amazing fish and chips, which is why it was voted best by Beacons readers. The portions of WOW Cafe’s plates are generous and its prices are reasonable. Besides fish and chips, WOW is known for lobster tacos and even its pancakes. The cafe is small and quaint, with an eclectic decor, but one thing is for sure, nothing beats the views, fish and people watching.

WOW Ocean Beach Pier Cafe
5091 Niagara Ave. (on the Pier)
(619) 226-3474 (fish)

**Best Dinner (tie)**

**The Venetian**

Even after receiving numerous awards this local Point Loma restaurant is still humbled by the continued recognition. This little Italian restaurant has stayed true to its family recipes more than 40 years, pleasing generations of families. The Venetian encompasses a great family atmosphere and if you stop in enough you will feel like family too. Owners Frank and Joe appreciate the local business and enjoy meeting the community that helps their restaurant prosper. The food has best been described as California-Italian, which simply means you can expect great fare without a lot of heavy sauce, the way some other places think Italian should be done. The pastas and chicken entrees will command your serious attention, as will the tidy bar and the family-style menu.

The Venetian
3663 Voltaire St., Point Loma
(619) 223-8197
venetian1965.com

**OB Warehouse**

(see entry under Best Overall Service)

**Best Donut Shop**

**OB Donuts**

OB Donuts is a great little shop to indulge your sweet tooth! Traditional donuts include glazed, chocolate, jelly, maple and chocolate bars — all freshly baked and mouth watering! They also carry great breakfast sandwiches, including bagel and croissant and your choice of ham, Canadian bacon and lox! This locally owned and operated business has been a donut-loving haven serving the Peninsula for years!

OB Donuts
1830 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.
(619) 222-0298

**Best Early Bird Special**

**Kaiserhoff**

(see entry under Best German)

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WOW Ocean Beach Pier Cafe
5091 Niagara Ave. (on the Pier)
(619) 226-2262

**Best Fish Taco**

**South Beach Bar & Grille**

Home of the world-famous mahi fish taco, South Beach has drawn a lively mix of locals and visitors alike. Grab a seat at the long wooden bar, watch the sun set behind the crashing surf and order from a full bar featuring 22 tequilas and 40+ beers, including several from award-winning San Diego breweries. In addition to the mahi tacos, diners choose from a variety of

**Best Catering**

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...AND a favorite for Place to Watch People, Fish Taco, Seafood and Ocean View

**Walking On Water Cafe**

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**Best Family Restaurant**

**Nati’s Mexican Restaurant**

(see entry under Best Overall)**
fresh seafood, including lobster, wahoo, shark, calamari and shrimp, as well as burgers, chicken and vegetarian options. Enjoy daily food and drink specials, a happy hour menu from 3-6 pm on M-F, and 20 TV’s to watch your favorite sports teams. Stop by and see us for the best food and drinks on the beach.

South Beach Bar & Grille
5059 Newport Ave.
(619) 226-4577
southbeachob.com

Best French
Bo-Beau kitchen + bar
(see entry under Best Atmosphere)
Best Happy Hour
The Arizona Cafe
The "AZ" is the place to mingle for anyone who wants a real taste of the beach scene. An Ocean Beach landmark, remodeled Arizona Cafe offers a 40s-style atmosphere with a contemporary flare, even the ceiling reflects the artistic detail of the era. The daily happy hour features food-drink specials. New menu offers burgers, sliders, sandwiches, salads, appetizers and more – an incredibly tasty variety that’s easy on the wallet. Or, grab an order to go from our take-out window. Satellite Sports on big screen plasma TVs, an Internet jukebox and pool tables make this a great place to go and a hard place to leave. Free Wi-Fi.
The Arizona
1925 Bacon St.
(619) 223-7381

3rd Corner Wine Shop & Bistro
Your first glance at this OB wine bar may prompt a certain confusion. You won’t know whether you’ve walked into a bar that dabbles in retail sales or a wine cellar with a drinking license—such is the level of attention this establishment renders for both services. Hundreds of bottles from around the world are there for the taking, surrounded by funky-colored walls and maps of the world’s most well-known wine regions. 3rd Corner serves dinner, too, and many patrons making it a habit of ordering a meal and then visiting the racks to pick the wine that goes best with their food. You won’t be paying an inflated price just because you’re at a restaurant.

Best Wine Bar
3rd Corner
2265 Bacon St.
(619) 223-2700 | the3rdcorner.com

Best Healthy Dining
Ocean Beach People’s Organic Food Market
Ocean Beach People’s Organic Food Market, San Diego’s only customer owned grocer, boasts an award winning sit-down deli featuring a delicious selection of vegetarian and vegan entrees, soups, salads, sandwiches, freshly prepared baked goods, desserts, and more! Additionally, People’s offers an extensive selection of organic produce, grocery, dairy, bulk foods and herbs, supplements, cruelty-free body care, gifts and aromatherapy products.

Ocean Beach People’s Organic Food Market
4765 Voltaire St.
(619) 224-1387
obpeoplesfood.coop

Best Hot Dog
The Arizona
(see entry under Best Happy Hour)

Best Ice Cream
Lighthouse Ice Cream
The Lighthouse who has served up the best ice cream in Ocean Beach, featuring double rainbow super premium, all natural, gluten free and certified kosher ice cream. But Lighthouse also has something that the other places don’t – a hot waffle ice cream sandwich, which includes your favorite ice cream stuff between two Belgian waffles and put in a special iron. They also serve Storm’s Shaved Ice. You just need to decide which flavor to choose!

Lighthouse Ice Cream
5059 Newport Ave.
(619) 222-8600

Best Indian Sundara
Sundara brings the exotic cuisine of India to Ocean Beach and pairs it with craft beers and fine wines, all reasonably priced and served in a friendly atmosphere. Fresh Naan is baked to order and the Curries are slow-cooked to bring out the intricate flavors unique to India. Try the Tikka Masala Pizza, a favorite! Join them for dinner and drinks or order online for takeout and delivery.

Sundara
1774 Sunset Cliffs Blvd.
(619) 889-0639
sundara cuisine.com

Best Irish Pub/Bar
The Harp
The Harp offers a warm Irish welcome with friendly staff serving up...
great drinks and conversation. Decorated with autographed pictures of Irish sports stars, this is a good spot to watch sports on the plentiful flat screens. Grab a seat at the open windows and enjoy an afternoon of people watching while eating some fine comfort food, including shepherd’s pie, fish ’n’ chips, Irish stew, etc., with a pint of the black stuff. Great venue to watch local bands and get your jig on!

The Harp
4935 Newport Ave.
(619) 222-0168

Best Juice Bar
OB Smoothie
(see entry under Best Acai Bowl)

Best Late Night Eatery
The Arizona
(see entry under Best Happy Hour)

Best Live Music Venue
Winston’s
You already know that Winston’s is the most popular live music venue in OB. It’s been that way for almost all of its 24 plus years and things aren’t expected to change in the foreseeable future. The bar features local and touring bands and has a top notch sound system and full scale lighting system making it one of San Diego’s premier live music venues. Although it’s known for live music, the bar also has some unique happy hour events every week including karaoke and stand-up comedy nights. Winston’s is proud of its work with the OBMA.

Winston’s
1921 Bacon St.
(619) 222-6822
winstonsob.com

Best Lunch
Raglan Public House
(see entry under Best American)

Best Margarita
Bravos
Experience a taste of Mexico!

Best American, Burger & Place for a Birthday Party
Raglan Public House
Raglan Public House is a New Zealand-inspired organic burger joint that specializes in organic gourmet burgers, sandwiches and salads, as well as a constantly rotating selection of craft beers and craft cocktails. Conveniently located on the corner of Niagara and Bacon in the heart of OB, Raglan is a great place to come grab a local Craft beer and the best burger in all of San Diego!

Raglan Public House
1851 Bacon St
619-794-2304
raqlanpublichouse.com

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619.226.6222 info@tothepointsd.com
4161 Voltaire Street
**Best BBQ**

**BBQ House**

One of Ocean Beach’s best-kept secrets may not be a secret anymore. After 25 years of hard work and dedication from Abdullah and his sons, Davin and Melvin, just last year completed their 3rd expansion! While still providing the same great-tasting barbeque, they now offer a full bar with 30 beers on tap. The new ambiance provides customers, old and new, with a nice place to get their BBQ fix and cool off with a drink or two after soaking up the sun at the beach all day. Come hang out with them on game days where you’re sure to find your favorite sports team competing on one of their 10 big-screen TV’s. You might even be lucky enough to see your team broadcasted on the 80-inch! Allow their servers to provide you with full table service while you sit and enjoy this great place.

**BBQ House**

5025 Newport Ave.  
(619) 222-8600

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**Lighthouse Ice Cream**

5059 Newport Ave.  
(619) 222-8600

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**Best Martini**

**Tony’s Bar**

Tony’s 1940s cocktail lounge with a unique atmosphere, loaded with vintage photos of Ocean Beach is the place to be in OB! Savor a classic cocktail or specialty martini while relaxing in one of the booths listening to the Internet juke box or playing a game of pool. Don’t miss happy hour everyday from 5 to 7 p.m. Big screen TV’s, a smoking patio and ATM make it an all-around great place to hang out. Now accepting credit cards.

**Tony’s Bar**

5034 Newport Ave.  
(619) 223-0558

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**Best Mediterranean**

**Ocean Beach Kabob**

Established in 2013, Ocean Beach Kabob is a family-owned and operated restaurant that brings exquisite cuisine to Ocean Beach. All the dishes are homemade from the finest quality meats, vegetables and spices. OB Kabob uses the freshest ingredients in all of its dishes, as well as top-quality beef, lamb and chicken. The shawarma is mouthwatering, delicious and a must-have. They use top cuts of beef and lamb, making its kabobs the most tender and juicy anywhere, and the chicken is made of white meat (breast only). The taste is simply delicious, you’ll be glad you stopped by.

**Ocean Beach Kabob**

4994 Newport Ave.  
(619) 222-9700  
obkabob.com

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**Best Mexican**

**Nati’s Mexican Restaurant**

(see entry under Best Overall)

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**Best Mexican FastFood**

**Nico’s**

(see entry under Best Burrito)

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**Most Romantic**

**BO-beau kitchen + bar**

(see entry under Best Atmosphere)

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**Best Ocean View**

**Wonderland Ocean Pub**

Wonderland Ocean Pub is an American restaurant and Sports Bar. Burgers, Seafood, Craft Beer, Margaritas with a view of San Diego’s finest beach. Using the culture and history of OB as a foundation, Wonderland Ocean Pub was created to exemplify all that is great about this laid back beachfront community. We strive to provide a neighborly atmosphere, where you’ll always be treated like part of our family. With a view unparal-
leled to any other, come experi-
ence our coastal inspired menu or
grab a cold pint of local craft brew.

Wonderland Ocean Pub
5083 Santa Monica Ave.  
(619) 255-3358  
wonderlandob.com

**Best Omelette**
Townhouse
(see entry under Best Breakfast)

**Best Patio Dining**
Tower Two Café
Fresh air, fresh food and fido!  
Tower Two Café offers pet-friendly 
dining on their patio, so whether 
you’ve come for breakfast, lunch, 
dinner or cocktails this restaurant 
won’t disappoint. The large por-
tion meals include Mexican cui-
sine, classic American foods, and 
several seafood meals that are sure 
to please your palate. So next time 
you’re out for a stroll with the 
pooch, make sure you make a 
point to stroll on over to Tower 
Two Café and say “Hi” to owners 
Tim & Debbie Nolan.

Tower Two Café
5083 Santa Monica Ave., 1B  
(619) 223-4059  
towertwocafe.com

**Most Pet Friendly**
Tower Two
(see entry under Best Patio Dining)

**Best Pizza**
The Venetian
(see entry under Best Italian)

**Best Place for**
Birthday Party
Raglan Public House
(see entry under Best Appetizer)

**Best Place to Dance**
Winston’s
(see entry under Best Live Music)

**Best Place to Go on a**
Budget
Cotija’s Mexican Cocina
Established in 1974, Cotija’s 
Authentic Mexican Cocina has 
established itself as a delicious and 
mind blowing restaurant serving 
up all of the flavors of Mexico and 
the Ocean. Located in the heart of 
Point Loma, we have strived to 
avoid our quality of our 
food. If our Chef would not eat it, 
he will not serve it.

Cotija’s Mexican Cocina
3720 Voltaire Street  
(619) 226-1477

**Best Mediterranean**
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Ocean Beach Kabob
4994 Newport Ave.  
(619) 222-9700  
obbobob.com

**Best Acai Bowl**
OB Smoothie
Routinely charged with having the best acai (pro-
nounced: ah-sigh-ee) bowls around OB, portions are 
huge with lots of fresh fruit to order, such as fresh 
mango, banana, blueberries and, of course, the chilled 
acai mix itself. Try yours with a little granola and honey 
for a real treat. Other specialties include traditional 
juice drinks and fruit bowls. A great breakfast or lunch 
alternative to heavier take-out options.

OB Smoothie
5001 Newport Ave.  
(619) 756-6265

**Best Salad Bar**
OB People’s Organic Food Coop
(see entry under Best Healthy Dining)
Best Sea Food
South Beach Bar & Grille
(see entry under Best Fish Tacos)

Best Trademark Drink
Tony’s
(see entry under Best Martini)

Best Sports Bar
Mother’s Saloon
Mother’s Saloon is located one block from the beach on Bacon. Speaking of bacon ... They smoke the bacon in house. Enjoy bacon wrapped shrimp, dates, jalapenos, hot dogs and the 1/2 lb burgers are to die for... bleu cheese bacon burger yum! If you like spicy ... you need to try the mother fer burger... with jalapenos and topped with jack cheese, habanero BBQ and spicy volcano sauce... warning extremely hot!! Come enjoy their weekday $10 Burger, Fries & Beer 11am-3pm or weekday Happy Hour 3-7pm with specials on drinks, beer and appetizers. Enjoy live music Fri. & Sat. 10 p.m.-1 a.m. and Sunday (except NFL game days) 4 p.m.-8. Enjoy 50 cent wings during NFL football games. No cover!!! 21+ over. Find them on facebook!!
Mother’s Saloon
2228 Bacon St. (619) 221-8100
motherssaloon.com

Best Pizza & Beer Selection
Newport Pizza & Ale House
With a motto of “No crap on tap!”, Newport Pizza & Alehouse is a slice of heaven for beer and pizza aficionados. With 21 taps and at least 100 local and imported bottled beers, this is the place to settle in for some delicious pizza like the Ron Jeremy meatlovers, Clint Eastwood barbeque chicken or Big Kahuna Hawaiian specialties, among 27 others. Or build your own! Newport Pizza & Ale House sports an ocean view and for those who want to bring Fido along while the master sips a cold one the venue has a dog-friendly patio. Hours of operation are Sundays through Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 12 a.m., Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Newport Pizza & Ale House
5050 Newport Ave. (619) 224-4540
obpizzashop.com

Best Take-Out
Little Chef
(see entry under Best Chinese Food)

Best Thai
Thai Time Bistro
Thai Time Bistro is known for its fresh ingredients and reasonable prices, as well as its clean, sophisticated atmosphere. Food is always served hot, and the chefs don’t resort to using canned veggies to speed up the cooking process. The menu is filled with appetizers, soups and entrees that meet restaurant patrons’ high standards for traditional Thai dishes like curry, Tom Kha soup and Pad Thai. The spicy seafood soup is a delectable combination of green mussels, crab, calamari, shrimp, lemongrass, mushrooms and cilantro. Thai Time Bistro also has affordable lunch specials. Customers can get soup, salad and a main course at a good price. Open Mon.-Sat. 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Thai Time Bistro
1830 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. (619) 223-5000
thaitimebistro.menuteo.com

Best Vegetarian/Vegan
Ranchos Cocina
In 1995, Marcos Mouet realized his dream of opening a restaurant that served fresh, mostly organic, homemade Mexican cuisine. That dream of making nutritious and delicious food from scratch began when he was a young man in his 20s. He had fond memories of this time, before refrigeration, when most people lived on “Ranchos” and grew their own food. Thus, the restaurant Ranchos was opened with the traditional spirit of the “Ranchos” of Mexico. His continuing vision of creating a real “Rancho” is on the drawing table. This will be a place where people can reconnect to the delectable visions and aromas of the fertile soil and feel the spirit of what living with nature is like.
Ranchos Cocina
1830 Sunset Cliffs Blvd. (619) 226-7619
ranchoscocina.com

Best Vietnamese/Pho
OB Noodle House
OB Noodle House specializes in pho and run by the two sons of the owners of OB Donut. The pho comes highly recommended in two sizes. Enjoy a hearty broth and “mix-ins,” including sprouts, basil, lime and jalapeno. Choose from a steam, rib-eye, meatball or tripe. Also on the menu, you’ll find broken rice, fried rice, some vermicelli dishes and a Korean barbecue rib plate. They have appetizers (like fried dumplings, spring rolls, egg rolls) and a good beer selection, with many imports from Asia, all at great prices. It’s located on Cable Street between Voltaire and West Point Loma. You’ll also enjoy their sushi bar next door. Check out their other location — Bar 1502 on Niagra.
OB Noodle House
2218 Cable St. (619) 450-6668
obnoodlehouse.com

Best Wings
OB Noodle House
Bar 1502
(see entry under Best Pho)

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Best Steak
BO-beau kitchen + bar
(see entry under Best Appetizer)

Best Sushi
Sapporo’s
Sapporo’s Japanese Restaurant
Nippon-style and Japanese decor provide appeal to this intimate sushi spot in Ocean Beach. Sapporo’s prime location and great sushi make this a favorite for local sushi enthusiasts. You’ll find traditional nigiri sushi like tuna, yellowtail and scallops, along with other specialty rolls like the Mexican roll, which consists of octopus and a spicy sauce at reasonable prices.
Sapporo’s Japanese Restaurant
5049 Newport Ave. (619) 222-6686

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obnoodlehouse.com

Best Wings
OB Noodle House
Bar 1502
(see entry under Best Pho)
Nati’s Mexican Restaurant

Once again, Beacon readers have said Nati’s Mexican Restaurant is their favorite local restaurant overall, for eight years running! It’s no wonder, though, as Nati’s has been serving the finest Mexican dishes made from scratch with fresh ingredients for more than 56 years. The owners take tremendous pride in serving virtually every dish made to order, including chili rellenos made with fresh chilies while providing patrons with affordable prices. They offer a variety of margaritas, Mexican and American beers, cocktails and wines. Diners may enjoy dining indoor or on the patio. Open daily at 11 a.m. for lunch and dinner.

Nati’s Mexican Restaurant
1852 Bacon St.
(619) 224-3369
natis.sandiegan.com

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