

North Truro distillery pays tribute to Perfect Storm with pair of cocktails

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South Hollow Spirits of North Truro marks an infamous moment in New England meteorological lore this week with a pair of locally flavored spiced-rum cocktails: the Perfect Storm and the Andrea Gail.

The former pays tribute to the no-name storm that struck the New England coast 25 years ago on Halloween, while the latter honors the Gloucester fishing boat lost at sea during the tempest, later famously portrayed in the best-selling novel and Hollywood blockbuster titled "The Perfect Storm." The off-shore storm killed 13 people — including all six crew members of the Andrea Gail — and produced some of the heaviest seas and highest waves in recorded history.

“It was an iconic moment in Massachusetts history for sure,” said Kristen Roberts of South Hollow Spirits, who founded the business three years ago with her brother and distiller David Roberts. The same family owns Truro Vineyards winery.

The Perfect Storm cocktail is a New England-flavored riff on the Bermuda rum cocktail classic, the Dark & Stormy. The Andrea Gail is an intense blend of ginger, molasses and rum created by chef-owner Chris Coombs of Deuxave in the Back Bay.

“South Hollow’s spiced rum offers some incredible New England flavor,” said Coombs. “We love working with it.”

Each is flavored with South Hollow Spirits’ flagship Twenty Boat Hand-Crafted Cape Cod Spiced Rum. It’s distilled from organic molasses and sugar cane and spiced with a proprietary mix of allspice, anise, cardamom pods, chai, cinnamon sticks, lemon and orange peel, nutmeg, vanilla bean and dried Cape Cod rose hips. The potpourri of spices is sourced from Truro’s own Atlantic Spice Co.

“All the flavor and color comes from the spices,” said Roberts.

You can drink South Hollow Spirits across Cape Cod and in the Boston area at Davio’s Northern Italian Steakhouse, Deuxave in the Back Bay or Yvonne’s in Downtown Crossing; or purchase bottles of South Hollow Spirits at Atlas Liquors in Medford, Wegmans in Chestnut Hill or Wollaston Wine & Spirits in Quincy.

The Perfect Storm cocktail

1 1/2 oz. Twenty Boat Hand-Crafted Cape Cod Spiced Rum

Barritt’s Ginger Beer

1 lime

Pour rum in a 14-ounce Collins glass filled with ice. Top off with ginger beer. Garnish with a lime wedge. Makes 1 cocktail.

The Andrea Gail cocktail

1 1/2 oz. Twenty Boat Hand-Crafted Cape Cod Spiced Rum

2 oz. ginger-infused molasses

1/2 oz. Barrow's Intense Ginger Liqueur

1/2 oz. lime juice

3 oz. Left Hand Brewing's Good Juju Ale

Wedge of lime

Pour rum, ginger molasses, ginger liqueur and lime juice into a cocktail shaker over ice. Shake well and pour into a Collins glass. Add Good Juju Ale. Garnish with a lime wedge. Makes 1 cocktail.

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