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After one of these, even "the wildest cougars purr like kittens."

Feeling Bleu?

LET BLEU BAR'S CABANA BOY TURN THAT FROWN UPSIDE DOWN

BY FRANK SABATINI, JR. / PHOTO BY JANELLE MAAS

Think only Aunt Edna desires the cabana boy? Not so. Thanks to a refreshing summery cocktail, even straight guys are jumping on the cabana wagon.

Situated in the idyllic central hub of the newly renovated L'Auberge Del Mar resort, Bleu Bar beckons visitors with cool ocean views and chilled cocktails served by namesake staffers.

Cabana Boys (the non-humans) are constructed with equal parts Stoli Vanilla, Stoli Blueberry and Veev, a Brazilian liquor that adds to your swerve high doses of antioxidants originating from açai fruit and acerola cherries. The drink turns peachy red from splashes of orange, pineapple and cranberry juices, while effervescence is achieved with a spritz of soda water. Garnished with orange slices and maraschino cherries. "It's a juicy and refreshing cocktail designed to make the wildest cougars purr like kittens," says Chris Puffer, the resort's food and beverage director.

Last year's version of the Cabana Boy was rum-based. "We changed the recipe this summer because vodkas are more on the tip these days and people prefer clear liquors," Puffer says. The drink is served in a tall, narrow 12-ounce glass and sells for \$10.

Lounging poolside with a Cabana Boy... Liberate's dream has become a reality for all San Diegans.



AFTER PARTY When you've drained your Cabana Boy, climb to the Waterfall Terrace above Bleu Bar for al fresco ocean-view dining or visit L'Auberge's Kitchen 1540 for innovative cuisine. Either way, your meal is in good hands—those of chef Paul McCabe, who creates the resort's menus using local, organic produce, free-range meat and seafood from sustainable sources.

If mind and body crave a different sort of feeding, order up a gourmet body treatment: a caviar-algae rub at the resort's new \$3.2 million spa.

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