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BLACK HOUND OPENS:

A cocktail lounge is not a bar! A cocktail lounge is a place with a menu of beverages as varied as the imagination and skill of the person or persons who created them — in this case, Jeremy Strawn, (bar consultant) and Jerry Glaub (head bartender). A seat at the counter of Battery Park City's new cocktail lounge, The Black Hound, at 301 South End Ave., provides constant entertainment as the bartenders whip up concoctions such as the "Concord Hymn," (subtitled "Ralph Waldo Emerson") with Tanqueray gin, lemon syrup, Lillet blanc and rose water or the "Widow Douglas" (a.k.a. "Mark Twain") with Dewars & Islay scotch, ginger, honey, peach, lemon and peach bitters. It's like having a seat in the kitchen to watch these drinks get whisked up, shaken, poured into the appropriate glasses and decorated. All of the drinks have literary names and all of the cocktails cost \$13. Draft and bottled beer are also available (\$7 to \$19) along with a variety of wines. There are nibbles such as sliders, spinach dip and mac and cheese and a restaurant right next door, SouthWest NY, owned by Merchants Hospitality, which also owns The Black Hound. The Hound is open daily from 4:30 p.m. to midnight or later, depending on business.

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