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The Best Things We Drank: November 13 - 19

This week's list focuses on our recent trip to the coast, Oceanside and surrounding, for a long weekend getaway.

Starting out with a newer, and completely new-to-us, brewery is **Public Coast** in Cannon Beach. Last time we were there in town they weren't yet open, but in the interim we've heard great things about them. **Black Stack Stout** - Named after a "very big rock" just off Cannon Beach, the beer presents with a great roasty aroma and a chocolate/slightly chalky flavor. Served as we prefer, on nitro, it is a creamy, drink-all-day beer.



Checking out a place not far from our Oceanside rental in Netarts we found The Schooner to have a disappointing beer selection overall BUT they were serving the next beer just the way we like it. **Deschutes Obsidian Nitro** - This is only the second time we've found this beer on nitro (not that we have been actively searching), the first being earlier this year in Bend. Since that first try, we're convinced that's the only way it should be served and therefore find it nearly impossible to pass it up.

A second close-to-our-rental joint was the **Upstairs Bar & Grill**. This place was far superior in many ways to The Schooner and had we been in town longer we would likely have gone back. **Crux Cast Out** - The stanky BO aroma and lovely hop flavor from the Galaxy hops make this a solid IPA choice. Add to that a creamier-than-most-IPAs mouthfeel and we could enjoy plenty of these. Fun side note: The name Cast Out comes from the Galaxy hops from Australia, a country once populated by English cast outs/outlaws.

This next place was the find of our trip! **Black Squid Beer House** was opened just a few months ago by a couple that moved to the coast from the west metro. Located on Hwy 101 in Lincoln City where a surf shop formerly resided, owners Sara and Andy have created a friendly and inviting feel for this bottle shop and taproom. They've also curated a very nice tap list and cooler selection. **Mother Earth Say When** - We haven't had a ton of Mother Earth beer but this foray will encourage us to try more. Melony and yum, we love the flavor and would love to see a hazy version that would impart more body.



Finally, a return visit to the Tillamook outpost of **Pelican Brewing**. Having stopped in a few years back, shortly after they opened, we were happy to be in the area for more of their beer. **Bad Santa** - We know we've seen this beer around often but surprisingly hadn't tried it previously. More chocolatey-roasty than bitter-roasty we enjoyed this CDA as is but really would have liked to have been able to try it on nitro, too.

The short getaway was just what we needed to recharge our batteries, both with relaxing views of the beach from the hot tub at **our rental** and the enjoyment of checking out new places and beers.

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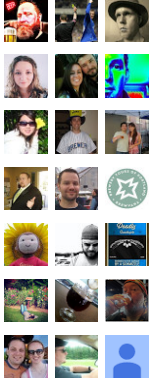
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