



Your Commander is calling

Commander SAAZ 2026 is quickly approaching and the Commander will need plenty of help to make this year's event a success. Currently there are four days (eight sessions) of judging scheduled in [Reggie](#) and bottle sorting/labeling is happening this Sunday so there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer. This year's entries have increased to 400 (from 300 last year) so make sure you block out time on your calendar now to support your club.

Don't forget that the Summer Party is this weekend. We want to thank the Worme's for once again hosting the festivities.

Read on for details on all the upcoming events.

Competition Results

Congratulations to our Hot N Humid 2026 medal winners!

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| • Chris Jojola | 1st | 21A: American IPA | Zythos and the 3 C's |
| • Greg Bessette | 3rd | 25B: Saison | Saison du chateau deux |
| • Greg Bessette | 2nd | 26B: Belgian Dubbel | Dubbel Deux |
| • Chris Jojola | 3rd | 26D: Belgian Dark Strong Ale | Four Times the Fun |
| • Anita Rodgers | 3rd | 33A: Wood-Aged Beer | My Love Has Wood |
| CoBrewer: Bradley Mitchell | | | |
| • Ryan Robinson | 2nd | M2D: Stone Fruit Mead | 66 Cherry blend |
| • Ryan Robinson | 3rd | C3A: Fruit Cider | BUBR POG |
| • Claire Caruana | 2nd | 13C: English Porter | |

First Coast Cup 2026 results will be announced July 25th.

Recent Events

June 20th, SAAZ goes Kayaking at Thousand Islands

A small but intrepid group of kayakers took to the waters around the Thousand Islands. I'm told good fun was had by all.



July 10th, Happy Hour and Dinner at Bunky's Raw Bar & Grill (the new one in Melbourne, formerly Charlie & Jakes BBQ)

Good beer, good food. Nuff said

SAAZ SUMMER PARTY!

THIS SATURDAY!!!, July 18th 2:00PM

Held at the home of Ed and Bonnie Wormes. Address has been made available in the SAAZ Members group on Facebook or contact Ed Worme – education@saaz.org.

Ed and Bonnie are planning an Island theme!

- **Bring your favorite “Taste of the Islands” sides and desserts.** Best side and best dessert will each win a \$25 gift card to Broken Barrel.
- **Ed’s preparing the proteins** but we won’t turn you away if you decide to contribute something else.
- **Ed tells us he has seven beers on tap** so no need to bring kegs. I suspect there will also be a bottle of wine or two or three...
- **Bring your homebrew or other favorite beverage** to share. Coolers are recommended.
- **It will be hot but the pool is refreshing and a popular place to hang out.** Make sure to wear/bring your swimwear.

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Entry Drop-offs, July 17th and 18th

- July 17th - Melissa will be at Bugnuttly to take entries from 4:00PM to 8:00PM for those that have waited until the last minute.
- July 18th – Members can drop-off their entries at the summer party.

Sorting Party, July 19th 12:00 till finished

- Held at the home of Jon Nowlin and Melissa Mierzwa. Address has been made available in the SAAZ Members group on Facebook or contact [Melissa](#).
- Lunch provided

Judging/Stewarding

- There are two judging weekends scheduled
- There are two judging sessions each day, 11AM – 2PM and 2PM – 6PM
- Sign up for judging or stewarding in [Reggie](#)
- Contact Melissa for additional information

First Judging Weekend, August 1st and 2nd

- BeachFly Brewing Company (513 Barton Blvd, Rockledge, FL 32955, USA)

Second Judging Weekend, August 9th and 10th

- HellnBlazes Brewing (1002 E New Haven Ave, Melbourne, FL 32901, USA)

BOS Judging, August 15th

- Front Street Civic Center (2205 Front St, Melbourne, FL 32901)

Host Hotel

- Hotel Melby Downtown Melbourne, Tapestry Collection by Hilton (801 E Strawbridge Ave, Melbourne, FL 32901)

Board Meeting Highlights

- BUBR outbrief
- CSAAZ final planning in work

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/ 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 BOS and awards banquet

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

08/14/26, CSAAZ 2026 Pub Crawl in Downtown Melbourne

Arrangements by Anita, Details soon

Upcoming Competitions

- **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

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 14th
- **Craft Brew Hullabaloo (Sebastian)**
December

Feedback/Contact Us



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