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Tidbits: Razor Clams

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As a kid, I always believed in eating dessert first, but was of course forbidden by parental law to indulge more than once or twice a year. The razor clams appetizer at **Island Creek Oyster Bar** equals the very next best thing. Sultry and dripping with butter, the long, thin bivalves, which are typically only harvested during the days around a full moon, have all the sweetness of their rounder cousins, but more meat to them. And paired with an amontillado sherry made by Miguel Florido each plate is a mini-opus of contrasting flavors. The sherry's slight brininess, met up with more brine from the razor clams, cuts through the rich *lardons* and garlic, and amounts to a tsunami of flavor. "It just sort of comes together," says I.C.O.B.'s wine director and general manager, Tom Schlesinger-Guidelli, in what may well qualify as the epicurean understatement of the year.

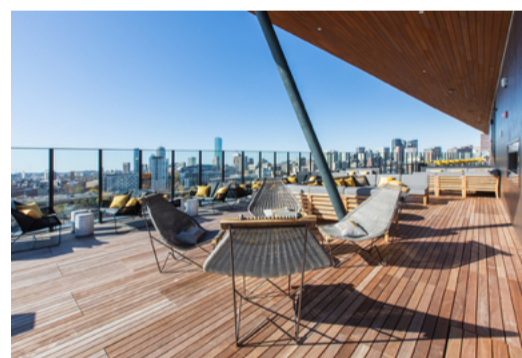


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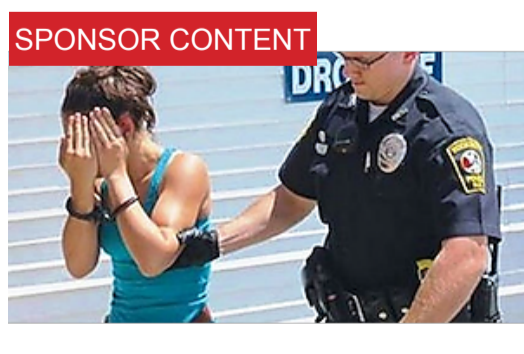
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