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SUMMER BREWS

There's nothing like a cold brew to balance out a hot day, and there are some fantastic local beers out there to help beat back the summer sweats.

Watermelon is only for eating, right? Not at the **Thomas Hooker Brewing Company**. Its **Watermelon Ale** delves just deep enough into fruit territory to give you a sense of flavor, but doesn't overpower your taste buds with sweetness.

With incredible drinkability and a bright orange citrus taste, you may want to drink a growler of **Olde Burnside Brewing Company's Penny Weiz Ale** all by yourself. But sharing is nicer.

For a bit of bite, go for the **New England Brewing Company's 668 The Neighbor Of The Beast**. This extremely smooth ale has a nice accent of black pepper. But watch out for its unnoticeable 9 percent alcohol by volume, or this brew could bring out the beast before

you know it.

Lemongrass may not be the first thing you think of when it comes to beer, yet the **Brooklyn Brewery** saison-style **Sorachi Ace** and the **Dogfish Head Craft Brewery's Namaste** incorporate this vibrant taste. Both are more refreshing than a cannonball into the deep end. Forget the six-pack, since both are only available in 750mL bottles.

If you prefer something on the safer side, go for a **Narragansett Summer Ale**. This beer walks an easy line between the original lager and sweet pale ale with surprisingly good results.

Finally, relax by the backyard fire pit Nantucket-style with the **Grey Lady from Cisco Brewers**. The ale looks true to its dour name, but it holds strong in a complex blend of lemon and spice. It's a perfect end to a long day on the beach.

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