



The Lighthouse

Cheers to nautically inspired beers

*Courtesy www.boatus magazine
by Stacey Nedrow-Wigmore*

To those of us who are so inclined, is there anything better than kicking back at the dock after a long, hot day on the water and savoring that first swallow of a cold brew? This month, we've collected beers that have nautical inspiration behind them. It was a hardship assignment, let me tell you — all that research and testing. But our editors were willing to make the sacrifice for you, our dear readers. Let's toast to fair winds and following seas. Enjoy!

Amber/Red Ales

- *Imperial Red Ale*

Alaskan Brewing Company, Alaska
Red ale (8.5% alcohol by volume)
Hoppy, floral, fruity, caramel, medium-bodied

- *Amber Alt Style Ale*

Alaskan Brewing Company, Alaska
Altbier (5.3%)
Malty, caramel, toasty, earthy, medium-bodied

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ATTENTION LIVEBOARDS

If you are NOT an authorized liveboard through the Marina office, you will be sent a notice of eviction. The office is in the process of sending out eviction letters this month.

10 tips to help your sails last longer

Courtesy www.quantumsails.com

1) *Keep your sail out of the sun when not in use.*

If you have furling systems, this may be just a matter of furling sails when not in use. For non-furling sails, this means covering or stowing sails. There are cover options for both mainsails and headsails, allowing the sail to stay rigged and protected between uses. When no cover is available, sails should be removed, flaked, bagged and stowed below deck or off the boat.

2) *Sun covers, sewn on protection.*

Most owners use sewn-on sun covers to protect furled sails. Sunbrella and WeatherMax are the fabrics commonly used for sun covers. For racer-cruisers and some racing sails like furling code zeros, there are lighter weight options such as UV-treated Dacron®. While there is a gain in weight savings, these materials are not inherently UV resistant. Over time the UV treatment can wear off, with the lifespan of the treatment affected by boat location and amount of time in the sun. In high exposure areas, treated covers may have a lifespan of only a couple of seasons.

All sun covers should be inspected regularly and repaired if damaged. Generally speaking, covers should be re-stitched every three years or so to prevent more extensive damage to

the fabric that can occur from flogging due to compromised stitching.

To provide maximum protection for your sails, sun covers require care and maintenance. Remember, if you can see the sailcloth below the cover . . . so can the sun!

3) *Keep your sails clean.*

After sun, the second-worst enemy of any sail is salt; but other types of dirt and debris can be just as damaging. Periodic sail washing is key to maintaining your sails. A couple common-sense rules apply to frequency: 1) a sail that has been exposed to saltwater should be washed sooner rather than later, and 2) all other varying degrees of grime should be removed when possible. A genoa or staysail probably needs washing, or at least a rinse, more frequently than a mainsail that is stowed under a cover on the boom or furled when not in use. Not sure if your sails are salty? Run a finger along the foot and have a taste . . . you'll know right away!

4) *Hide them from the elements.*

Sailmakers generally refer to the life of a sail in hours or seasons, rather than years. The lifespan is affected by the amount of time sailing and the level of care given to the sails.

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**Deadline
coming**

Have you signed up yet?

Automatic payments will be mandatory as of October 1. We accept credit/debit cards for all payments as well as auto pay.



Kemah Boardwalk Mustang Car Show

Saturday, September 9 Kemah Boardwalk will be hosting the fourth annual Mustang Car Show and is brought to you by Space City Mustangs, McRee Ford and the Kemah Boardwalk. There is a \$30 to enter fee and all proceeds go to Still Creek Boys & Girls Ranch. Registration is 8-11 a.m., car show 11-3 p.m. with the awards ceremony starting at 3.

Seabrook Saltwater Derby throws out their lines

Join the City of Seabrook for the eighth annual Saltwater Derby Fishing Tournament Friday, September 29. A Calcutta will also be held Thursday, September 28, all supporting the Seabrook Association's Scholarship Fund and Shriners Hospitals for

Children.

Prize money will be awarded during the derby. In addition to the awards, and chances to win door prizes, registrants will enjoy a taco lunch and refreshments. Additional meals are \$7. per person, including kids.

Early registration ends Tuesday, September 12. Entry fee after September 12 is \$100. Registration ends at noon Wednesday, September 27.

Cash prizes for heaviest individual Red Fish; heaviest individual Speckled Trout; heaviest team stringer of Redfish; heaviest team stringer of Trout; optional side pots are individual heaviest Flounder pot and Texas Team Slam Pot.

For additional information or to register, visit www.seabrooksaltwaterderby.com.

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Sails

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In the mid-Atlantic region, the main sailing season can begin in early spring and extend late into the fall. A sailing season in the upper Midwest, for example, is much shorter, thus extending the life of a sail. The lifespan of sails that spend the sailing season furled on your headstay, in your mast or boom, or left on the boat to endure the frigid months

of winter, will be much shorter than the life of sails that are properly protected or stowed.

If you know your sails are going to be sitting idle on the boat in a marina for at least a month or more during a sailing season, you can extend sail life by taking the sails off of your boat and stowing them. If your schedule prevents you from doing this personally, contact your local Quantum loft for sail removal and storage – part of our full array of sail care services.

5) Inspect your sails regularly and have an expert do so, too.

At least once-a-year sails should get a check-up. To do this yourself, find a dry place in good light where you can lay them flat, then work your way over every inch of the sail, looking for trouble spots such as abrasion or loose stitching. Small problems can turn into bigger problems later, so be sure to note even the smallest details. Alternatively, you can drop off your sails at a nearby Quantum loft for our multi-point inspection. Even simpler, with one call we can handle sail removal, transportation and inspection.

6) Tape up that turnbuckle.

If you've ever scraped your finger on a piece of hardware, then you know it's sharp enough to damage your sail. Even seemingly blunt objects (like a spreader) can damage sails on a tack, so take a look around (and up) to see what can or should be covered to protect your sails. If you have an extra piece of spinnaker cloth, wipe it across every surface of your boat and rigging. If it snags, put some tape on it. Rigging tape, self-fusing silicone tape, leather and other protective coverings are relatively inexpensive ways to protect your

sails.

7) Red the writing on the leech.

Even a well-protected spreader-tip or navigation light can wear a sail tack-after-tack. For these areas, a spreader-patch (or navigation light-patch, etc.) might be the answer. Quantum service experts use a variety of materials for these abrasion-resistant patches, ranging from pressure-sensitive-adhesive-backed Kevlar for a racing genoa to Sunbrella® cloth for cruising sails.

8) Fix it now instead of replacing it later.

A lot of catastrophic sail failures can be traced back to a small repair that was never made. When you notice a small hole or a chafed spot that's getting increasingly worse, save yourself serious head- and wallet-ache by addressing the problem while it is still small.

9) Bag it.

Pretty simple here. There's a good reason new sails come with a sturdy bag and it's not just another place for a logo. That bag is a much cheaper sacrificial covering than the sail inside of it. Take a look at an old sailbag that's scuffed and torn-up, now imagine if that were your sail. Not good. It can be a pain to keep track of bags, but used regularly, they can really earn their keep.

10) If you don't know, ask.

Curious about some sail-care method you've heard somebody touting on the dock or trying to figure out if your sail could use a new piece of webbing on the tack? Feel free to call the service team at your local Quantum loft. We're happy to field your questions and provide helpful pointers. Consider us a member of your team.

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Beers

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Pale Ales

- *Third Coast Beer*

Bell's Brewery, Michigan

Pale ale (4.8%)

Smooth, crisp, hoppy, bitter, malty, light-to-medium bodied

- *Whale's Tale*

Cisco Brewers, Massachusetts

Pale ale (5.6%)

Balanced, caramel, earthy, medium-bodied

- *Dead Rise Old Bay Summer Ale*

Flying Dog, Maryland

Herbed/spiced beer (Old Bay seasoning added; 5.6%)

Hoppy, citrusy, spicy, medium-bodied

Available May through September in Mid-Atlantic

Fun fact: Proceeds benefit True Blue, a program that advocates on behalf of the Chesapeake Bay's approximately 5,500 watermen

Blonde Ales

- *Sea Salt Ale*

Fire Island Beer Co., New York

American blonde ale (5.2%)

Crisp, balanced, slight salty flavor, toasty, light-bodied

Fun fact: Made with Atlantic sea salt

- *Lightkeeper*

Great Lakes Brewing Company,

Ohio

Blonde ale (6.6%)

Crisp, bready, malty, caramel, floral, citrusy, medium-bodied

Fun fact: Inspired by Marblehead Lighthouse, the oldest operating lighthouse on the Great Lakes. It once employed the first female lightkeeper on the Great Lakes. The label artwork hides the lighthouse's historic Fresnel lens and glacial grooves marking the surrounding terrain.

- *Export*

Shipyard Brewing Company, Maine

American blonde ale (5.1%)

Balanced, bready, herbal, citrusy, medium-bodied

India Pale Ales

- *Kicker*

Alaskan Brewing Company, Alaska

Session IPA (4.5%)

Hoppy, citrusy, tangerine, piney, medium-bodied



- *Two Hearted Ale*

Bell's Brewery, Michigan

American IPA (7.1%)

Hoppy, citrusy, piney, spicy, medium-bodied

- *90 Minute IPA*

Dogfish Head, Delaware

American double IPA (9%)

Complex, hoppy, malty, dark fruit, medium-bodied

- *Commodore Perry India Pale Ale*

Great Lakes Brewing, Ohio

English-style IPA (7.7%)

Balanced, floral, earthy, caramel, medium-bodied

Fun fact: The artwork contains the words "Don't give up the sip," a cheeky take on Perry's legendary battle flag.

- *Loose Cannon*

Heavy Seas, Maryland

American IPA (7.25%)

Hoppy, citrusy, piney, spicy, medium-bodied

- *Shipwreck IPA*

Lighthouse Brewing Company,

British Columbia

West Coast style IPA (6.5%)

Balanced, floral, citrusy, piney, light-to-medium-bodied

- *Gale Force IPA*

Scuttlebutt Brewing Company,

Washington

American IPA (5.6%)

Balanced, hoppy, citrusy, malty, medium-bodied

- *Screamin' Reels IPA*

Saltwater Brewery, Florida

IPA (7%)

Hoppy, citrusy, piney, spicy, medium-bodied

Fun Fact: Saltwater brewery packages its cans with an ocean-friendly biodegradable, compostable six-pack ring made from leftover barley and wheat from the brewing process. Sea animals can safely eat it!

- *Reeds Bay IPA*

Tuckahoe Brewing Company, New Jersey

IPA (6.6%)

Balanced, fruity, citrusy, medium-bodied

Porters

- *Black Marlin Porter*

Ballast Point Brewing Company, California

American porter (6%)

Malty, complex, roasty, chocolaty, medium-bodied

- *Victory at Sea*

Ballast Point Brewing Company, California

Imperial porter (10%)

Smooth, vanilla, coffee, roasty, caramel, full-bodied

- *Edmund Fitzgerald Porter*

Great Lakes Brewing Company, Ohio

Porter (6%)

Malty, complex, roasty, chocolaty, medium-bodied

Fun fact: Hidden in the label artwork, you'll find the fated freighter's name handwritten by the ship's first mate and the number 29 to represent the crew who lost their lives.

Stouts

- *Seaport Vanilla Stout*

Lighthouse Brewing Company, British Columbia

Sweet stout (5.5%)

Balanced, vanilla, malty, roasty, chocolaty, coffee, medium-bodied

- *Blue Fin Stout*

Shipyard Brewing Company, Maine

Classic Irish stout (4.7%)

Malty, dry roast, burnt, coffee, medium-bodied

- *Narwhal Imperial Stout*

Sierra Nevada Brewing Co., California

American imperial stout (10.2%)

Smooth, roasty, chocolaty, coffee, sweet, medium-to-full bodied

Wheat Beers

- *Oarsman Ale*

Bell's Brewery, Michigan

Wheat ale (Berliner Weissbier, pronounced "vice-beer"; 4%)

Crisp, tart, fruity, light-bodied

- *Spinnaker*

Rising Tide, Maine

Hefewizen (4.5%)

Balanced, spicy, citrusy, fruity, light-to-medium bodied (Available April through September)



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