



Happy Hour is the new Early Bird, at least for me. I'm keen on composing dinner from a snack menu, and taste-testing cocktails on the cheap. We turned to guest writer, Alix Boyle for a rundown on the best of them. Here's what she had to say...

Dinner is serious. Serious eats. Serious bucks. Serious meaning (if you're on a date). Happy hour, on the other hand, is the opposite of serious. It's fun! And not a big commitment in any of the aforementioned categories. So if you're looking for chance to connect with friends, and don't have a ton of time or dough, happy hour is just the ticket.

By Alix Boyle



Grass & Bone, Mystic

Who says happy hour isn't a family affair? At Grass & Bone, there's no bar, but plenty of seats at community tables and countertops for happy hour at this exciting, new butcher shop/casual restaurant. On a recent Friday, several toddlers were keeping an eye on their parents who tucked...

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Conspiracy, Middletown

If you've always hankered to have a cocktail at a speakeasy, Conspiracy is the spot for you. Owned by an adorable couple from Portland (Jenn Sabo, she's a pediatric dietitian and husband Mark, a pediatrician), the joint was jumpin' by...



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Sea House, Madison

Though it doesn't do an actual happy hour (we're holding out hope, Sea House) this new spot next to the Madison Art Cinema is the perfect place for cocktails with a friend from 4 p.m. on. And the menu boasts plenty of small bites to go along...

Photo by: Sea House

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River Tavern, Chester

If it's Wednesday, it must be River Tavern for half price margaritas (\$6.50) and three tacos for \$15. And oh what a margarita! You'll have your choice of Classic, Jalapeno or Spicy Coconut.



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The Stand, Branford

The Stand is famous for its casual dining featuring delectable barbecue and homemade sides served up on a metal tray. Happy hour from 4 to 6 p.m. every day is just as delicious and a bargain to boot. And yaaaaa! They've got wings...

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