

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

BREWERY PROFILE

Mercury Brewing Co.

Type: Domestic Craft Brewery

23 Hayward Street, Ipswich, MA 01938. Tel. 1 978 356 3329.

Available in cask? – Yes.

Available in keg? – Yes.

Available in bottle or can? – Yes.

Distributor: Union Beer Distributors, tel. 1 718 497 2407.

Who's who: President – Rob Martin.

Notes: Established in 1999 in the original Ipswich Brewing Company facility. Brewer of Stone Cat, Dornbusch, and Ipswich brands – the latter notable for the exceptional Oatmeal Stout. Only the Ipswich beers are available in New York, the others staying closer to home so are not listed here. Mercury brews other beers under contract, including brands for Endurance, Cisco, and Cape Ann.

Distance to the brewery from New York City: 246 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.

Ipswich Summer Ale {S} (4.9%) ***** < - BLONDE ALE - > – Light-bodied, golden ale with a notable hoppiness.

Ipswich Nut Brown Ale (5.5%) ***** < - ENGLISH BROWN ALE - > – Mid-brown ale with hazelnut prominent on the tongue.

Ipswich Original Ale (5.6%) ***** < - ENGLISH PALE ALE - > – Complex, rustic, and biscuity English-style pale ale, highly enjoyable.

Ipswich Harvest Ale {S} (5.9%) *** < - AMERICAN AMBER ALE - > – Dark amber ale with balancing malt and citrusy hops.

Ipswich Winter Ale {S} (6.2%) *** < - AMERICAN AMBER ALE - > – Full-bodied amber ale with toasted and biscuit notes complementing the malt backbone. Slightly warming with some spicy hop flavor.

Ipswich Dark Ale (6.3%) ***** < - ENGLISH BROWN ALE - > – Quite dark English-style brown ale, very well-balanced with some nuttiness. Absolutely superb when cask-conditioned, but great otherwise.

Ipswich India Pale Ale (6.3%) ***** < - AMERICAN IPA - > – A complex, perfectly-balanced golden IPA with citrus notes.

Ipswich Commemorative 1722 Porter (6.5% estimated) ***** < - ROBUST PORTER - > – Coffee and chocolate notes come through in this very pleasant, highly drinkable dark American porter.

Ipswich Oatmeal Stout (6.8%) ***** < - OATMEAL STOUT - > – An outstanding example of an oatmeal stout, deep, rich, dark, and complex. Literally a meal in a pint glass.

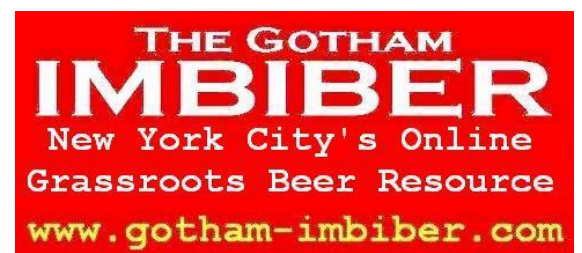
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