

PIER W

Seafood. For starters, every table has an outstanding view of Lake Erie and the Cleveland skyline. The lively cocktail lounge with seating for 50 is a fun gathering spot, pre-meal or otherwise. Not surprisingly, the menu focus is on fresh fish, though a few trendy appetizers and innovative entrées keep things interesting. A pine nut hummus with focaccia and baguette is served to each table. Wild striped bass tacos served with avocado, salsa and micro cilantro in a crispy wonton shell is a creative, playful addition to the appetizer menu. Old standards, such as cedar plank salmon with braised spinach and Pier W's famous bouillabaisse, loaded with fresh fish, top neck clams, shrimp and mussels in a saffron-tomato broth and roasted garlic crostini continue to be favorites. Pier W prides itself in its reserve wine list as well as its extensive dessert wines and specialty coffee drinks – and it's worth bragging about. 12700 Lake Ave, Lakewood, 216-228-2250. \$\$\$\$.

