

Sandbar Grill

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Someone, unnamed here now, loudly utters, "If you are lucky enough to live at the beach, you are lucky enough." Imagine you are now wearing flip-flops and board shorts, there is residual sand everywhere and the early onset of the first "burn" of the season coats your nose and shoulders. Your late afternoon surf session is wrapped up, the board is now safely stored, wedged between your back and front woodshields and your stomach feels a long, low, steady rumble, you need gains. You fro along the boardwalk in Mission Beach, look at your phone for the time (it's 4:17), check the weather app (79 but feels like 85) and decide on the Sandbar as your odds. As if you haven't seen enough of the beach today (could you, ever?), you head upstairs, grab a seat on the patio and check out the menu. Your waiter appears quickly to take your drink order so you set the menu down and listen. When she informs you that it is "Happy Hour," you are so stoked. You always seem to arrive just before or just after "Happy Hour," but this time you nailed it. You order a massive 32 oz., ice cold mug of Coors Light, Misalito Nachos and their "Best on the Beach" fish tacos (one grilled and one fried) and then sit back to enjoy the view. The beer is up in minutes, and on a hot day you finish this \$6 treasure easily. You order another beer and decide to head downstairs to watch the Padres on one of their 22 televisions, your nachos and tacos follow. The tacos are as advertised and the nachos are the way you would make them at home, inches of chips, pounds of cheese, salsa fresca, black beans, chorizo sauce and guacamole. You look at your phone again (it's 9:38), the crowd is changing, locals pouring in, your plate is clean and your belly is happy. You walk out to the boardwalk, take one last look at the beach and head home. You just had the perfect day. Lucky.

