

# THE BEER DEMYSTIFIER *NEW YORK CITY FILES* 2009-2010

## BREWERY PROFILE

### Clipper City Brewing Co. (Heavy Seas)

#### *Type: Domestic Craft Brewery*

4615 Hollins Ferry Road Suite B, Baltimore, MD 21227.

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Available in cask? – No.

Available in keg? – Yes.

Available in bottle or can? – Yes.

Distributor: None at present.

Who's who: President – Hugh Sisson.

Notes: Clipper City brews Heavy Seas, Chesapeake, and Oxford brands. The brewery was founded in 1995 by Maryland brewpub pioneer Hugh Sisson.

*Distance to the brewery from New York City: 195 miles.*



## Ratings

Each beer has been given a rating from one to five which should be interpreted as follows.

\* Bland, one-dimensional, or tasting of cheap adjuncts – unenjoyable. Not recommended.

\*\* Nothing special but may be worth trying if nothing better is available.

\*\*\* Good, recommended.

\*\*\*\* Great, highly recommended.

\*\*\*\*\* Exceptionally good, very highly recommended.

*Ratings are based on personal taste although, in certain instances, outside evaluations have been used when a particular beer has not been sampled by the author/webmaster.*

{S} after the beer name denotes seasonal availability.

**Loose Cannon** (7.2%) \*\*\*\*\* < - AMERICAN IPA - > – ‘Hop<sup>3</sup> (Hop Cubed) Ale’ – American IPA generously hopped with Magnum, Centennial, Chinook, Amarillo, and Palisade. Some malt sweetness balances the brew.

**Small Craft Warning** (7.2%) \*\*\*\*\* < - AMERICAN IMPERIAL PILSNER - > – American Double Pilsner hopped with Amarillo, Saaz, Hersbrucker and Tettnang. Rich, malty, and well rounded but with a firm structure of noble hops.

**Winter Storm {S}** (7.5%) \*\*\*\*\* < - EXTRA SPECIAL BITTER (ESB) - > – ‘Category 5 Ale’ – Seasonal amber-hued ESB, well-balanced and hopped with Magnum, Fuggles, Cascade, Centennial and Chinook.

**Peg Leg** (8.0%) \*\*\* < - RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT - > – A rich, black Russian Imperial Stout, dry with flavors and aromas of roasted coffee, molasses, dark chocolate, toffee and caramel.

**Red Sky At Night {S}** (8.0%) \*\*\* < - SAISON - > – A complex saison, spicy and bready, brewed with Magnum and Styrian Goldings hops and Belgian Candi sugar. Summer availability.

**Holy Sheet {S}** (9.0%) \*\*\* < - BELGIAN DARK STRONG ALE - > – ‘Uber Abbey Ale’, aromatic and very full bodied, the beer pours a deep burgundy in color and features a rich, robust depth of malt character. Spring release.

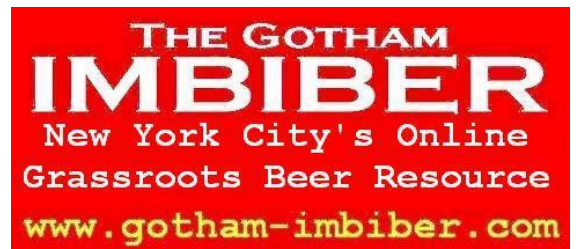
**Below Decks {S}** (10.0%) \*\*\* < - English Barleywine - > – Magnum, Fuggles, and Goldings hops are used in this hard-to-find, powerful English-style Barleywine released in December.

### **SEE BEER MENUS FOR AVAILABILITY (EXTERNAL LINK)**

<http://www.beermenus.com/breweries/clipper-city-brewing-company>

*Ratings and tasting notes are taken from Beer Demystifier New York City 2008-2009 by Alex Hall (published June 2008).*

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