

DRINK THE CYCLE

PEDAL OUT TO CHICAGO'S TOP BIKE MESSENGER BARS



Break out the black racing gloves and two-way radios when hitting up these **local bike messenger favorites** ready with cheap beer and drink specials.

Handlebar

The Mecca of bike messengerdom, Handlebar dishes out free fries and \$1.75 PBRs on Messenger Mondays, and **bike winter snow rides** depart from the bar regularly once the snow falls. They also deliver a **surprisingly good vegan menu**, an excellent backyard patio, and **blackened catfish tacos** that can't be beat.
2311 W. North Ave., West Bucktown (773) 384-9546

Cal's Liquors

This tiny, **Bukowski-approved drinking cave** — which might be the loudest bar in the city when local punk bands play — is an ideal **beer-and-a-shot stop** before climbing back on the bike. Or belly up to the bar and **shout drink orders at the bartender** until your memory is as dark as your surroundings.
400 S. Wells St., South Loop (312) 939-9700

Skylark

As seen in *The Break Up*, this **chill Pilsen hang** offers a good selection of beers, plenty of room to spread out a newspaper and an eclectic menu with **Belgian beef stew, cheese pierogies, collard greens and pecan pie**. And, as their web site attests, no **"sleaze balls"** will be in attendance.
2149 S. Halsted St., Pilsen (312) 948-5275

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