

## Bar Hoppin' With Hops

The Keep On Hoppin' Tour  
Hops MacBarley's Ongoing  
Key West Bar Boondoggle

Bar #266:

### **Bloody Mary Bar**

218 Duval Street

Sunday, 31 July 2016, 10:30 PM

*Yuengling (draft) \$5.00*

This was an upgrade from the previous Hop at this address. No, Teaser's, upstairs, was quite a while ago. It was the very short-lived Two Eighteen (Hop #260 – yeah, just 6 hops ago) that last filled this space.

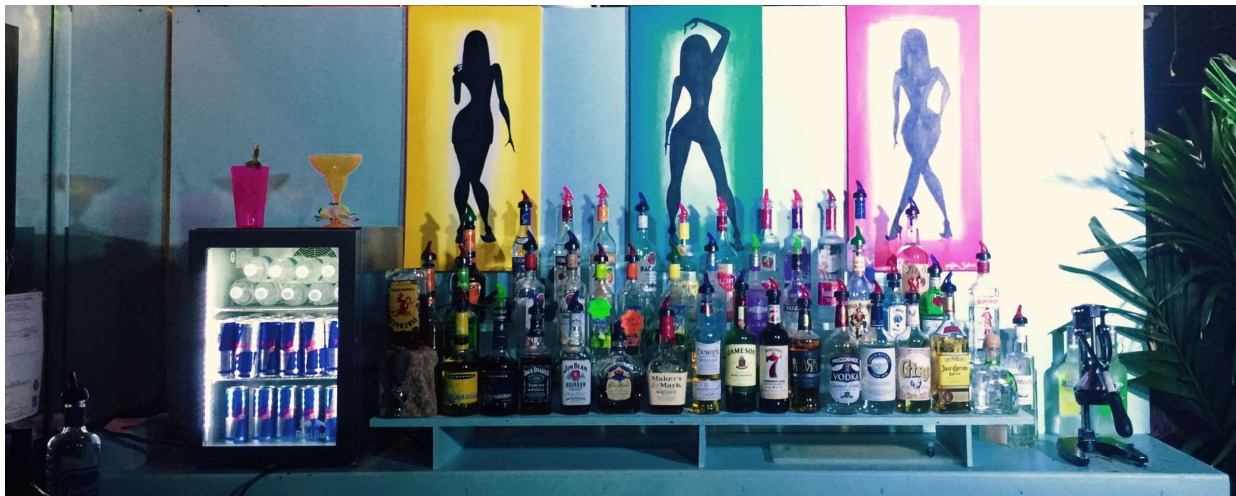
But the space itself is very different!

While 218 – like its predecessor

Coyote Ugly (#57) -- was a large-room with a sit-down bar, tables, and so much more, Bloody Mary Bar is just a walk-up counter on the Duval Street sidewalk. That must save on a lot of overhead.

More importantly, it saves on space, so Teaser's can relocate to the ground floor! Will that qualify them for a new Hop? Ya, I think so. Need a reason to go to Teaser's? There ya go.

Though the Teaser's name does not appear on BMB, per se, their style



definitely does, both in the backbar art and in the lovely barkeeps themselves. There three tall seats around on the right side of the bar, but I think they are as much for the performers to take a break as they are for patrons.



The emergence of this new bar did have ramifications a few blocks away. Blue Macaw (#259) had to change the painted sign on their wall over their "Bloody Mary Bar" because they were now using a competitor's name. I know, I know, Blue Macaw is not what you'd call in direct competition with this latest branch of Teaser's, and, yes, they did their wall long before this new

walk-up counter existed. But, whether it was voluntary or compelled, BM changed their wall.

So, on this night, I eagerly stepped right up to place my Bloody Mary Bar order: a draft Yuengling. Hey, I'm Hops MacBarley, not Tabasco McHorseradish.

I received it in a sturdy 22-ounce plastic cup, similar to those served at Captain Tony's and Smokin' Tuna. It said Teaser's on it, just in case you didn't grasp the affiliation.

Could be that they were just using up the old cups, though. It said, "We're steps above the rest" on it. Perhaps they will change that when they are no longer an upstairs bar.



Anyway, I got my beer and walked away with it. End of Hop. Hey, not much of a bar, not much of a Hop.