

BOSTON BEER CO INC  
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## SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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**The Boston Beer Company, Inc.**  
*(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)*

**The Boston Beer Company, Inc.**  
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**THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC.**  
**30 Germania Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02130**  
**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting**  
**to Be Held on Tuesday, June 2, 2009**

The Proxy Statement, Annual Report and other proxy materials are available at:  
*<http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/sam>*

**THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC.**

**BAR CODE**  
**RESTRICTED**  
**AREA**

*This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.*

*If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed below on or before May 19, 2009 to facilitate timely delivery.*

To our Stockholder:

The 2009 Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC. (the Company ) will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. at The Brewery located at 30 Germania Street, Boston, Massachusetts, for the following purposes:

1. The election by the holders of the Class A Common Stock of three (3) Class A Directors, each to serve for a term of one (1) year, as more fully described in the accompanying Proxy Statement.
2. The election by the sole holder of the Class B Common Stock of five (5) Class B Directors, each to serve for a term of one (1) year.
3. To consider and act upon any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on April 3, 2009 as the record date for the meeting. Only stockholders of record on that date are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting.

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the election of the Nominees for Class A Director: David A. Burwick, Pearson C. Cummin, III, Jean-Michel Valette.**

**THIS IS NOT A BALLOT. YOU CANNOT USE THIS NOTICE TO VOTE YOUR SHARES.**

**To vote your shares, you may vote in person at the Meeting or you may vote your proxy when you view the materials on the Internet or you can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will contain a proxy card.**

**CONTROL NUMBER**

**You may vote your proxy  
when you view the materials on the Internet.  
You will be asked to enter this 11-digit control number**

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**Meeting Location:**

The Samuel Adams Brewery  
30 Germania Street  
Boston, Massachusetts 02130

Please bring this Notice with you if you plan to attend the meeting. You can find directions to the Annual Meeting below.

**The following Proxy Materials are available for you to review online:**

the Company's 2009 Proxy Statement (including all attachments thereto);

the Company's Annual Report for the year ended December 27, 2008 (which is not deemed to be part of the official proxy soliciting materials); and

any amendments to the foregoing materials that are required to be furnished to stockholders.

**To request a paper copy of the Proxy Materials,** (you must reference your 11 digit control number)

Telephone: **1-888-313-0164** (outside of the U.S and Canada call 201-680-6688),

Email: **shrrelations@bnymellon.com**

Internet: **http://bnymellon.mobular.net/bnymellon/sam**

**ACCESSING YOUR PROXY MATERIALS ONLINE**

**YOU MUST REFERENCE YOUR 11-DIGIT CONTROL NUMBER WHEN YOU REQUEST A PAPER COPY OF THE PROXY MATERIALS OR TO VOTE YOUR PROXY ELECTRONICALLY.**

**THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC.  
2009 ANNUAL MEETING**

Tuesday, June 2, 2009

9:00 A.M.

The Brewery  
30 Germania Street  
Boston, MA 02130

**DIRECTIONS TO THE BREWERY  
FROM THE SOUTH OF BOSTON**

Take 93N to exit 18 (Mass Ave and Roxbury Exit). Go straight down Melnea Cass Blvd toward Roxbury. Once on Melnea Cass Blvd you will go through seven lights. At the eighth light take a left on Tremont St (*Landmark: Northeastern University and Ruggles T Station will be on your right when you turn onto Tremont St. Note: Tremont St eventually becomes Columbus Ave*). Follow Tremont St through seven lights. Take a right on Amory St (*Landmark: look for a big, powder blue Muffler Mart shop on the right-directly after Centre Street*). Follow Amory St through 2 lights. After the 2nd light take a left on Porter St (*Landmark: Directly after Boylston St*). Go to the end of Porter St and the Brewery is on the right.

**FROM THE NORTH OF BOSTON**

Take 935 to exit 18 (*Mass Ave and Roxbury exit*) and follow the above directions.

**FROM THE SUBWAY**

Take the Orange Line outbound toward Forest Hills. Exit at the Stony Brook stop. Above ground take a left onto Boylston St. Take your first right onto Amory St. Then take your first left onto Porter St to Brewery gate (*the Brewery will be at the end of Porter St on your right*).

