



# July 4 Fireworks Backup

Best to worst, plus what to avoid

**Harry's is booked at 5:15 PM. That is the launch pad. This is the fallback ladder if the perfect seat does not happen.**

## Plan A - Congress Hall waitlist hits

Seated, classic Cape May, drinks nearby, most polished memory play.

Call again the morning of July 4. Keep it warm.

## Plan B - Harry's transition upstairs / sundeck

Use the 5:15 reservation to get in early, eat slow, and ask by 6:30-7:00 PM.

If rooftop/sundeck access happens, stop moving. You won.

**Captain note: This is where grease-the-palm energy belongs, but charm does the first half of the work.**

## Plan C - Harry's dinner, then promenade/beach

Drink, eat, use the bathroom, settle up, then move by 8:45 PM.

Aim toward Congress Hall/Congress Street Beach area, but protect space over dead-center position.

## Plan D - Drift east on Beach Ave

If the center is packed, walk east for breathing room.

You trade perfect center for comfort. That is usually the right Cooney trade.

## Plan E - Wilbraham reset

Only if the night goes sideways. Mansion view is not expected to be strong because it is not ocean-facing.

Use Wilbraham as peace, not the fireworks memory.

## What to avoid



Do not watch from the marina if fireworks are the mission.

Do not arrive at the beach at 9:20 PM expecting comfort.

Do not assume the 5:15 table is yours until fireworks unless Harry's explicitly says so.

Do not turn the beach into an open-container mission. Drink at bars, then move smart.

Reference: Cape May fireworks are listed for July 4, 2026 at 9:30 PM at Congress Street Beach / offshore near Congress Hall.