

Got Beer? Don't Lose Your Head: Hit up these events sure to keep your pint glass full

Here's a roundup of news for the last-two-official-weeks-o'-summer and the roundup of big beer doings a-happening when the temp starts dropping:



Buttonwoods Brewery will present its first annual Oktoberfest on September 22 (the big doings in Munich runs from the 21st through October 6). Brewmaster Morgan Snyder made a traditional-style märzen called (wait for it...) Oktoberfest! They'll also be cooking a whole pig; tix will be available at buttonwoodsbrewery.com. And Morgan hosted Brian and Mike, aka, the Beervana Fest brain trust, to whip up a special brew for that big beer bash (see below). Morgan says, "Details are still under lock and key simply because it's an extremely experimental brew that we've never attempted before! It's going to be weird and awesome if we pull it off!"

Foolproof Brewing has a slew of new releases lined up. They'll unveil Ocean State IPA, a "hazy session" brew (4.6% ABV) in draft, six-packs and 15-packs; they're aiming for a late-September release. There's a new collaboration - Badfish Pale Ale (brewed with blood orange) - made with input from the Sublime tribute band; the release party is at the Ocean Mist in Matunuck on September 20. Pickleodeon will soon be available in stores, and Peanut Butter Raincloud just made its triumphant return. *And* Foolproof has brewed a special beer - "a fruity, light, refreshing and very aromatic pale ale" - for the Autumnfest in Woonsocket on Columbus Day weekend.

Nichole and Jason at **Crooked Current** are ready for sweater weather. They'll be tapping Pumpkin Maple Ale - cited by Boston.com as one of the 10 best seasonal beers - any day now. It will join fan favorites such as the Neapolitan Brown Ale, Horchata Cream Ale, Oatmeal Raisin Stout and many others, throughout autumn. And follow the CC social media for news re: a special release to mark their five-year anniversary in September! The time, it flies!

The inaugural **Pawtucket Craft Crawl** will wend its way through that beer-soaked burg from September 22 to 28. If you get your passport card stamped at all six destinations - the Guild, Foolproof, Crooked Current, Smug Brewery, Rhode Island Spirits and White Dog Distilling - you'll score a commemorative glass. Go to restaurantweekpcf.com/craft-crawl-2019 for specifics on drink specials and other ephemera.

Apponaug Brewing Company will celebrate its first anniversary (the time, it flies!) on October 6 at their lovely Warwick home. ABC will be pouring special barrel-aged offerings plus favorite offerings from the past year. There will be lots of swag giveaways, and guests can enjoy treats from the full menu. And on September 15 from 2 to 4pm, they'll debut a lemongrass saison made with oysters from 401 Oyster Company, which will be serving buck-a-shuck breachway oysters at the bash (apponaugbrewing.com).

Shaidzon Beer Company will stage another LAGERFEST! every weekend in October at their West Kingston HQ, with a savory series of brews - Buffalo Czech-Pilsner; Oktoberfest, a märzen lager; Schwarzbier; Bock, a mystery lager; and Abandoned Hope, a fresh-hopped American lager (with hops from their neighbors at Hope Hops Yard) - and live music and food vendors (shaidzonbeer.com).

Newport Vineyards/**Taproot Brewing Company** is hosting a big weekend in the midst of spooky season, featuring its 4th Annual Halloween CarnEvil Celebration on October 25 from 7 to 11pm (a costume party with music and dancing and etc.) and the 4th Annual Harvest Festival on the 26th and 27th from Noon to 5pm (with grape-stomping and pie-eating contests, plus beer and wine tastings, natch). Hit newportvineyards.com/events for all the details.

And to stretch the seasonal theme a bit, we were stoked to hear that **Chomp Kitchen and Drinks**, the superb burger-and-beer-centric mecca in Warren, will be opening a second location at 117 Ives St in Providence's Fox Point 'hood. Owner Sam Glynn tells us that he's "targeting the end of the year, or early 2020 opening. We'll have 12 to 15 rotating beers on draft plus an assortment of cans and bottles, and will continue to source the best beer in Rhode Island, including more collaborations, like the Chompy Waters White IPA we did with Ragged Island. The food menu will be the same as Warren, with some location-specific items that will allow the chefs some creative freedom." Get updates at chompri.com.

Yikes - we're busting the word-count-barrier here, so let's speed through the compendium of **Annual Big Fall Beer Bashes** (check future Got Beer? entries for expanded coverage):

The **PawSox Food Truck and Craft Beer Festival** welcomes 30 breweries and 26 mobile eateries to McCoy Stadium on Saturday, September 14, from 6:30 to 10pm; get tix and more info at milb.com/pawtucket/events/food-truck-craft-beer

The **7th Annual Stadium Beer Fest**, a fundraiser for the majestic theater on Monument Square in Woonsocket, will take place on Thursday, September 26 from 6 to 8:30pm. The bash features unlimited sampling from breweries (including Foolproof, Lops, Ravenous, Revival and Whalers) and vineyards and culinary treats; check the list-in-progress and get tix at stadiumtheatre.com

Oktoberfest 2019 is at the German American Cultural Society (78 Carter Ave, Pawtucket) on September 28 (Noon to 11pm) and September 29 (Noon to 5pm). Skip the trip to Munich and get oompahed with beer and brats and wursts and music and folk dancing (gacsri.org).

The 11th annual **Beervana Fest** will be its first-ever two-session affair, doubling your pleasure on Saturday (also a first), October 26 from 1 to 4:30pm and 6 to 9:30pm at Rhodes-On-the-Pawtuxet. You know how they roll: There will be unlimited sampling of more than 250 beers from stellar local and national and international wizards. Tix are available at beervanafest.com

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