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After living in the sunshine state for over 4 years we finally went on a cruise. In the last 4 years we have made numerous plans and *hazaaro* people have come to Florida and we have dropped and picked a few dozen people from cruise terminals but this was our first time on a big boat. We sailed from Miami and went to the Bahamas for a 3 day cruise. Besides the over indulgence of *daru* and food coupled with tiny [I am a big guy] rooms – a cruise is highly recommended. Do something special for your valentine this year and take her/ him for a cruise. Ships depart from Tampa, Cape Canaveral, Ft Lauderdale, Miami etc - you could be anywhere in the sunshine state and still be less than 2 hours away from a cruising port.

In the spirit of the Bahamas and Valentine's Day, please go indulge in some of the Bahamian *daru* I consumed on the cruise. If you notice most if not all Bahamian drinks have a rum base. The reason most of the drinks are rum based is because the European settlers came and used these islands to grow sugar-cane, which created the by-product, molasses and hence the rum based drinks

Pina Colada

1 1/4 oz. Gold Rum
1/2 oz. Coconut Liqueur
3 oz's. Pineapple Juice
1 1/2 oz. Cream
1/2 oz. Simple Syrup
1 Cherry

Bahama Breeze

1 oz Dark Rum
1/2 oz Banana Liqueur
1/2 oz Apricot Liqueur
1/2 oz Coconut Rum
1/4 oz Grenadine
1/4 oz Honey
1/2 oz Lemon Juice
1 oz Orange Juice
1 oz Pineapple juice

Pineapple Cocktail

1 1/2 oz Light Rum
3/4 oz Pineapple Juice
drop of lemon juice
Use a shaker and add crushed ice

Mango Rum Cocktail

1 Mango(sliced and peeled)
1 can Frozen orange-pineapple concentrate
3/4 cup rum
Blend in a blender with ice until mixed but frothy.

Rum Runner

1 ounce light rum
2 ounces Tia Maria
Combine both ingredients and serve on ice

Rum Daiquiri

2 ounces Bacardi Light Rum
1 teaspoon sugar
1 dash lime juice
Shake well, serve on the rocks

Banana Daiquiri

1 1/2 oz light rum
1 tablespoon triple sec
1/1 oz lime juice
1 oz banana liqueur

1/2 banana

1/2 oz heavy cream
1/2 cup crushed ice

Blend all ingredients in a blender on high speed until mixture is smooth. Pour into cocktail glass.

Hurricane

1 oz dark rum
1 oz white rum
1/2 oz Galliano
2 oz passion fruit syrup
1/2 oz orange juice
dash lime juice
dash pineapple juice

In a shaker mix both rums, Galliano, passion fruit syrup and orange juice. Shake well. Strain into a glass with ice cubes and add lime and pineapple juice.

Big Mama

6 oz 202 rum
1/2 oz crushed ice
1oz cherry juice
2oz Jack Daniels
1oz apple juice

Stir all the ingredients together with ice. Strain into a previously chilled tumbler with ice and serve.

Love Boat

Pineapple shell
1 sliced pear
1 sliced peach
1/2 cups red grapes
2 slices canned pineapple
6 oz canned pineapple syrup
1 cup vanilla sorbet
1 cup shaved ice
1 Oz white rum

Blend all the ingredients together until smooth and serve in a pineapple shell.

Have a great Valentine's Day and till next time have a balle balle time making drinking and enjoying the *carrabian drinks Maaaann* 😊