



SAAZ BREWZletter

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Words from the Prez

Hi SAAZers,

I write this to you after we have all spent several days of wondering what hurricane Dorian was going to do and what path it would follow. Thankfully, our area and state had just a brush with this catastrophic storm. Hope all of you got through this with no issues. The Bahamas have not been so lucky, so I encourage us all to check on what we can do to help and especially to watch for suggestions from the Bahamian authorities as to what is needed. The degree of devastation and destruction is not even understood at this point, other than it is ginormous.

It looks like the Hilton on Cocoa Beach is in good shape and will be able to host our competition weekend. This being said, we have a lot to get done. Great job by Sean McCoy, Cbo and the others who were able to help accomplish the unpack/pre-sort and then the major sorting. This weekend we start the judging, and we need every judge and steward available to show up at Iron Oak and help us complete this task over the next few weeks. We have 700+ entries to judge and we need all SAAZ members and friends of the club to come out and offer up some time and energy.

Not much more to say. We need to get to and through the Splashdown, having a lot of fun along the way of course, and then we can enjoy good ol' SAAZtoberfest. Hoping to see you over the next couple of weeks at Iron Oak.

Cheers,

Bob Bridges

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A Must-Have... the Limited Edition 25th Annual Commander SAAZ Interplanetary Blastoff T-Shirt

Pre-order your shirts at **\$20 each** and they'll be waiting for you at the welcome table on Commander SAAZ weekend. **PRE-ORDER DEADLINE IS NOON ON FRIDAY, SEPT 6TH**. Sizes available for pre-sale: **Men's S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL** and **Ladies' S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL**. A limited number of additional shirts will be on sale onsite at the Hilton for **\$25 each** (sizes up to 2XL only, first-come/first-served).



Upcoming SAAZ Events



- **Sept 7 & 8, 14 & 15** – Early Round Judging @ The Iron Oak Post Tavern
- **September 20 & 21** – 25th Annual Commander SAAZ Interplanetary Blastoff (Judging, Commander's Call, Splashdown Awards Dinner, and other cool stuff)
- **October 12** – SAAZtoberfest (*Is your German style beer underway???*)
- **October 19** – Rocky Water Brew Fest (*Charity Event*)
- **November 16** – Woof, Wag and Wiggle (*Charity Event*)
- **November 17** – SAAZ General Meeting

OTHER BREW / BEER EVENTS: Also check the event page off the **SAAZ Members** Facebook page titled [Brew Events Around Us](#) for some beer-centric events in our area and across central Florida.

GOOGLE CALENDAR: Do you or your family already have your own Google calendar? If you'd like to add the SAAZ Google calendar to your calendar view, email your request to editor@saaz.org from your Gmail account. We'll send you an invitation to enable viewing of the SAAZ calendar along with yours.

TEXT ALERT SYSTEM: Sign up for text messages in case of last minute SAAZ event cancellations or emergency change of venue by texting **SAAZ** to **24587**.

The 25th Annual Commander SAAZ Interplanetary Blastoff

Your Commander SAAZ TO-DO List:



1. **Lock in your lodging.** If you missed booking in the Commander SAAZ room block, you may still be able to get a good rate at the Hilton if there are rooms available using AAA, Senior or Hilton Honors rates. However, if you can't get a room at the Hilton, there are numerous nice hotels nearby that would be a very short Lyft/Uber ride away.
2. **Purchase Commander's Call & Splashdown tickets** (deadline Sep 13) [LINK](#)
3. **Sign up to judge or steward** [LINK](#)
4. **Email commander@saaz.org and let us know how / when you can help.** See the "CSAAZ HELP NEEDED" list below (include your cell phone #).
5. **Get us your "vintage" Commander SAAZ photos.** Do you have any that pre-date those we have on [SmugMug](#)? We would love to get them scanned for our Splashdown slideshow. Contact Laurie at info@SAAZ.org.

We really need your participation to make this 25th Annual Commander SAAZ event a success. All of you, from our founding members to our newest members have something to contribute, whether or not you still brew, whether or not you've been active in SAAZ recently, and whether or not you've ever been to a Commander SAAZ event previously. This will be a ridiculously fun and memorable weekend, so plan now to be part of it. You should be able to find just about all the info you need on our [website](#).

Friday night's Commander's Call Beer Fest tickets are a steal at only \$15 each. This year we'll be in the lovely oceanfront Horizons Room at the Hilton. We're starting Commander's Call a little later this year to give our out of town guests time to drive in and get dinner before the party starts and for our hard-working judges to catch their breath and get dinner before the party. The Splashdown Dinner on Saturday evening will feature a delicious buffet with dessert and lots of great beer, including the amazing "Rocket Fuel" style 25th Anniversary commemorative beer brewed up by SAAZ members Chris Jojola, Chris Baum and Sean McCoy. Splashdown tickets are \$45 per person and include the buffet and all your beer, which is probably lower than your last bar tab.

In addition to the more scheduled and structured activities, rumor has it that folks will also be gathering "off hours" in the not-so-secret SAAZ hospitality suite for some socializing (ask an officer for the room number that weekend).

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"Commander's Call" Beer Fest – Friday, Sept 20

Party with SAAZ, featuring light hors d'oeuvres and snacks, and plenty of great beer! The party will be held in the ocean view "Horizons" room, with access to the outdoor deck if you want to wander out and catch a sea breeze. We're starting Commander's Call a little later this year to give everyone, especially our guests coming in from out of town and our judges who've been hard at work all day, time to get dinner and relax a bit before the party starts. Dress is casual... attitude is fun!



Commander's Call will feature the following:

- **Tapping of the 25th Annual Commander SAAZ Commemorative Beer** – This rocket fuel guarantees to get you boosted to the next level.
- **Club/Guild Keg Competition (People's Choice Judging)** – Check out the entries from participating homebrew clubs/guilds and vote on the one you think is out of this world. Remember, this is one entry per club, so we'll have everyone's best on tap, and each entry will have a "space twist" to it. Should be both delicious AND fun!
- **Space Coast Local Breweries Commercial Beer Smack Down (People's Choice Judging)**
Your chance to taste the best of the Spacecoast's commercial beers and vote for your favorite.

Splashdown Awards Dinner – Saturday, Sept 21

As in years past, this promises to be a night to remember... dinner, awards, bottle share and, of course, RAFFLE TIME!!!

- There will be free-flowing brews from the leftover kegs from Commander's Call, both homebrew and commercial, and a fresh keg of the fabulous Commander SAAZ Commemorative Beer.
- The **DINNER BUFFET** will feature Grilled Teres Major Steak served with Au Jus, Onions and sautéed Mushrooms, Herb Roasted Chicken Breast with Herbed Chicken Jus, Orange BBQ Salmon Filet, delicious side dishes and dessert.
- Bring your rarest bottles for sharing among friends and fellow beer lovers.
- We'll have a backdrop and props available for you to take space-themed photos of you and your friends, and an interactive Twitter Wall that will display your **#CSAAZ2019** tweets.

- During dinner, we'll enjoy a slideshow of photos from Commander SAAZ events over the years. Remember way back when we all had to walk uphill both ways in the snow to attend? Neither do we, but we think you'll enjoy this blast from the past.
- Medals and other awards will be presented, including the special "Rocket Fuel" award, the winner of the Commander's Club/Guild Keg People's Choice competition, the winner of the Spacecoast Local Brew Competition for Commercial Breweries, and the awarding of the first ever Commander's Cup for the club/guild who displayed the most support/participation in this year's Commander SAAZ Interplanetary Homebrew Blastoff.

DOORS OPEN at 7:00pm



CSAAZ HELP NEEDED FROM ALL CLUB MEMBERS (Yup, you too!)



Email Commander@SAAZ.org to volunteer for these tasks. Provide your name and cell number and a list of the tasks you'd like to help cover.

Computer Data Entry – One person needed at each judging session, both the early sessions at Iron Oak and the Friday and Saturday sessions on CSAAZ weekend at the Hilton. Sign up for a single session, an entire day (morning session and afternoon session) or even multiple days. This is a sit-down job, great for those who feel comfortable with a computer and who

can't be on their feet for long periods of time. Not a hard job, but requires attention and accuracy. See [this page](#) for a list of the judging sessions.

Judge Sheet Scanning – One person needed at each judging session, both the early sessions at Iron Oak and the Friday and Saturday sessions on CSAAZ weekend at the Hilton. Sign up for a single session, an entire day (morning session and afternoon session) or even multiple days. This is a sit-down job, great for those who can't be on their feet for long periods of time. See [this page](#) for a list of the judging sessions.

Judging/Stewarding – We have a sign-up page specifically for this. Go down to the form at the bottom of [this page](#) to sign up for judging or stewarding. No experience necessary for stewarding. We can train you to be a steward extraordinaire in less than half an hour, and you'll learn a LOT about beer styles and judging by serving as a steward. Multiple judges and stewards are needed at each judging session, both the early sessions at Iron Oak Tavern in Melbourne and at the Friday and Saturday sessions on CSAAZ weekend at the Hilton. Sign up for a single session, an entire day (morning session and afternoon session) or multiple days.

Check-In Table – Two people needed for each shift for CSAAZ weekend at the Hilton. Check in judges/stewards. Check in attendees and get them their name badge & lanyard and a schedule/info sheet. Ensure their badge has the correct info, including which events they've paid to attend. Answer attendee questions, smile and make everyone feel welcome. Friday shifts are 8am-11am, 11am-1:30pm, and 6:30pm-9pm. Saturday shifts are 8am-11am, 11am-1:30pm, and 6-7:30pm.

Raffle Item Setup – This will take place on Saturday afternoon on CSAAZ weekend at the Hilton, time to be determined by several factors, including when the room will be available. Marie Anne Barcomb will coordinate with you.

Raffle Ticket Sales – Assist during beginning of Splashdown event on Saturday evening, prior to raffle start and possibly earlier in the day. Marie Anne Barcomb will coordinate with you.

Loading/Transporting Competition Entries – On Thursday evening, Sep 19th, all the competition entries must be transported from Iron Oak Post Tavern in Melbourne to the Hilton in Cocoa Beach. We would like to start loading at Iron Oak around 4pm and will take as much help as we can get. We will need five good sized vehicles to help transport (remember, there are three bottles for each entry and we already have over 500 entries, with two weeks to go). Let us know if you AND your vehicle can help or if you're providing labor only. For labor only, let us know if you'll be at the Melbourne end or the Cocoa Beach end.

Post Event Cleanup – We need a half dozen or so people Sunday morning after the CSAAZ event to help clear everything out of the Hilton to ensure we get all our deposit money back. Rumor has it there may be a bloody Mary afterwards with your name on it.

Miscellaneous - There will be other tasks that will come up leading into and throughout CSAAZ weekend and we'd like to have a list of do-gooders we can call if we suddenly realize we need more help in a particular area. If you can occasionally run an errand, do some internet research, make some signs, or whatever comes up, please get on our "misc help and emergency call list."

AHA Membership

Are you a member of the American Homebrewers Association? If not, take a look at the benefits below and think about joining the over 46,000 members of this homebrewer support and advocacy group. Click on the AHA logo to the right or use the custom link at the bottom of the SAAZ.org home page to join or renew.



As a registered AHA club, SAAZ will receive a small financial incentive if you join or renew through the club's custom link. Note that even if you initially joined through the club's link, you must return to the club's link for your renewal for the club to benefit from your renewal (renewing through the reminder email will not link your renewal to SAAZ).

AHA Member Benefits

- **Brew Guru® App** - Provides access to your digital membership card, your member deal locator, recipes and news
- **Save with AHA Member Deals** - Access 2,000+ exclusive deals and discounts at breweries, restaurants, and homebrew shops. Simply flash your digital membership card in the Brew Guru app! Includes discounts and offers from Brewers Publications™ on books and merchandise.

- **Unlock Members-only Content** - Watch National Homebrew Con™ seminar recordings and download National Homebrew Competition award-winning recipes (hundreds of gold, silver and bronze medal-winning homebrew recipes from the National Homebrew Competition and a library of clone recipes)
 - **Read Zymurgy® Magazine** - Unlock the *Zymurgy* digital archive and access new issues (6 issues/year)
 - **Chat on the AHA Forum** - Join the conversation with thousands of homebrewers and beer enthusiasts on the AHA Forum
 - **Brew Guru App** - Provides access to your digital membership card, your member deal locator, recipes and news
 - **Gain access to member-only events, competitions and ticket presales** for events like Homebrew Con™, Great American Beer Festival and SAVOR™
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Upcoming Competitions

Yes, there really ARE competitions besides Commander SAAZ. Visit the websites for full details, and GET BREWING!!!

Like Commander SAAZ, the Florida Circuit competitions are multi-day events with fun activities (that include beer, of course), culminating in an awards dinner/ceremony. They're a blast to attend with other club members, so think about heading over for a day or for the entire event. Follow the links for additional competition information as well as hotel and ticket information.

- [25th Annual Commander SAAZ Interplanetary Homebrew Blastoff](#) (Entry Closed)
 - A FLORIDA CIRCUIT COMPETITION
 - [Oktoberfest in October](#) – Clearwater (Entry deadline: September 13)
 - Competition date: October 6
 - Limited categories
 - [Best Florida Beer](#) – Tampa (Entry deadline: September 25)
 - Competition date: October 19
 - A FLORIDA CIRCUIT COMPETITION
 - [Walk On The Wildside](#) – Tampa (Entry deadline: October 26)
 - Competition Date: November 9
 - Limited categories
 - [Dunedin Brewer's Guild Walk the Line with Barleywine](#) – Dunedin (Entry deadline: November 22)
 - Delivery window ends: November 22
 - Competition date: November 30
 - Limited categories – See website
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Recent Events and Activities

Commander SAAZ Pre-Sort Party





SAAZ August Meeting

SAAZ Member Ryan Robinson, accepts his GOLD, SIVER and BRONZE medals (Wow!) from the C.A.S.K. First Coast Cup competition.



REMINDER: Judging Sessions on September 7, 8, 14, 15

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

If you're a qualified judge, please sign up for as many judging sessions as you can. If you're not a qualified judge, you are definitely still needed! The stewards (judging assistants) help keep the judging sessions running smoothly and efficiently and put you right in the thick of all the judging action. No experience necessary... we can get you trained and running a judging table like a pro very quickly.

Sign up on [Reggie](#) if you have an account or use the [form](#) on the volunteer page on our website.



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