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Brewers cook up new beer to bow at Marcum Workplace Challenge event



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“Every year we try and add or do something different,” said Carolyn Mazzenga, office managing partner for Marcum. “This year one of our directors who is doing work with the craft brewing community asked if they would be interested in developing this beer.”



Paul Komsic, owner of Ghost Brewing, mixes in orange citrus peel at his facility at 25 Drexel Drive in Bay Shore on Monday, July 8, 2019... Photo Credit: James Carbone

In the end, 23 local beer makers with the Long Island Brewers Guild, a local nonprofit trade association, took on the task of collaborating on the new brew.

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Samples of the beer donated by the brewers will be given out at the July 30 event at no cost. The beer will also be available at participating breweries during Craft Cares, a weeklong Brewers Guild event created to raise awareness about local craft beer culture and to promote the local beer industry. Islanders interested in trying the brew can donate money or canned foods to participating breweries. Proceeds for beer in cans or on draft will go to local charities.

“The recipe was all worked together by all of the Long Island breweries involved in the Brewer’s Guild,” said Paul Komsic, brewmaster for Ghost Brewing Co. and a Brewers Guild board member. “We all came up with the concept and the recipe together.”

Beneficiaries of this year’s charity funds will be Long Island Cares-The Harry Chapin Food Bank, Long Island Children’s Museum, Nassau County SPCA, and Children’s Medical Fund of New York.