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**Maryland’s First Distillery Officially Opens New Tavern on Kent Island**

*Blackwater Distilling Features Local Food, Craft Spirits, Beer, and Wine in Exceptional Tavern Experience*

KENT ISLAND, MD (March 13, 2019)—[**Blackwater Distilling**](http://www.blackwaterdistilling.com/), Maryland’s first fully-licensed alcohol distillery since 1972, has opened a new tavern easily accessible from Route 50 on Kent Island. With a soft opening held on March 1, 2019, regular hours have begun allowing residents and visitors to discover a fresh opportunity to experience Maryland’s local craft spirits, wine, beer and food.

Located at 405 Cleat Street, the new tavern will be open seven days a week serving lunch and dinner with a custom, casual menu created with the local restaurateurs behind the “[Smoke, Rattle and Roll](http://www.smokerattleandroll.com/)” brand. Offerings from local breweries and [Crow Winery](http://crowvineyardandwinery.com/) will also be featured. Regular tavern hours are Sunday through Thursday, 11:00 am - 10:00 pm; Friday and Saturday, 11:00 am - 12:00 am.

“Blackwater Distilling is excited to kick off this new chapter in its history as a local gathering place with an emphasis on providing local spirits, beers, and wines,” said Christopher Cook, CEO. “By expanding our distilling, tour and retail operations to a full tavern, we have the opportunity to share not only our handcrafted cocktails made with the freshest ingredients, but to do so in a warm and inviting atmosphere that emphasizes people and community.”

Blackwater Distilling’s new tavern will feature flexible event space for weddings and private events, as well as unique experiences including expanded tours, mixology classes, food pairings and demonstrations such as “how to stock your home bar” and “how to make the perfect cocktail.” The location will also soon be the expanded home of Blackwater Distilling’s production arm, giving visitors the opportunity to see exactly how the popular libations are made.

Blackwater Distilling will be hosting a series of Open Houses on March 23, March 30, and April 6 from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm and a Grand Opening extravaganza on April 13 from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm with free distillery tours and tastings, and delicious offerings from the aforementioned Smoke, Rattle, and Roll. Visitors can sample Blackwater’s [award-winning](https://blackwaterdistilling.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Blackwater-Distilling-Awards-Press-Release-for-WEB.pdf) spirits as well as upcoming and unreleased new offerings.

Our acclaimed spirits are available in tasting flights and cocktails at the new tavern. All products are available for purchase in bottles at the tavern. Sample our selection of 12 local craft beers on tap and wine from Crow Vineyard & Winery in Kent County.

The new tour and tasting schedule began on March 9th. Regular tours and tastings are every Saturday at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm; and, beginning Sunday, March 23rd at 1:00 pm. You can make reservations [via eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/o/blackwater-distilling-18594790724).

The tour, running less than an hour, will begin at 184 Log Canoe Circle in Stevensville. Eager to show off the new tavern, we head to the new location just two minutes away at 405 Cleat Street, in Stevensville, for the tasting portion of the tour. Following the tasting, we invite you to stay, enjoy your favorite spirit in a craft cocktail, sip on local beer and wine, and grab a bite to eat.

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EDITORS: To arrange a personal tour for a reporter/photographer, contact CEO Christopher Cook at 301-758-0936.

**About Blackwater Distilling**

Blackwater Distilling is located on scenic Kent Island, Maryland and has been producing high-quality, master crafted spirits since 2011. Family-owned by the Cook brothers, Christopher and Jonathan, Blackwater Distilling is Maryland’s first fully-licensed alcohol distillery since 1972. Blackwater Distilling is also the state’s most decorated, having received dozens of awards for its incredible line-up of vodkas, rums, whiskeys and specialty spirits. Blackwater Distilling uses organic or local ingredients whenever possible for its unparalleled quality and taste. Visit [blackwaterdistilling](http://www.blackwaterdistilling.com/).com or follow the company on[Twitter](https://twitter.com/blackwatertm), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/36714718/blackwater-distilling/) and [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/BlackwaterDistilling/?rf=369623173235611).