

Ullage and Spillage

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Imagine if you will an invitation to a road trip sampling craft beers around B.C.; with a designated driver of course. We'll start, logically, in Victoria with a pint of Honey pale ale at Spinnakers, a nice starter beer. From there we will carry on to have a Race Rocks amber ale from Lighthouse, a Blackstone porter from Driftwood, a Longboat Double Chocolate porter from Phillips and a cask Espresso stout at Swans. Having worked our way up to a crescendo, we must take a break while we cruise the B.C. ferry across to Tsawwassen. Sorry to drag you away from Victoria so soon, but we can easily come back some other time for a different choice of brews. Driving north through Surrey,



we will stop for a quick Empire IPA at Central City before hitting the delights of Vancouver. A cask conditioned Hurricane IPA from Storm, and a cask Hoppelganger (formerly known as Hop Goblin) from R&B should go down nicely before we motor over to DIX for a California common ale (steam-beer style) and, close by, Yaletown for a Hefeweizen to invigorate the palate. A short jaunt across the Lions Gate Bridge and we are at Taylor's Crossing for a Roggenweizen before hitting Hwy 1 heading east. Sorry for rushing you, but we just don't have time to capture all the breweries we would like. Diverting onto Hwy 7 gets us to Mission Springs where we really should drink a Fat

Guy oatmeal stout to fortify us for the next stretch of road. It is a long haul to Hope then Hwy 3 to Penticton for a Naramata nut brown from Cannery; an even longer drag up Hwy 97 and 97A to Mt Begbie at Revelstoke but its worth it to find a Kölsch brewed in B.C. I know we have passed up a few opportunities but, perhaps another day.

We have reached our furthest point on this road trip but it's not far to Sorrento for Crannog's Back Hand of God stout. That will give us the fortitude we need for a lengthy journey down Hwy 1 to Lytton, across the Duffey Lake road and down Hwy 99 through Whistler (no we can't tarry) to Squamish and the Howe Sound Inn for Timberline pale ale. From there we continue to Horseshoe Bay and the ferry to Nanaimo. We stop just long enough for a quick English IPA at Longwood then scoot up to Comox to try Red House ale from the relatively new Surgenor Brewing. Since we have to go back through Nanaimo, we can't pass up a taste of Longwood's Batch 1000 Doppelbock. Unfair, I know, to call in twice when we've driven past so many others, but that's the way the beer spills. Next stop Craig Street, Duncan for a Shawnigan Irish ale before finishing our trip back in Victoria at Swans for an Extra IPA. There we go again with the repeats, but circumstances give us no choice.

Forgive the serious omissions from this itinerary, but we can probably catch those we missed on another visit. A couple of examples might be Steamworks Belgian trippel and Tin Whistle Penticton peach ale. You see, our designated driver is Nigel Springthorpe and we have been sitting at the bar in Vancouver's Alibi Room all this time. You just read the beer list for the third week of April.

p.s. The Lost Coast tangerine wheat also on tap that week would've required too much of a detour. §

Further to the list of drinking errors in the last What's Brewing, we have discovered another: Drinking Error #21. Over-aggressive clashing of glasses while toasting whatever requires celebration at the time. Note drinking error #21 has not occurred if the beer emitted from one glass ends up, in its entirety, in another beer glass. §