



# SAAZ BREWZletter

June 2026

## Better late ...

This newsletter should have sent out a week ago but life sometimes gets in the way. While you were waiting, we held the Bottom's Up Beer Run to support St. Baldricks and Commander SAAZ 2026 entries opened and promptly filled up.

This month's event is the kayak expedition led by Claire Caruna. Details are below. Weather will be plenty sunny and hot so wear your sunscreen if you plan on going. No meeting will be held this month because of BUBR but next month is the summer party hosted by the Worme's.

We're just over a month away from the start of Commander SAAZ 2026 judging. Please support your club! We'll need folks to sort and label entries, steward at the judging events and judge. This is the main fundraiser for the club and we have increased by 100 more entries this year than last year. Specific information will be shared shortly.

## Competition Results

Hot N Humid 2026 awards ceremony will be held on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Stay Tuned

## Recent Events

**May Meeting**, Held at Van Beers Bottle and Tap

The club held its monthly meeting in the at Van Beers Bottle and Tap in downtown Melbourne. There was a great turn out it was a nice day to sit on the porch at this new meeting location. Education coordinator Ed Worme did a great presentation on mashing and a lot of good information was shared. The presentation package I currently available on Facebook in the members only group.

Thank you so much to Van Beers for being wonderful hosts.

Pictures from the May Meeting (Courtesy of Ryan Robinson)



Enjoying an afternoon on the patio at Van Beers



Story time

**Bottoms Up Beer Run**, Held at Wickham Park on 6/6

On June 6, 2026, we hosted the 14th Annual Bottoms Up Beer Run at Wickham Park. Thank you to all the volunteers who turned out to support the event. We could not have done it without you! By my account, we had 38 SAAZ members/friends and 9 Boil Over Brewers there to help.

We had 490 registered runners. 429 finishers. Times ranged from 14:47 to 1:03:00. We had 11 competing teams and some great costumes.

We would like to thank our presenting sponsor Dirty Oar Beer Company! They have sponsored the run for five years now and continue to give so generously. We had many other amazing sponsors who have been with us over the years and continued to donate as well as some new ones this year. Village Idiot Pub, Playalinda Brewing, Intracoastal Brewing, Hell 'n Blazes, Running Zone, Hidden Level, Van Beers, Carib, Rudimentary Supply, Beachfly, Broken Barrel, Carroll Distributing, Save a Lot and HGI Architecture. Our sponsors are amazing!

We are still working on the final donation amount as the last few bills are paid but things are looking good to match or surpass our previous donation.

If you have any feedback about the run, please share it with me (Anne Gregg) ([BUBR@saaz.org](mailto:BUBR@saaz.org)). We are having a debriefing meeting over some beers at Dirty Oar tomorrow (Thursday 6/18) at 7pm. Please come join us and share your feedback.

I can't wait for next year!

Anne Gregg

## Next Membership Meeting

**Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**

### **Not so much a meeting but a SUMMER PARTY!**

Held at the home of Ed and Bonnie Wormes. Address will be made available in the SAAZ Members group on Facebook or contact Ed Worme – [education@saaz.org](mailto:education@saaz.org).

### **Ed and Bonnie are planning a Island theme!**

- **Bring your favorite taste of the islands sides and desserts.** Best of each will win a \$25 gift card. Watch Facebook and/or future email blast for more information.
- **BRING YOUR HOMEBREW** and solicit feedback from other brewers to help you improve. In respect to our host brewery please do not bring commercial beers for share.

## Board Meeting Highlights

- 2026 Commander SAAZ planning continues. Bugnatty will be collecting entries.

## Are Your SAAZ Dues Paid for 2026?

PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2026! Dues allow us to continue to organize fun events and support the local craft brew and home brew community. Along with this, paid members also receive discounts on entry to home brew competitions and other events! Pay your dues here: [www.saaaz.org/cms/join-saaaz/pay-dues/](http://www.saaaz.org/cms/join-saaaz/pay-dues/) or contact club treasurer Don Russ. Contact information can be found at the bottom of this Brewzletter.

## Upcoming Meetings

**July 18** SUMMER PARTY! at Ed and Bonnie Worme's house

**August 15-** Commander SAAZ

**September 20** - Carib (TBR) Melissa is POC

**October 17** - SAAZtoberfest Brad and Anita's home

**November 14** - The MEADing Nowlin's home

**December 11** Party Holiday open house AJ is POC

## Upcoming SAAZ Events

### **06/20/26, 9:00 – 2:00 – SAAZ goes Kayaking at [Thousand Islands](#)**

599 Ramp Road Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

Plan is to meet at 9 am at [Thousand Island in Cocoa Beach](#). Bring your kayak, drinks, towels, sunscreen etc. RSVP to Claire Caruana at [ccaruana81@gmail.com](mailto:ccaruana81@gmail.com) so we know how many to expect.

**07/10/26, Happy Hour and Dinner at Bunky's Raw Bar & Grill** (the new one in Melbourne, formerly Charlie & Jakes BBQ). Organizers are Jon and Melissa. More information at May meeting.

## Upcoming Competitions

- **Hot N Humid 2026 – 6/27/26**
  - Entry Window 5/2/26 5/23/26 (full)
  - Delivery Window 5/10/26 5/23/26 (Bring entries to May meeting)
- **First Coast Cup 2026 – 7/25/26**
  - Entry Window 6/1/26 6/26/26 (full)
  - Delivery Window 6/1/26 6/26/26
- **Commander SAAZ 2026 – 8/15/26**
  - Entry Window 6/7/26 7/18/26 (full)
  - Delivery Window 6/7/26 7/18/26
- **Sunshine Challenge 2026 – 11/1/26**
  - Entry Window 9/13/26 10/2/26
  - Delivery Window 9/20/26 10/2/26
- **Treasure Coast Brewfest HB Comp 2026 – 11/7/26**
  - Entry Window 8/17/26 10/8/26
  - Delivery Window 8/17/26 10/8/26

Keep an eye on Reggie as this year's competitions will be posted as they become available, [reggiebeer.com/ReggieLogin.php](http://reggiebeer.com/ReggieLogin.php)

## Upcoming Brew Fests

- **Space Coast Brew Fest (Titusville)**  
Date is 10/24 and will be held at Valiant Air Command Warbird Museum  
Tickets are on sale
- **Rocky Water Brew Fest (Eau Gallie)**  
November
- **Craft Brew Hullabaloo (Sebastian)**  
December

## Feedback/Contact Us



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