

GASTROPUB FARE, AND AN ENERGETIC CLUB SCENE BY NUBIA DUVALL WILSON

When New Yorkers say there's a brunch option in Hoboken that they would swim across the Hudson River for, it must be good. That establishment is 1 Republik, an upscale sports bar, and "home of the \$2.00 mimosas" from 11 A.M. to 6 P.M. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Aside from the weekend appeal to late risers, it has grown in popularity throughout the week as a restaurant, bar, and nightclub among different types of clientele. "Business professionals love our \$9.95 lunch and beer menu, Wednesdays feature \$5.00 martinis and cosmos for ladies' night, Tuesdays have a date night dinner crowd, and Friday and Saturday nights have a dance party scene with a DJ,"said manager NaRea Kim.

The venue turns into a standing-roomonly sports destination during football season (which means discount mimosas end at 1 P.M. to make way for other deals). The spacious, dimly lit interior is flanked

with more than 40 TVs and projector screens along the walls-its minimalist décor accented with a sepia-toned mural of New York City. The back area turns into a dance floor where college-aged revelers and young professionals let loose to pop, hip-hop, and rock tunes. Large front windows and an outdoor patio make it a hot spot in warm weather, too.



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The menu goes beyond what a typical casual bar offers, from marinated skirt steak baguette burgers to fusilli Bolognese. First and foremost, it's known for burgers. Currently, the menu lists 15, such as the whiskey steamed BBQ Whiskey with RB BBQ sauce, cheddar cheese, and Napa slaw. The 1 Republik is covered in sherry Roquefort fondue with ale-battered bacon, caramelized onions, and mushrooms.

Keeping track of patrons' libation of choice is not an easy task. Beer drinkers can pick from 40 bottles and as many drafts, many of which change seasonally. Signature cocktails also rotate throughout the year, except for the bar's staple martini (Honey Pear, made with flavored vodka, honey syrup, and lemon juice).

"I started in 2010 when the business first opened. We've been so successful that the owners just opened two more in North Arlington, New Jersey, and New York City," said Kim. •