

# 7 NIGHTLIFE

7 BARS // LOUNGES // CLUBS

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Hammond organ music  
Wednesdays through Sundays.

## ROYAL TUG YACHT CLUB (Union Square)

895 Bush St., [facebook.com/RoyalTugYachtClub](#)  
Kraken, alert: A giant faux squid dangles from the ceiling at this dive inspired by *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea*. Blow through the fog with a glass of Fernet from the tap at this brainchild of the Tonic and Bullitt boys.

## RUBY SKYE (Union Square)

420 Mason St., [rubyskye.com](#)  
You'll be shoulder to shoulder with the gyrating masses at this baroque megaclub where superstar DJs spin.

## RYE (Tenderloin)

688 Geary St., [ryesf.com](#)  
Rye's moniker reveals all: With-in is a sizable store of whiskeys. Both whiskey sours—topped with egg white—and basil gimlets go down smooth in the smoking patio.

## S&R LOUNGE (SoMa)

55 Fifth St., [viceroypotgroup.com](#)  
S&R (Salvage and Rescue) brings the vamp to Hotel Zeta, with able assists from chef Jennifer Puccio of Marlowe. Hang at the bar downstairs, or prep for fun and games upstairs, which provides TVs, shuffleboard, and a pool table.

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## SENS (Embarcadero) 4 Embarcadero Center, [sens-sf.com](#)

The romantic view from the bank of windows speaks volumes, as does a fulsome drink list.

## SERPENTINE (P. 64)

SFJAZZ CENTER  
(Civic Center)  
201 Franklin St., [sfjazz.org](#)  
SFJazz now has its own state-of-the-art home. The 680-seat auditorium hosts audiences excited about the nonprofit's current season, which showcases Laurie Anderson (April 17–20), the

Bad Plus (May 8–11), and Herbie Hancock (May 16–18). Slanted Door chef Charles Phan breaks from tradition with n'awlins-style eats at SFJAZZ Center's cafe.

## SHOWDOWN (SoMa)

10 Sixth St., [showdownsf.com](#)  
This "urban DJ saloon" typifies the intimate good times of a dimly lit bar. Enticing you to arrive early, along with the hip-hop and synth tracks: happy hour, which goes down weekdays, 5 to 8 p.m., with \$3 draft beers and well drinks.

## SKYLARK

(Mission)  
3089 16th St., [skylarkbar.com](#)  
This low-lit bar is the real deal, with a perfect mix of grit and Mission vibe. The nightly music includes dancehall on Mondays and old-school hip-hop on weekends.

## SLIDE (Union Square)

430 Mason St., [slidesf.com](#)  
During Prohibition, this basement space was a speakeasy. Today it's got a honey-onyx bar and crowds ready to party to hip-hop or downtempo.

## SLOANE (SoMa)

1525 Mission St., [sloanesf.com](#)  
Casual bar scene meets glitzy nightclub in surprisingly spacious quarters. Diverse crowds convene for the hip-hop, Top 40, and house DJ sounds and drink specials.

## SMUGGLER'S COVE (Hayes Valley)

650 Gough St., [smugglerscovesf.com](#)  
Serious drinkers gather around the indoor lagoon to toast with any of the 80 well-researched cocktails made from the massive rum collection at this update of yesteryear's tiki lounges.

## SOCIAL KITCHEN AND BREWERY (Inner Sunset)

1326 Ninth Ave., [socialkitchenandbrewery.com](#)  
The ales are crafted on-site at the Inner Sunset's brewery.