

# 4 FESTIVE PARTIES

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO GET YOUR SUMMER STARTED. By Jennifer Blaise Kramer

## 1 The Floating Party

Push your friends out on the water in a party-ready pontoon. All you need is good food, ice-cold beverages—and one of Minnesota's 10,000 lakes!

→ **THE BOAT** Rent a deluxe Palm Beach Pontoon from Excel Boat Club on Lake Minnetonka or the St. Croix.



→ **THE INVITE**  
Set the nautical mood with an invite from Epitome Papers.

↓ **THE DRINK**  
A minty Lake Minnetonka bootleg is a must. Try this classic version made with Prairie Organic Vodka.

In a blender combine the following:

2 - 12-oz. cans frozen lemonade

1 - 12-oz. can frozen limeade

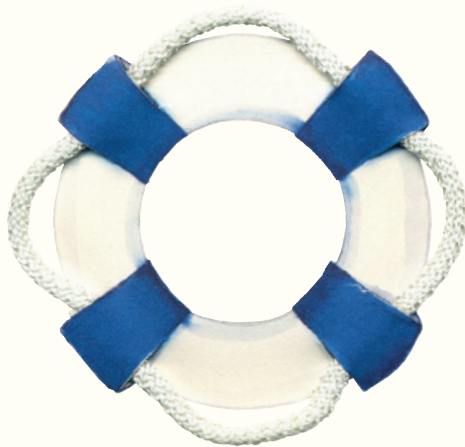
1 c. fresh organic mint leaves, finely minced

1 c. simple syrup (1 part water and 2 parts organic cane sugar brought to a boil and cooled)

Blend ingredients together and let sit in fridge for an hour or two.

Fill a tall glass with ice, add 1 oz. bootleg mix (stir or shake first) and 1 oz. Prairie Organic Vodka. Fill with sparkling water, stir, and enjoy.

Makes 30 servings.



## THE MENU

By Town & Country Caterers

Cucumber boats with dill cream cheese

Chicken salad crepes

Pesto pasta with chicken, tomato, and pine nuts

Jamaican jerk-marinated scallops on ice

Caribbean coleslaw with pineapples, carrots, peapods, red onion, and red and green peppers

Fruit kabobs with piña colada rum sauce

Mixed berry tartlets

## ← THE ATTIRE

Pair a striped dress with neutral sandals and a gold necklace to stay on trend without "going overboard," says Stephanie Morrissey of Stephanie's in St. Paul.



## ↓ THE FINISHING TOUCH

Give guests a Gerbera daisy, gardenia, or button mum to tuck in their hair.



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