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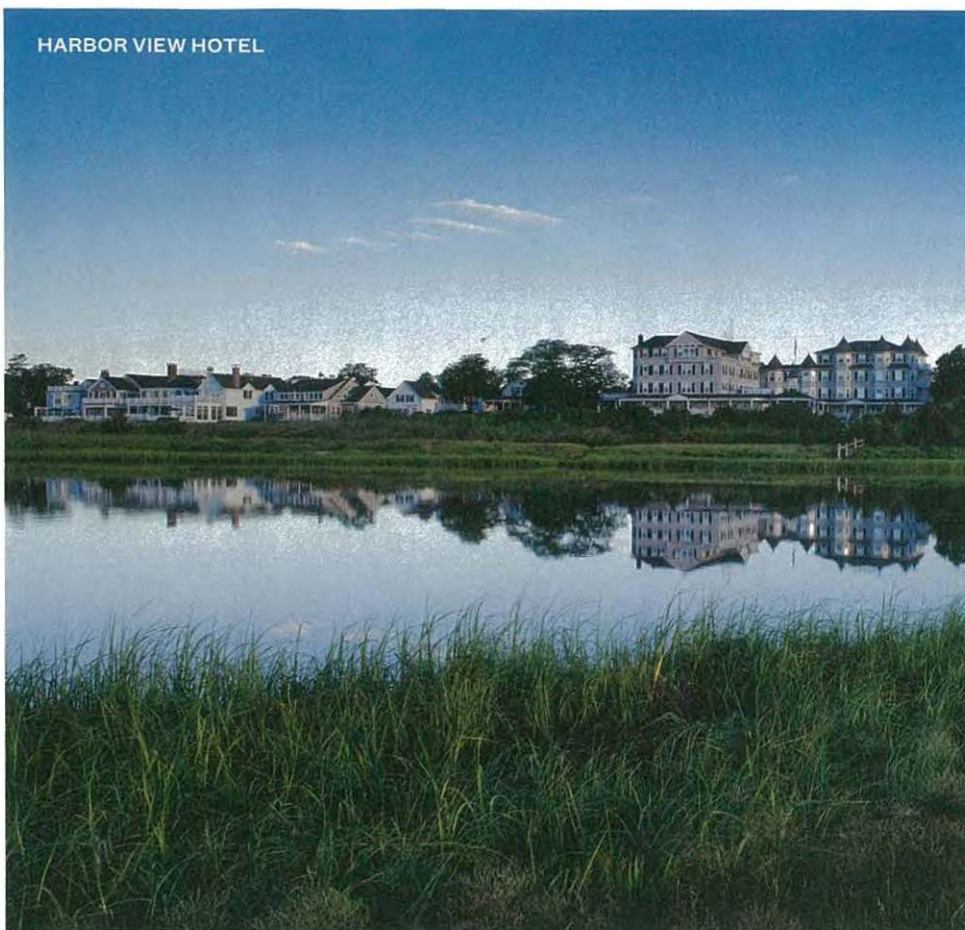
BEST OF

Every year, we, your faithful editors, shop, primp, and gorge our way around the region for months to track down the finest dog treats, eyelash extensions, and doughnuts the Boston area has to offer. A few suspect dye jobs and extra pounds later, we have one incredibly comprehensive and invaluable "Best of" list. All the while, you voted for your favorites, too—a whopping 83,628 times—in our online readers' poll (results on page 133). What follows is our impartial, rigorously vetted guide to the best of everything in the city and beyond. (By the way, if you need us, we'll be at the gym.)

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HARBOR VIEW HOTEL



INN

WINSTEAD INN & BEACH RESORT

Inn: 114 Parallel St., Harwich; resort: 4 Braddock Ln., Harwich Port; 508-432-4444, winsteadinn.com.

The Winstead's two Harwich properties offer something for everyone: Sun worshipers and relaxation seekers gravitate toward the 14-room manse situated on a private beach, while families enjoy the recently expanded, bike-path-adjacent 15-room estate in the heart of town, just a mile and a half from the sea. All are treated to a gratis continental breakfast and afternoon treats.

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MARTHA'S VINEYARD

BAR

THE PORT HUNTER

55 Main St., Edgartown, 508-627-7747, theporthunter.com.

Martha's Vineyard has a lot going for it—stunning harbor views, bountiful farmers' markets—but excellent cocktails? Let's just say that's been a work in progress. Until now, that is. Helping lead the libations movement is this loftlike Edgartown hang, which opened in 2012 with live music, shuffleboard, and a slew of expertly made cocktails: Hemingway daiquiris, Manhattans, and summer sippers like the

gingery, strawberry-accented Kentucky Buck.

BRUNCH

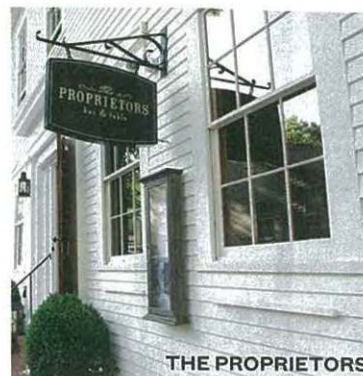
ART CLIFF DINER

39 Beach Rd., Vineyard Haven, 508-693-1224.

It's the compelling twists on familiar staples that keep the crowds coming to this Vineyard Haven diner on steroids: Biscuits are made with sweet potato, crêpes come loaded with Parmesan, prosciutto, and kale, and crunchy potato pancakes are piled high with Irish bacon and griddled eggs.

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NANTUCKET



BAR

THE NAUTILUS

12 Cambridge St., Nantucket, 508-228-0301, nautilusnantucket.com.

With Fernet flowing from the tap, this new hot spot attracts an industry crowd. But really, anyone who appreciates a well-crafted drink will enjoy bar manager Clinton Terry's creative takes on classic cocktails and inventive concoctions featuring house-made syrups, tinctures, and bitters. You'd be hard-pressed to find a libation like his "Pickled Pepino"—mezcal, pickled jalapeños, cukes, and smoky salt—anywhere else on ACK.

BRUNCH

FOG ISLAND CAFÉ

7 S. Water St., Nantucket, 508-228-1818, fogisland.com.

There's no wine list or fancy raw bar at this laid-back local institution—just bottomless cups of joe from Nantucket Island Coffee Roasters and heaping platters of granola-and-banana pancakes to cure whatever ails you. Still hankering for a little hair of the

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dog? The BYOB eatery can serve up a virgin bloody mary (\$5) for your mixing pleasure.

INN

76 MAIN

76 Main St., Nantucket, 508-228-2533,
76main.com.

This sleek downtown inn offers rooms done up in stripes and poppy colors by Boston designer Rachel Reider, as well as plenty of modern amenities (iPads, Apple TVs). Your best bet is Room 16 or 17 in the guesthouse, each of which features a patio complete with a fire table and a private entrance from the inn's pretty courtyard.

RESORT

WHITE ELEPHANT VILLAGE

19 N. Water St., Nantucket, 508-228-1500,
whiteelephantvillage.com.

The sister property to the iconic White

Elephant harborfront hotel, this luxe resort caters to guests' every whim: Need a ride to dinner? A loaner bike to explore the island? Scoops of ice cream to keep the kids entertained at the pool? Done, done, and done. The circa-2012 inn offers plush rooms and suites, but for a picture-perfect—and stress-free—family getaway, you'll want to reserve one of the spacious "premier residences," which offer one-, two-, and three-bedroom configurations.

RESTAURANT, GENERAL EXCELLENCE

VENTUNO

21 Federal St., Nantucket, 508-228-4242,
ventunorestaurant.com.

Because we eat with our eyes first, the food at this charming, Italian-inspired spot is as visually arresting as it is delicious: house-made ricotta tortelloni *di maggio* accented by fava beans, green garlic, asparagus, wild chanterelles, and a kiss of purple

chive flowers; pillowy honey mousse with walnut *dacquoise* crumble and roasted-blood-orange granita. Complementing all that artistry are congenial, knowledgeable servers and an intriguing, mostly Italian wine list.

NEW RESTAURANT

THE PROPRIETORS

9 India St., Nantucket, 508-228-7477,
proprietorsnantucket.com.

Local ingredients get the global treatment at Michael and Orla LaScola's newest venture. To wit: addictive "Pork-Umms," which star shaved Berkshire pork, scallions, and sesame barbecue sauce on a kimchi biscuit, and the silky *caldo verde* soup, made with parsnips and topped with marinated octopus, cornbread croutons, and smoked paprika. The well-traveled flavors also extend to the bar, where adventurous drinks are mixed with *pisco*, *shōchū*, tamarind, quinoa vodka, and—believe it or not—killer bee pollen. □

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