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THE BEER COCKTAIL

Flavors that can (sometimes) go great together BY WILLIAM KENNEDY

The beer cocktail might seem like the *Jerry Maguire* of alcoholic beverages: just enough football for the dudes and just enough romantic comedy for the ladies. Even the words seem to rest uneasily next to one another on the page. Beer is the drink of choice for Budweiser-pounding Duck fans or bearded Northwest microbrew snobs, while “cocktail” conjures up a girl’s night out, Carrie Bradshaw and shoe shopping.

Why mix the two?

Turns out the beer cocktail is nothing new. But these aren’t your dad’s boilermakers (a mixture of whiskey and beer) or the traditional get-me-wasted-fast on St. Paddy’s Day blend of Irish stout, Irish cream and Irish whiskey known as the Irish car bomb. The beer cocktails of today mix beer with vodka, tequila, gin and ... Tabasco Sauce?

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