

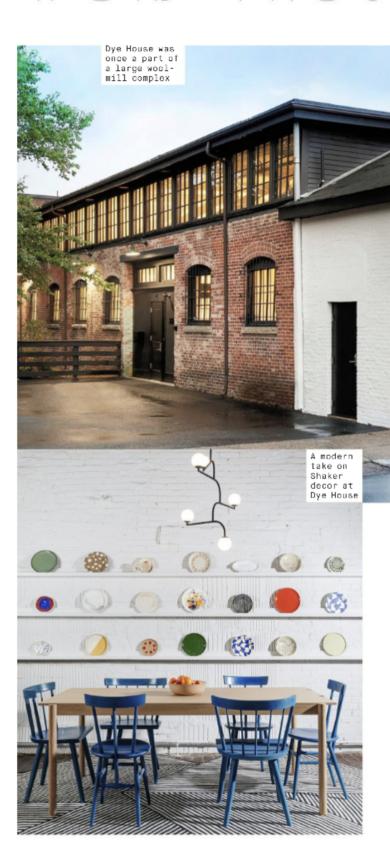
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THE NEWS FROM NEWPORT

If you've missed festivals, take note: Newport is inching its way back to normalcy this summer with a stacked dance card of (reduced-capacity) goings-on: The Newport Folk and Jazz festivals are back in late July, followed by the Newport International Boat Show in September. Book a room at The Vanderbilt, Auberge Resorts Collection to be at the center of the action; the Gilded Age grande dame just underwent a facelift courtesy of hip Dallas design collective Swoon. Walk over to The Reef, a brand-new restaurant on Howard Wharf that focuses on sophisticated seafood dishes like za'atar-crusted salmon-it's a welcome departure from Newport's usual all-fried-everything approach. Across town, the beloved Castle Hill Inn ups its alfresco game with private candlelit farm dinners in the middle of its vegetable gardens. And across the Narragansett Bay from Newport in fast-changing Providence, a former wool mill in the city's Olneyville neighborhood gets a new life as Dye House, a boutique hotel whose five meticulously designed guest rooms combine industrial cool and irresistible coziness.

Aubergeresorts.com, doubles from \$216; castlehillinn.com, doubles from \$435; dvehouseri.com, doubles from \$150