

HOT SIPS

HIGH SPIRITS

Cheers to these five coastal craft distilleries that are doing rum right

QUEEQUEG

MAINE CRAFT DISTILLING

Based in Portland, Maine, this spirit maker uses locally farmed Maine ingredients to create its liquors. The Queequeg Spiced Rum—named for the harpooner in Moby-Dick—pays homage to the many ships that were built along Maine's coast in years past. In addition to rum, the distillery also produces gin, whiskey, and blueberry moonshine; mainecraftdistilling.com.

MANULELE

This Oahu-based distillery produces farm-to-bottle rum using local ingredients like vanilla, honey, and the abundant Hawaiian sugar cane, known as ko. The KoHana Agricole Rum is aged in oak barrels, softening the flavors of cinnamon and caramel; kohanarum.com.

MARLIN & BARREL

Step into any restaurant in Fernandina Beach, Florida, and there's likely a bottle of this slightly sweet spirit behind the bar. It's handmade with care at every step, from combining fermented black-strap molasses with pure sugar cane to "resting" (rather than fully aging) the rum in freshly emptied whiskey barrels; marlinbarrel.com.

MALAHAT SPIRITS CO.

Named after an early 1900s rum-running schooner, this San Diego-based distillery uses "multiple types of molasses and an unexpected strain of yeast" to handcraft an ultra-smooth rum perfected by the distillery's three

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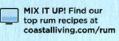
GINGER RUN

discriminating founders. In addition to four types of rum (including ginger, which is infused with fresh gingerroot), the distillery will also make whiskey, beginning later this year; malahatspirits.com.

SOUTH HOLLOW SPIRITS

A SIGNATURE RUM DRINK

When the family that owns Truro Vineyards decided to open the first legal distillery on Cape Cod since Prohibition, they did so with a winemaker's mentality, a 250-gallon copper pot for distilling, and Chardonnayand whiskey-soaked barrels for a yearlong aging process. Their highly aromatic Twenty Boat Rum is a nod to the number of police and Coast Guard vessels it took to break up a brazen boozesmuggling ring in the Provincetown Harbor in 1930; southhollowspirits.com.





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