



Celebrate Independents' Day On July 3rd At The Latona And Watershed

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No, that's not a typo in the headline. We're talking about a day to celebrate independents, not independence. In the spirit of Independence Day, the Latona Pub and Watershed Pub & Kitchen celebrate the independent spirit of craft brewing on Tuesday, July 3rd with tap lists made up entirely of beers from independently distributed Northwest breweries. Visit either of these fine eateries/drinkeries and celebrate Independents' Day. See the tap lists for each pub below.

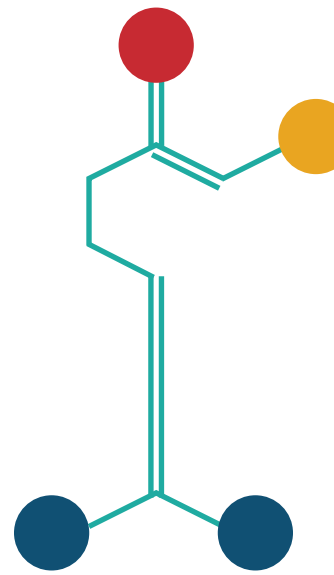
Independence in the beer industry means a few difference things. First up, the vast majority of the breweries we love are independent breweries. They are owned by people, by families, by individuals and not by corporations or other, larger non-beer companies. This kind of independence is a cornerstone of the Brewers Association's definition of "craft brewery." You can read more about that here.

When we say that a brewery is "an independent" it can also refer to a brewery that distributes its own beer. In the United States, alcohol is sold via a three-tier system. That is, producers sell to wholesalers (distributors), wholesalers sell to retailers, retailers sell to consumers. It's the law, plain and simple. In Washington, breweries are allowed to operate as their own distributors. They distribute their beer independently, not via a wholesale beer distributor.



It is not an inherently bad thing for a brewery to sell its beer through a distributor. Many, many great breweries do. Still, for smaller breweries signing up with a distributor might not make sense. It is a daunting proposition, one that most breweries avoid until they reach a certain size. Independently distributed breweries face some challenges, that's for sure.

So cheers to the breweries that go at it alone, parking their little cargo vans next to the distributors' big beer trucks. And cheers to the Latona Pub and to Watershed Pub & Kitchen for celebrating independents' day.



Watershed Pub and Kitchen Lineup:

Standard Brewing
New Money Lager

Seapine Brewing Company
Candle Fly Kölsch

Bad Jimmy's Brewing Co.
Strawberry Mango Hef

Lucky Envelope Brewing
Whiskey Barrel #5 Sour

Big Time Brewery & Alehouse
Guava Squeeze Sour

Holy Mountain Brewing
Somnium Saison

Mazama Brewing Belgian
Style Blonde

Cloudburst Brewing Endless
Summer Nights English
Summer Ale

Structures Brewing Oat Boat

Block 15 Brewing Co. Red,
White & BOOM! Independent
Patriotic Ale

Rooftop Brewing Company
American Mosaic IPA

Stoup Brewing Wallet
Chain IPA

Triceratops Brewing Company
Belloq Brut IPA

Matchless Brewing Residual
Heaviness IPA

Lowercase Brewing/Good
Brewing Co. India Red Session

FlyCaster Brewing Co. Shadow
Casting ESB

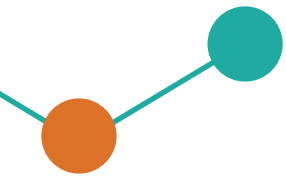
Flying Bike Cooperative
Brewery Phineywood Porter

Hellbent Brewing Company
Moon Tower Nitro Stout

Whitewood Cider Co. Esopus
Spitzenburg Heirloom Cider

Elemental Hard Cider
Platinum Peach Cider

Big E Ales Rootbeer



Latona Pub Lineup:

Stoup Brewing Wallet
Chain IPA

Flying Lion Brewing
German Pils

Cloudburst Brewing IPA

Jellyfish Brewing Company
Planktonic Red Ale

Lucky Envelope Brewing
Raspberry Sour

Holy Mountain Brewing
White Lodge Wit

Standard Brewing Gravity
Waves Oat Stout (Nitro)

Dirty Couch Brewing Solstice
Barrel Aged Berliner

Chainline Brewing Company
Fantine The Grisette

Whitewood Cider Co. Newtown
Pippin Cider

Matchless Brewing
Das Fluff IPA

Seapine Brewing Company Citra
IPA

Flying Bike Cooperative Brewery
Sagan Loop 2x IPA

