

Hop to It

Helmsman Ale House's Head Brewer Is a Pint Half-Full Kind of Guy

Newport Beach



FAVORITE BREWS

1. Our pale ale is a perfect beer for cooler weather: malty, just a little hop aroma and great color.
2. The Bourbon Barrel Aged Belgian Quad—inspired by my mom's Christmas cider.
3. The Saison for springtime—a little hop character; maybe an herbal component.

"What I love most about brewing is how communal it is. The product itself is designed to be enjoyed with others and bring people together, and our industry reflects that."

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8 years



PAIR IT RIGHT

→ The last beer I had was Nerf Herder from Pizza Port, an English mild ale. This beer is light, but it has some darker, toasted chocolatey flavors. I think the best thing about beer is that there is a perfect style for every food pairing. There isn't just one food that is best served with beer; however, there's a specific beer or beer style that can elevate any food dish.

pizzaport.com/brewpubs/san-clemente



SERVING UP SCHOONERS

→ Though technically not in Orange County, there is something special about grabbing a frozen schooner at this Long Beach institution. A schooner of Carlsberg, a few pickled eggs and a Special is a pretty perfect afternoon.

www.joejosts.com/menu



HANG OUT WITH A COLD ONE

→ For a great spot to grab a beer, my wife and I have really been enjoying Project Social. They are brand new and the patio is perfect to post up and enjoy a few cold ones. They do a great job of covering all the bases: easy-drinking lighter styles, pale ale, IPA, dark beer—they have it all.

www.projectsocial.us



VIEWS TO IMPRESS

→ Ola Mexican Kitchen at Pacific City in Huntington Beach has been one of our favorite date spots lately. They have good margaritas and some of the best ocean views in Huntington Beach. The ceviche is very good, and the ribeye tacos are amazing (they don't always have them!). Pacific City also has so much to do before or after dinner.

www.olamexicankitchen.com



BEACHIN' + BREWIN'

→ Beachwood Brewing & BBQ has been a longtime favorite of mine. Julian Shrago consistently makes some of the best beer in Southern California, and he's one of the most decorated brewers in the area. ■

www.beachwoodbbq.com