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A Last Taste of Summer: Fishers Island Lemonade

A spiked lemonade from Fishers Island, now available by the can, offers a refreshing twist on a standard summer cocktail.



Fishers Island, New York, a nine-mile-long island in Long Island Sound with a year-round population of 236, is generally a quiet place. There is one bar, The Pequot Inn, which has been in business for more than 100 years. It happens to serve one of the best drinks we tried all summer.

Now available in a can, Fishers Island Lemonade is a more robust, fuller-bodied version of a vodka lemonade. The addition of whiskey is what gives the drink that extra heft, bringing it to 9% alcohol by volume.

The canned version of FIL has been about two and a half years in the making, according to its creator, Bronya Shillo (above), whose family owns The Pequot Inn.

“Working with select manufacturers to enhance the recipe I modified the ingredients to create a flavor consisting of natural lemon and honey sweeteners,” Shillo says. “We use a premium vodka made from corn along with whiskey to complete the sprits profile.”

The cans are now sold throughout Connecticut and Rhode Island. Look out for them in New York City starting this fall.