

Hard Licker

Cooling off is a boozy affair this summer. **Laura Richards** picks five alcoholic ice-lollies inspired by your favourite summer tipples. Photography **Rob Greig**

The cosmopolitan

Getting hot in the city? Make like Carrie Bradshaw and cool off with a cosmo. **The Ice Kitchen** makes a frosty version of the cocktail, blending tangy cranberry, a spike of lime and a gentle twist of both vodka and orange liqueur to get you in that 'Sex and the City' mood. They cost £2.50 at events and just £1.75 in store, so order in a round and watch your popularity soar higher than predicted temperatures for that last London heatwave that never actually hit.

Available at *Kerb South Bank, Jul 3 ▶ 5* and in *Cook* stores Londonwide. £2.50/£1.75 per lolly.

The Kahlúa cocktail

Lickalix has cornered the kidult market, with a fleet of ice-cream vans selling 'poptails' all around town. The team mix a mean mojito and shake a great grapefruit sling in icy form, but try the Kahlúa Kick with cacao, coconut and everyone's favourite coffee liqueur. This chilly treat is chocolatey and silky smooth in texture – it's basically a Mini Milk for not-so-mini grown-ups.

Available at *Street Feast, Camden Market, Urban Food Fest* and *Stock Mkt*. Check website for van locations. £3 per lolly.

The summer cup

Probably the booziest-tasting of the bunch and filled with more fruit than the average tropical country, a **Sipsmith** Summer Cup lolly will transport you to British summer in just one lick. Lucky then that it's being served at York & Albany's pop-up beach hut in Camden, where buckets and spades abound. Better still, they're served in holders where any drips are caught for a final delicious mouthful.

Part of the set menu at *York & Albany Beach Hut*. Book ahead.

The bellini

You can grab one of these boozy bellini lollies high up at **Vintage Salt's** rooftop bar or at **Bunga Bunga** in Battersea. They're served in Calippo-style packaging to take you back to childhood, but rest assured: this is grown-up stuff, with both prosecco and peach schnapps in the mix. With a world prosecco shortage forecast to strike this summer, you can do your bit for the cause by opting for a champagne popsicle instead – equally delicious and just 0.5 units per lolly (in the case, we'll have ten).

Available at *Vintage Salt, Bunga Bunga* and *Selfridges Food Hall* from £7 per lolly.



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The tropical mojito

Seek out **Jessie Wigley**, who cycles her poptail creations around east London's markets under the name of **Popping Licks**. Her twists on the mojito are the most popular, with a totally tropical pineapple version guaranteed to have you forming a conga line through Clapton. Even better for Instagrammers, many of her alco-pops are laced with pretty little edible flowers. Prepare for instant follower food envy.

Available at *Broadway Market Square, Dalston Food Market*, Sundays. £3 per lolly.

