



A rum glass worth its salt

Nova Scotian Crystal creates their first-ever rum glass

May 14, 2010 Halifax, NS – Much salt was sweat out in Nova Scotian Crystal's fiery glassworks over the past few months for the creation of the perfect rum glass. The new Seafarer's rum glass was launched to the public on May 1, 2010 at Saltscapes Lifestyle Exhibition in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

"We have a practice of designing our barware and stemware to enhance the pleasure of specific beverages," said Rod McCulloch, President, Nova Scotian Crystal. "With a single malt glass and a host of wine glasses under our belt, we thought it was high time we tackled rum."

The Seafarer's rum glass has a bold look and a satisfying heft. Around its centre, craftsmen have cut an elegant swath of cuts referencing the choppy Atlantic—a tribute to the ocean waves the rum has traveled. A compass rose is cut on the bottom. As well, there is plenty of room for ice and mix.

"As Maritimers and sailors we enjoy a good quality drink of rum and the glass plays an important part in that experience," said Sommelier Wallace Fraser. "The shapes and qualities of the Seafarer's rum glass have the ability to enhance the aromatic and flavour properties of the rum."

As is the custom when designing a new glass, Nova Scotian Crystal gathered together five well-established rum-drinking sailors, including an Olympian and a Sommelier.

"Rum has had a long run as the spirit of choice in Nova Scotia," said McCulloch. "It flows through our seafaring culture, back to our historic connection to the Caribbean."

Five distinctly shaped glasses were tested and judged on their beauty, handling experience, and the effect of the shape in delivering the rum across one's palate to its final destination.

Equipped with the experts' critiques, the best features of each glass was incorporated into Nova Scotian Crystal's new Seafarer's rum glass.

"We wanted to offer this type of glass for some time and our customers have been asking for a larger tumbler," said Brian Tebay, Nova Scotian Crystal Master Craftsman. "The rum glass has caused an overwhelming response over the past few days."

Nova Scotian Crystal is Canada's only maker of mouth-blown, hand-cut crystal and has been making world-class crystal on the Halifax Historic Waterfront since 1996.

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