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Even If You Don't Own a Hamptons House You Can Throw a Party Like You Do

Because everyone needs a good recipe for watermelon margaritas.

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If you were making a list of what makes the Hamptons so special, the region's natural beauty and legendary parties would be at the top.

Annie Falk's [Hamptons Entertaining: Creating Occasions to Remember](#), released recently by Abrams, offers an inside look at the dinner parties on the dunes (*above*), cocktails at horse shows, and family-style barbecues for which the communities out East are known. A forward by Chef Eric Ripert, who entertains regularly at his house in Sag Harbor, introduces the beautiful book.

Party tips from Hamptons personalities (e.g. "Music is one way to make guests feel welcome and have home. Play a little Motown; it puts you in a good mood."—J. Christopher Burch) give it an insider-y vibe, and others featured include Georgina Bloomberg, Raysa and Alfy Fanjul, Kara and Steve Ross, and Judith and Rudolph Giuliani.

In an admirable philanthropic gesture, the author's proceeds will benefit the [Peconic Baykeeper](#), a charitable organization devoted to protecting and improving the aquatic ecosystems of the Peconic and South Shore estuaries of Long Island.

Here, a few photos from the eighteen parties in the book, which also includes more than 80 recipes for everything from **watermelon margaritas** (*see below!*) to **cold peach soup** and **lobster salad**:



GUESTS AT COUNTESS WILTRAUD VON SALM-HOOGSTRAETEN'S SOUTHAMPTON ESTATE, PORT OF MISSING MEN.

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A DOCK NEAR WARD'S POINT, ONE OF THE SHELTER'S ISLAND'S SOUTHERN PENINSULAS.

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AN AL FRESCO DINNER OVERLOOKING THE PECONIC BAY HOSTED BY KARA AND STEVE ROSS.

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