

Favorite outdoor dining spots on Long Island

In sunny weather, restaurants with tables outdoors know how to keep you cool and dry. After all, they have umbrellas. So, enjoy your alfresco appetizers, whether it's blazing or drizzling out there.

Here are some inviting destinations that are more pleasurable in the open air, thanks to their canopies. And several of them offer water views on the side.

Selections by Newsday's food staff.

Sandbar



(Credit: Bruce Gilbert)

Sandbar, Cold Spring Harbor: Sidewalk tables aren't always a draw as honking cars and fuming trucks can defeat the finest dining. But when the sidewalk belongs to Sandbar in the picture-perfect town of Cold Spring Harbor, the street only adds to the charm. Before or after an afternoon browsing antiques stores (or, kids in tow, the whaling museum) enjoy Eric Werner's assured New American menu (overseen by executive chef Guy Reuge). Highlights include a raw seafood tower, chickpea fries and pan-roasted halibut.