

BLACKWATER

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KENT ISLAND, MD

Blackwater Distilling to open New Tavern on Route 50 on Kent Island

Expansion Plans for Maryland's Most Awarded Distillery Include New Bar and Food Service Offering

KENT ISLAND, MD (Dec. 7, 2017)—**Blackwater Distilling**, Maryland's first fully-licensed alcohol distillery since 1972, announced plans to relocate and expand, opening a new tavern visible from Route 50 on Kent Island. Beginning spring 2018, residents and visitors will discover a fresh opportunity to experience Maryland's local craft spirits, wine, beer and food. Located at 405 Cleat Street adjacent to BOE Marine in Stevensville, MD, 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" brand.

"Blackwater Distilling is a true representation of Maryland's distinguished craft spirit history," said Jonathan Cook, COO. "By expanding our distilling, tour and retail operations to a full tavern visible from Route 50, we have the opportunity to share not only Maryland's spirits, but also many other locally sourced food and beverages with visitors to the Eastern Shore."

Blackwater Distilling's new tavern will feature flexible event space and unique experiences including mixology classes, food pairings and demonstrations such as "how to stock your home holiday bar" and "how to make the perfect cocktail". The location will also be the new home of Blackwater Distilling's production, giving visitors the opportunity to see exactly how the popular libations are made.

Making spirits bright and holiday shopping easy, Blackwater Distilling is hosting Open Houses December 10, 17 and 24 from 12 – 4 PM at the current location at 184 Log Canoe Circle in Stevensville with free distillery tours and tastings, warm cider, tasty nibbles and free gift wrapping. Visitors can sample the new Picaroon Coffee Rum Liqueur or any of Blackwater's award-winning spirits.

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Blackwater Distilling's products are also available at various bars, restaurants and retailers throughout Maryland and the District of Columbia. Blackwater Distilling's newest product, along with old favorites, are available at Abbey Burger, B&O Brasserie, Carson's Creek, Chesapeake Wines, Dawson's Liquor, One Eye'd Mikes, The Chausser and Southern Provisions.

Blackwater Distilling offers tours and tastings seven days a week from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. with tours kicking off at the top of each hour. Follow Blackwater Distilling on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) and check out Smoke, Rattle and Roll

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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.com or follow the company on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).