



17th 'CASK HEAD' CASK ALE FESTIVAL



The Brazen Head, Brooklyn, 6 - 8 February 2009

Please note the following beers will be available on a rotating basis, about 11 at any one time. Read the cask labels for what is available now.

- Abita 'Pecan Harvest Ale'** (5.0%) *Style: American Amber Ale* *From Covington, Louisiana*
Reddish amber, medium-bodied session beer brewed with Louisiana pecans. Smooth and moderately nutty.
- Bear Republic 'Hop Rod Rye'** (7.5%) *Style: American Rye Beer* *From Healdsburg, California*
A hoppy, assertive, multi-award-winning beer brewed to an I.P.A. recipe but with rye comprising 20% of the grist.
- Blue Point 'Winter Ale'** (5.5%) *Style: American Amber Ale* *From Patchogue, New York*
Hearty, full-bodied, Amber Ale with a nice malt and hop complexity.
- Blue Point 'Hoptical Illusion'** (6.3%) *Style: American I.P.A.* *From Patchogue, New York*
A citrusy and assertive IPA from Long Island, floral and balanced with pine and grapefruit notes.
- Brooklyn 'Brown Ale'** (5.6%) *Style: American Brown Ale* *From Williamsburg, Brooklyn*
Malty, satisfying, all-American brown ale with good balancing hops.
- Brooklyn 'Blunderbuss Old Ale'** (8.2%) *Style: Old Ale/Winter Warmer* *From Williamsburg, Brooklyn*
English Maris Otter malt with a dash of raw demerara sugar from Malawi, plus Challenger and East Kent Golding hops give this new Brooklyn beer appetizing earthy and fruity aromatics. Crisp, with fruit, caramel, and chocolate notes.
- Butternuts 'Moo Thunder'** (5.0%) *Style: Milk/Sweet Stout* *From Garrattsville, New York*
Smooth, dark, and easy on the palate. A very good session beer.
- Cape Ann 'Fisherman's Brew'** (5.5%) *Style: Amber/Red Lager* *From Gloucester, Massachusetts*
A pleasant mid-dark lager with toasted malt notes.
- Cape Ann 'Fisherman's I.P.A.'** (5.5%) *Style: American I.P.A.* *From Gloucester, Massachusetts*
A golden ale with a refreshing hop character and balancing malt.
- Cape Ann 'Fisherman's Navigator'** (7.5%) *Style: Doppelbock* *From Gloucester, Massachusetts*
Deep amber 'holiday doppelbock' with bitter chocolate and strong dark malt flavours.
- Chelsea 'Hop Angel I.P.A.'** (6.0%) *Style: American I.P.A.* *From Chelsea Piers, Manhattan*
Golden, hoppy India Pale Ale brewed locally at New York City's only true brewpub.
- Chelsea 'Rye's Up!'** (6.3%) *Style: American Rye Beer* *From Chelsea Piers, Manhattan*
Well-balanced with just the right touch of rye on the palate. Chelsea will be hosting a major cask festival next month.
- Chelsea 'Frosty's Winter Wheat'** (7.7%) *Style: American Pale Wheat Ale* *From Chelsea Piers, Manhattan*
A well-balanced, quite bold wheat beer for the season where such a style is less commonly found.
- Chelsea 'Black Hole XXX Stout'** (7.9%) *Style: Foreign Extra Stout* *From Chelsea Piers, Manhattan*
Award-winning black, bold stout with roast, bitter chocolate notes and a creamy texture. This beer won a gold medal at the 2002 Great American Beer Festival, and a bronze medal at the 2005's competition.
- Chelsea '1000 Gyle Imperial Mild' (2008)** (10.9%) *Style: Barleywine* *From Chelsea Piers, Manhattan*
Chelsea's 1000th brew, a powerful barleywine with notes of honewdew melon. The name is an oxymoron, intended as a light-hearted poke at all the brewers of "imperial this and imperial that". Brewed almost a year ago and matured in the firkin, this is the last cask to exist (there are kegs being aged, but this is the last firkin).
- Clipper City 'Below Decks'** (10.0%) *Style: Barleywine* *From Baltimore, Maryland*
Magnum, Fuggles, and Goldings hops are used in this hard-to-find, English-style winter seasonal barleywine.
- Green Flash 'Imperial India Pale Ale'** (9.0%) *Style: Double / Imperial I.P.A.* *From Vista, California*
An incredibly floral, grassy, golden orange-hued beer hopped with Nugget and Summit, imparting resinous fresh pine and grapefruit notes. "Like being smacked in the mouth with a pine branch after a rain shower".

- Heartland 'Farmer Jon's Oatmeal Stout'** (6.0%) *Style: Oatmeal Stout* *From Fort Greene, Brooklyn*
This is a hearty, award-winning dark ale with roasted barley to the fore. There's a hint of espresso and a chocolate sweetness.
- Heartland 'Full Moon Barleywine'** (10.0%) *Style: Barleywine* *From Fort Greene, Brooklyn*
A spicy, hoppy, tawny-coloured winter barleywine packed with English malt and American hops, warming with toffee notes.
- Keegan 'Old Capital'** (4.8% est'd.) *Style: American Blonde Ale* *From Kingston, New York*
A golden session ale with a nice floral hop aroma and flavour.
- Keegan 'Hurricane Kitty'** (5.5%) *Style: American I.P.A.* *From Kingston, New York*
Named after the brewmaster's grandmother's driving pace, this is a pleasantly hoppy copper-coloured I.P.A.
- Kelso 'Bourbon Aged Chocolate Lager'** (6.7%) *Style: Schwarzbier, wood aged* *From Fort Greene, Brooklyn*
A rare barrel-aged version of Kelso's full-flavoured schwarzbier, with added smoothness and a touch of woodiness.
- New England 'Imperial Stout Trooper'** (8.5%) *Style: Russian Imperial Stout* *From Woodbridge, Connecticut*
This is a full bodied stout with a majestic blend of seven different malts and Northern Brewer hops.
- Otter Creek 'Russian Imperial Stout'** (10.6%) *Style: Russian Imperial Stout* *From Middlebury, Vermont*
The first in a new series of seasonal 'big' beers, this is dark and strong. Roast malt and chocolate are on the palate.
- Peak Organic 'Pale Ale'** (5.0%) *Style: American Pale Ale* *From Portland, Maine*
A pleasant session beer brewed under contract by Shipyard Brewery using all organic ingredients.
- Sixpoint 'Dubbel Trubbel'** (9.6%) *Style: Belgian Dubbel* *From Red Hook, Brooklyn*
Happy 4th Anniversary Sixpoint! To celebrate this, we have a full-bodied beer brewed with Mast Brothers chocolate nibs.
- Sly Fox 'Boadicea Pale Ale'** (5.4%) *Style: American Pale Ale* *From Royersford, Pennsylvania*
A single-varietal hopped beer, amber and floral, using a type of hop named after a Roman-era English tribal queen.
- Sly Fox 'Gang Aft Agley'** (7.5%) *Style: Scottish Wee Heavy* *From Royersford, Pennsylvania*
Brown and full-bodied, malty, mellow though rich. Translates as "Oft(en) Go(ing) Astray".
- Sly Fox 'Odyssey Imperial I.P.A.'** (8.4%) *Style: Double / Imperial I.P.A.* *From Royersford, Pennsylvania*
No less than twelve hop varieties make this strong ale assertive and bold, though balanced well.
- Smuttynose 'I.P.A.' (dry-hopped)** (6.6%) *Style: American I.P.A.* *From Portsmouth, New Hampshire*
Dry-hopped in the cask with the Centennial variety, this quenching golden ale is packed with hop goodness.
- Stoudt's 'Abbey Tripel'** (9.0%) *Style: Belgian Tripel* *From Adamstown, Pennsylvania*
An orange-hued, spicy, fruity Belgian-style ale, prominent clove and melon notes are complemented by the sweetness and alcoholic warmth of the beer.
- Two Brothers 'Heavy Handed I.P.A.'** (6.2%) *Style: American I.P.A.* *From Warrenville, Illinois*
This seasonal ale is brewed with 'wet' hops for a fresh, grassy taste. Rare to find in winter, make the best of this!
- Two Brothers 'Cane and Ebel'** (7.0%) *Style: American Rye Beer* *From Warrenville, Illinois*
An interesting ale brewed with 35lbs of palm sugar from Thailand, and hopped with Summit and Simcoe.
- Two Brothers 'Northwind Imperial Stout'** (7.5%) *Style: Russian Imperial Stout* *From Warrenville, Illinois*
Velvety, dark beer with a caramel sweetness and notes of chocolate and roasted malt.
- Weyerbacher 'Double Simcoe I.P.A.'** (9.0%) *Style: Double / Imperial I.P.A.* *From Easton, Pennsylvania*
Very boldly hopped, citrusy, piney beer, not for the weak of palate. A showcase for the resinous Simcoe variety.

CIDER Warwick Valley 'Doc's Cassis' (6.0%) *Style: Blackcurrant Cider* *From Warwick, New York*

Tasting notes are from **BEER DEMYSTIFIER: NEW YORK CITY** by Alex Hall

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FUTURE GOTHAM IMBIBER CASK FESTIVALS:

20th-22nd March 2009 - 3rd Manhattan Cask Ale Festival at Chelsea Brewing Co., Pier 59, Manhattan;

1st-3rd May 2009 - 'Cask Head' #18, here at The Brazen Head.

5th-7th June 2009 - 'Glastonwick '09' Cask Ale and Music Festival, near Brighton, England. www.cask-ale.co.uk

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