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## **Island View's Oktoberfest returns with bigger beer selection and more**

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GULFPORT, Miss. (Sept. 12, 2013) – Put some oompah in your autumn with Island View Casino Resort's Oktoberfest. The second-annual seasonal celebration will offer food, entertainment and an abundance of beer.

Held on Oct. 19, from 1 to 5 p.m. Oktoberfest will be celebrated in the Gulfport resort's View Showroom this year, to allow for a bigger selection of beers and activities. The event will feature a Southern twist on the traditional 203-year German festival with more than 100 beers from a variety of micro-breweries, including Abita Brewing Co., Abita Springs, La.; Back Forty Brewery, Gadsden, Ala.; Bayou Teche Brewing, Amaudville, La., Covington Brewhouse, Covington, La., Crooked Letter Brewing Co., Ocean Springs; Goose Island Brewery, Chicago; Lazy Magnolia Brewing Co., Kiln; NOLA Brewing, New Orleans; and Southern Prohibition, Hattiesburg.

Island View's culinary team will also prepare a Bavarian-style feast for hungry festivalgoers. The food selection will feature grilled knockwurst and bratwurst with fresh buns and sauerkraut, hot German potato salad and hot sweet-and-sour cabbage.

"Island View's Oktoberfest will again feature artisan beers, with the selection including some regional favorites from last year as well as some new and interesting brews for our guests to try," said Ed Layton, vice president of hotel and food and beverage for the casino resort. "With each brew house presenting eight to 10 beers each, the offerings will really showcase a diversity of flavors and crafting methods for our guests."

Guests will also have the opportunity to cast a vote for the Island View Oktoberfest People's Choice Award. And entertainment will include music, including traditional German beer festival-style songs, by Sicily Swing, as well as and games and prizes

Island View Oktoberfest tickets, which are \$25 each and include beer samplings and food, are available at the door, by calling 877-774-8439 or on Ticketmaster.com. Guests must be 21 or older.

### **About Island View Casino Resort:**

Island View Casino Resort opened on Sept. 18, 2006 as the only casino in Gulfport, Miss. The land-based casino, located on 40 acres of waterfront property, currently offers an 80,000-plus-square-foot casino with approximately 2,000 slots and 46 table games. The 520,000-square-

foot resort also features a 562-room hotel with a tropical pool and cabanas; Carter Green Steakhouse, the resort's signature restaurant; Beach Blvd. Steamer, a 180-seat restaurant focusing on freshly steamed seafood; C&G Grille, offering contemporary, casual dining; The Buffet, a 400-seat restaurant; The Coffee Shop, an upscale deli; Coast Candymakers, featuring handmade candies; and The View Showroom, a 550-seat entertainment venue. Island View Casino Resort is privately held by Rick Carter and Terry Green, two Gulfport natives and longtime casino executives committed to the post-Hurricane Katrina rebuilding efforts of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. For more information: 877-774-8439 or [IslandViewCasino.com](http://IslandViewCasino.com).