

Public Coast Brewing

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As the North Coast celebrates the 50th anniversary of the Oregon Beach Bill, the Public Coast Brewing Company is doing some celebrating of its own.

"It has been a big year for lots of reasons," said Ryan Snyder, president and co-owner of Martin North (former Martin Hospitality), which owns the Public Coast in Cannon Beach.

In August, the company sponsored its first beer festival at Haystack Gardens. Martin North served four of its craft beers brewed at Public Coast and 49 beers from other Oregon breweries. The festival was a "celebration of the craft beer industry and a thank you

for the outstanding support" when the Public Coast brewery opened a year ago, Snyder said.

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In addition, the brewery will have three new fermentation tanks in 2018.

The brewery is starting to can its beer: First to be canned was the Public Coast's '67 Blonde Ale – commemorating the year the state Legislature adopted the "Beach Bill," which ensured Oregon's 363 miles of beaches remained public. The controversy began in Cannon Beach, on the beach adjacent to what was then the Surfsand Motel. The motel eventually was acquired

by Martin and renamed Surfsand Resort.

Public Coast's Tangerine IPA, Oswald IPA and Uncle Fred's German Style Wheat Beer also went into cans. In the fall, canned brews will include Oregon Pale Ale, Coconut Brown Ale and the pub's root beer.

The beers are on some local stores' shelves. Despite this distribution, however, Snyder plans to keep the "craft" in craft beer.

"Will is touching every ounce of fluid," Snyder said of his brewer, who spent 30 years as a chef. "To me, that's craft. It keeps it small for us."

Snyder also intends to keep the brewing, canning and distribution local. "It's a very specialized Cannon Beach experience," he said.

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