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### Brewsday Tuesday: Mississippi's craft beer scene

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Yalobusha Brewing Company debuted two year-round beers at the Hattiesburg Beer Festival on June 13.

The [Hattiesburg Craft Beer Festival](#), held June 13, showed how Mississippi's craft beer scene has grown in the past year.

The event included several Mississippi breweries that sell beer in Louisiana: Southern Prohibition Brewing out of Hattiesburg, Lazy Magnolia Brewing Company from Kiln, Ocean City's Crooked Letter Brewing Company and Yalobusha Brewing Company from Water Valley. Yalobusha presented two new year-round offerings that support nonprofit organizations: Snopes Family Pilsner and Mississippi Blues Trail farmhouse ale. Gulfport's Chandeleur Brewing Company, the brewery most recently introduced to the New Orleans market, brought its core beers, including its coconut porter.

The festival also offered an opportunity to sample beers from new Mississippi brewers. Natchez Brewing Company started brewing on Crooked Letter's system until its brewhouse is up and running. Natchez Brewing Company is collaborating with Crooked Letter as well as three Louisiana breweries – Covington Brewhouse, Chafunkta Brewing Company and Tin Roof Beer – to create an Oktoberfest-style beer for release at the Great Mississippi River Balloon Race on Oct. 17.

Other new breweries are working with established brewers to produce beer while awaiting completion of their facilities. Oxford Brewing Company is brewing at Alabama's Back Forty Beer Company, and both Sweet Gum Brewing and Biloxi Brewing Company are working with Lazy Magnolia.

Slowboat Brewing Company is working working on brewery space in Laurel and awaiting approval of permits. Attending the festival as a homebrewer, Slowboat served five beers: a milk stout, a gose, a hibiscus wit, a hoppy grapefruit farmhouse ale, and a Cascadian dark ale brewed with coffee.

More than 1,000 people attended this year's event, and most of the 37 participating breweries were from Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Missouri. Large breweries such as New Belgium Brewing Company, Lagunitas Brewing Company and Samuel Adams also participated. There were 10 homebrewers from Mississippi and Louisiana.

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