



# SAAZ BREWZletter

## August 2026

### We're halfway there

Commander SAAZ 2026 judging kicked off last weekend at Beachfly brewing. We want to thank them for allowing us to use their taproom for our judging event and, as usual, their hospitality. We had a great turnout on Saturday and made good progress judging almost 90 entries. The turnout was a little lighter on Sunday as expected but we still managed to judge over 50 entries. Several folks took home entries for virtual judging as well which should help out even more. If you are judging some of those virtual entries, please get them done as soon as possible.

This weekend (8/8 and 8/9) is the second full weekend of judging which will take place at Hell 'n Blazes. We're hoping for another good turnout.

Finally, judging wraps up on 8/15. BOS will be crowned and awards will be given. Dinner will be catered and [tickets are now available for purchase](#).

Read on for details on all the upcoming events.

### Competition Results

Congratulations to our First Coast Cup 2026 medal winners!

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|----------------------|-----|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| • Chris Jojola       | 3rd | 3C: Czech Amber Lager  | Hilltop Polotmavé 13°                                    |
| • Chris Jojola       | 3rd | 5D: German Pils        | Placebo Pils                                             |
| • Claire Caruana     | 2nd | 10A: Weissbier         | Pixieweizen                                              |
| • Chris Jojola       | 1st | 22A: Double IPA        | Zythos and the 3 C's                                     |
| • Sean Gregg         | 1st | M4C: Experimental Mead | Minkoff wouldn't know a bochet if it bit him in the arse |
| CoBrewer: Anne Gregg |     |                        |                                                          |
| • Sean Gregg         | 3rd | M4C: Experimental Mead | Burnt Foot Mead                                          |
| CoBrewer: Anne Gregg |     |                        |                                                          |
| • Sean McCoy         | 3rd | 999A: Big Wood         | Two Inches From the Floor!                               |

Commander SAAZ 2026 results will be announced August 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Recent Events

### July 18<sup>th</sup>, Summer Party

Reports are in and the Summer Party hosted by Ed and Bonnie Worme was a rousing success. Unfortunately, yours truly was not able to attend but those that did had a great time. There was plenty of food, beer and fun had by all, and by the looks of the pictures posted to Facebook the pool was once again a popular place to hang out. Thank you once again to the Worme's for hosting. We really appreciate you guys!



**August 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd, Commander SAAZ 2026 1<sup>st</sup> Judging Weekend**

It was busy weekend of judging at Beachfly Brewing Company in Rockledge. We had a great turn out on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> while Sunday as expected was a little slower. All in all, we made excellent progress and had a good time. Thank you to all the judge and steward volunteers that came out to help. Also, a big shout out to Beachfly for hosting this weekend event.





## **Commander SAAZ 2026**

### **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 the Commander (Melissa) for additional information

### **Second Judging Weekend, August 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**

- Hell n' Blazes Brewing (1002 E New Haven Ave, Melbourne, FL 32901, USA)

### **BOS Judging, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

- Front Street Civic Center (2205 Front St, Melbourne, FL 32901)
- Food during the day will be provided to judges and stewards.
- Dinner will be catered this year and donation is \$30 per person. Tickets will be available this weekend during judging at Hell 'n Blazes or you can pay online via PayPal. PayPal links are on the [SAAZ homepage](#) and [Commander SAAZ 2026](#) page.
- The Commander I'm told has secured some great items to raffle off. Raffle tickets will be \$1 and \$5 depending on the item. You'll need to be present at the event to buy tickets so we expect to see you there.

### **Host Hotel**

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

## **Board Meeting Highlights**

- CSAAZ final planning

## Are Your SAAZ Dues Paid for 2026?

**Really!!! You still haven't paid??? PAY YOUR DUES NOW!**

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

**August 15-** Commander SAAZ BOS and awards banquet

**September 20** - Carib Brewery - 200 Imperial Blvd, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920. 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**

Join us the night before the CSAAZ Awards dinner for a beer crawl through Historic Downtown Melbourne. We'll start at [The Mansion](#) (1218 E New Haven Ave Melbourne, FL 32901); an awesome bar and package store tucked away in a fine restaurant. Then we'll head to [Hell 'n Blazes](#) (1002 E New Haven Ave) for a good selection of brews by one of our favorite brewers (Todd). If you missed dinner this is a good place to grab some grub before our final stop: [Van Beers Bottle & Tap](#) (701 E New Haven Ave Unit 101). Here you can have a brew AND pick up one or two of your favorites to take home. It will be pay as you go. Join up with us from start and stay the course with us or join up or veer off at any stop along the way.

## Upcoming Competitions

- **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](#) at [Reggiebeer.com](https://reggiebeer.com). Competition information will be posted as it becomes available.

## Upcoming Brew Fests

- **[Space Coast Brew Fest](#) (Titusville)**  
Date is 10/24 and will be held at Valiant Air Command Warbird Museum  
Tickets on sale now on [Zeffy](#).
- **[Rocky Water Brew Fest](#) (Eau Gallie)**  
November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 and will be held at Eau Gallie Square.  
Tickets on sale now on [Eventbrite](#).
- **Craft Brew Hullabaloo (Sebastian)**  
December
- **Brewers Bash (Cocoa Village)**  
February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2027 and will be held at Cocoa Riverfront Park  
Tickets on sale starting October 25<sup>th</sup> via [Eventbrite](#) or with no service fee in person at Dirty Oar Beer Company
- **Harbor City Hops (Downtown Melbourne) NEW EVENT**  
February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2027

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