

Eating and Services Guide

An Unofficial OYC Guide to What's Available In Oswego

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Restaurants

For a city its size, Oswego offers a surprising breadth of pretty good eating opportunities, with fare running the gamut from a traditional steak and seafood menu, to burgers and ribs, to fried fish, Asian, or pizza and subs, Italian as well as a few efforts at the exotic. Many will deliver to either your boat or to the Oswego Yacht Club. Most of the establishments may be reached without a car, though in some cases the walk would be at least thirty minutes from the OYC clubhouse. The following summaries are the opinions of the author who, though his peculiarities are well known to OYC, ignores such outrageous generalizations and still believes in the guidance of his experienced palate. The list follows the general plan of closest to furthest away from the OYC, from the west side of the Oswego River to the east.

NorthPort Pub--located across the street from the Coast Guard Station--basically a bar which has burgers and limited sandwich menu. **Captain's Galley**--located on West 2nd Street--provides typical fried fish and chips and other seafood; does breakfasts as well. [Cam's New York Pizzeria](#)--located on the corner of 2nd and Bridge St. (Oswego's main east-west thoroughfare--good, thin crust pizza and related items. [Coleman's Irish Pub \(343-1433\)](#)---located on 1st St. on the river in Oswego's oldest commercial building--a finely decorated and rough hewn granite building with a large deck and patio--serves a wide menu of grilled meats, pretty good pasta, and excellent sandwiches--a full array of beers; very popular on weekends; reservations may be necessary to ensure a timely meal; friendly and open staff; frequent entertainment on the deck. **Office Tavern**--across from Coleman's--offers excellent lunches of fine soups, sandwiches, and seafood; menu is available for dinners as well. **Avanti Bistro**—located on 2nd Street just down from Bridge Street and across from Cam's New York Pizza, the Bistro offers a sophisticated French and American menu; pricey, but always rewarding; wine and beer only; dress is refined casual. [King Arthur's \(343-1300\)](#)--located on the corner of 1st and Bridge St. and one of Oswego's newest restaurants--upscale menu and a successful effort to pay attention to presentation; full array of appetizers, grilled fish and meats, sophisticated desserts; ornate interior decoration (including brass mini-brewery); a refined and separate bar area where dinners are also served. **Global Buffet**--across from King Arthur's--features an Afghan buffet--all you can eat Asian foods--enough to tickle the taste buds, fill the stomach, and not spend much money. Further up 1st street are **Off Bridge Street Bagelry** (friendly, informal and wide choice of bagels and coffees) and [Port City Café](#) (fine sandwiches and soups; great pastries and coffees--not a dinner place). **Main Moon** offers standard but tasty take-out or eat-in Chinese. For a full array of coffees, teas and pastries, and for an old style coffee shop atmosphere (games and website access upstairs), try the [Coffee Connection](#) (owned by sailors who keep threatening to actually get their boat in the water) located on Water Street right on the Oswego River and just below the bridge on the north side. A bit far to walk to (but doable), but highly recommended, is [Canale's Restaurant \(343-3540\)](#) located on W. Utica Street on the south side of the city. A frequent sponsor of OYC events, Canale's offers a full Italian menu, excellent take-out and relaxed dining atmosphere. **Vona's Restaurant**, also a frequent supporter of OYC events, is located as well on Utica Street and offers a formal dining atmosphere for fine Italian and American cuisine. Along West Bridge Street and on Water Street along the Oswego River, there are a number of bars and

shops which cater to the college age set but which frequently have live entertainment and drink specials.

On the east side of the Oswego River there are a number of fine options available. On the corner of East 2nd and Bridge Street is [Food Chow City](#) which offers the standard Chinese take-out. At the plaza between 1st and 2nd is the **China Buffet** which has the typical all you can eat buffet--a lot of food for the money. Going north on East 1st Street the fare becomes more sophisticated. **The Press Box** is a great sports bar, with meals served on the deck or inside the renovated former warehouse with finely pointed brick and woodwork. Menu is limited to soups and sandwiches--awesome burgers. Friendly and usually busy on weekends. Breakfasts as well. **Captain's Steak and Seafood House**--if you want a décor which features finely polished wood to mimic the interior of an imaginary clipper ship, this is the place. Upscale menu, with an emphasis on steaks and seafood; nice bar. **Herring's Landing (207-0707)**--formerly Admiral Woolsey's, is located right on the Oswego River and features a full array of grilled meats and fish served on a protected deck or inside with ample windows to take in the vista and activities of the Oswego harbor. Great circular bar with a fine view of the harbor and river. Dress is casual; reservations on weekends recommended.

Services

River's End Bookstore--a true gem; offers the latest in hardcover and paperback books, magazines, and reading opportunities. On the corner of West 1st and Bridge (King Arthur's is across the street), with free coffee and pastries courtesy of the Coffee Connection, this is a great place to hang out on a rainy day or to restock your on-board library. Emphasis is on friendly staff and service; has an unusually sophisticated choice of books. **Oswego Cinema**--Oswego may be small, but we have seven (7) screens in our mini-plex which offers the latest in movies; perfect for evenings or even rainy day matinees. Located on West 2nd street. **Wayne Drugs**, located between West 1st and 2nd on Bridge Street, provides full pharmaceutical and health care services; small town focus on service. The owner would rather be sailing; one of the pharmacists is a racing nut who winters in the VI's. **Raby's Ace Hardware**--a long walk--probably best reached by taxi--does not have marine ware, but does have a full array of stainless fasteners and a committed staff to try to solve structural problems. **Burke's Hardware**, located in East 2nd on the North side of Bridge St., has a full array of tools and fasteners. Grocery services are limited. **Paul's Big M** is located on the corner of W 1st Street and Utica Street (a long walk) and offers grocery, deli, and meats. A legitimate full service store, just modest. **Price Chopper**, located between East 2nd and 3rd Streets, is a large chain grocery store, with typical fruit, vegetable, meats, deli, household and beverages available; pharmacy in store. The closest laundry facilities are at the **Colonial Laundromat**, located between 3rd and 4th Streets on East Bridge Street; a long walk with clothes, so a taxi is recommended. **Kathmandu** (Water Street) and **Midnight Sun** (West 1st north of Bridge St.) offer a blend of sophisticated and alternative clothing, mostly women's, at reasonable prices.