**Brewers Additional Information 2015**

What you need to know about Acadia's Oktoberfest and the Special Taste Testing Event License

There have been a number of questions from brewers and distributors about the execution of Oktoberfest under the [Special Taste Testing Event License](http://www.maine.gov/dafs/bablo/docs/Application for a Special Tasting Event License.pdf) . The liquor licensing inspector for our area, Randy Mosley, attended our event for the first time in 2014. Since then, the Southwest Harbor & Tremont Chamber of Commerce has been in conversation with him about the proper handling of alcoholic products at Oktoberfest.

[The law](http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/statutes/28-A/title28-Asec1052-D.html) governing the Special Taste Testing Event License was passed and enacted on April 8, 2014. It allows brewers and distributors to handle and pour their own products under controlled conditions at a special taste testing event such as Oktoberfest. ***Brewers and distributors are the licensees and may transport, handle and pour their own products.***

The role of the Chamber is to help facilitate the event and *the Chamber will handle the Application and the Affidavits, pay the fees and represent the application* before the Southwest Harbor Board of Selectmen. The Chamber will *prove badges and security, ice and refrigeration* as needed. The Chamber will *advertise the event and organize all the other customary activities* such as the food tent and games and crowd control and music as it has done in the past.

The Chamber will NOT buy beer, but instead REIMBURSE the brewers and distributors for the products they bring and pour. The Chamber may provide additional pourers.

The Chamber has received both written and verbal assurances about our plans for the event from Mr. Mosley. Mr. Mosley's primary concerns are preventing service to individuals under 21, the correct handling of the product, and clear identification of servers with badges and affidavits.