

One of the world's oldest beers to be reproduced

One of the world's oldest preserved beers will be reproduced. The beer was salvaged from an early 19th century shipwreck discovered in 2010 in the Åland archipelago southwest of Finland. It has since been analyzed in order to recreate the original recipe for modern industrial production. The beer will be made by the Stallhagen brewery of Åland.

Five bottles of beer were lifted from an old shipwreck, discovered in the summer of 2010 in the Åland archipelago. The cargo also contained numerous bottles of unique old champagne of various brands. The schooner is believed to have sunk in the 1840's, but the origin and the exact age of the wreck are still being investigated. All the finds belong to the Government of Åland, an autonomous region of Finland.

The beer bottles, preserved on the seabed at a depth of 50 meters for about 170 years, have been studied by VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland. Based on their scientific research a new version of the old beer will be created by the Stallhagen brewery of Åland. The Åland Government has decided that part of the surplus from the future sales will go to specified charitable causes.

- First of all, we are happy to establish cooperation with a local company. We are also pleased to have reached an agreement with Stallhagen guaranteeing that part of the financial surplus generated by the sale of each beer bottle will go to charitable causes. The Government of Åland has decided that the surplus will go to marine archaeological work and environmental measures for improving the quality of water in the seas, says Johan Ehn, Minister for Culture at the Åland Government.

For the local craft beer brewery Stallhagen, the agreement announced today by the Åland Government presents an opportunity to reach new markets.

- We are extremely honored and enthusiastic to have been given the opportunity to reproduce one of the world's oldest beers. There is an increasing global demand for special ales and we believe that recreating this historic beer will be of great interest to beer drinkers worldwide, says Stallhagen CEO Jan Wennström.

Stallhagen is developing the recipe and production planned to start later this year, with the aim to launch a new version of the famous shipwreck beer early June 2014.

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Åland

Åland is an autonomous region of Finland. It is a demilitarized Swedish-speaking region with a right of self-government secured through international guarantees. The Åland Islands form an archipelago in the Baltic Sea, consisting of more than 6 700 islands and skerries. The population of Åland is 28 500. Find out more on www.visitaland.com

Stallhagen

Stallhagen Ab is a local craft brewery established 2004. Stallhagen specializes in hand crafted high quality ales, lagers and seasonal beers. Production in 2012 was 480 000 liters. The company's main markets are Åland, Finland and Sweden.