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It's 5 Artisan Distillery's liqueurs and liquors

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On a recent soggy May afternoon, I happened upon a relatively new spot at the Seaside Outlets that can really change the narrative arc of your day one way or another: It's 5 Artisan Distillery and Espresso.

While an espresso drink will certainly boost the rising action of your story, a flight of handmade, small-batch spirits will most likely lead toward the conclusion and eventual denouement of your day. Though the name of the distillery directly plays up the climax — the top

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5 Grappa Gimlet



of all story arcs, the combination of opposing forces, when Luke faces Vader or the place where coffee mingles with alcohol — as the brand nods to that old wink-wink adage of day drinkers: It's always five o'clock somewhere.

Seaside Outlets was not exactly where I expected to find an artisan distillery equipped with a spitting espresso machine, all stuck behind the storefront once occupied by Totes Isotoner, the umbrella, footwear and cold weather accessory store. But the Wine and Beer Haus has been slinging bottles on the other end of the massive parking lot for years, so maybe that's on me. Anyway, it's always nice to find something unexpected