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Bowditch & Dewey and The Venture Forum Present: Craft Brewer Entrepreneurship

Bowditch & Dewey and The Venture Forum invite you to a program on craft brewer entrepreneurship. The program will provide guests with a brief overview of the craft beer industry and a panel discussion of craft brewers at different lifecycle stages – startup, ramp-up, and expansion.

Location: 3cross Brewing Company, 26 Cambridge St., Worcester Time: 6:00 – 8:00 PM Price: Venture Forum Members: Free; Non-Members: \$15 in advance, \$25 at the door; Students: \$15

Note: this event is 21+

The panel will feature discussion by:

- Dani Babineau, Redeption Rock Brewery. Dani is a Babson College MBA graduate and Certified Cicerone[®]. She's spent the last 3+ years navigating a career change from architecture to brewery owner, working at Craft Beer Cellar, Brewbound and Exhibit A Brewing along the way.
- David M. Fields, Wormtown Brewery. As managing partner of Wormtown Brewery, David brings a diverse background to his role at the craft brewery. In addition to his current position with the brewery, he is a former employee/owner at a beer distributor in addition to serving as the President of the Beer Distributors of MA and as a State Director for the National Beer Wholesaler Associations of DC.
- Brandon Heisler, Cold Harbor Brewing. Brandon discovered his love for brewing and beer in 2003 when he was living in London studying Literature at Regent's College. Born and raised in the foot hills of the Appalachian Mountains of West Virginia, London life was eye opening and English beer was new, flavorful, and rich. Returning home from England, he couldn't find many of the beers he grew to love, so he decided to make them himself. Eleven years of home brewing and a passion for all things beer led him to a chance meeting with his future business partner in a craft bar at lunch. They talked and Brandon offered tastes of his homebrew. That was 2014, and two years later Brandon and Will Oliveira opened Cold Harbor Brewing.
- Robert Young, Bowditch & Dewey. Bob, an employment lawyer and craft beer enthusiast, founded and leads the firm's craft brewery group and serves as editor of the firm's blog "At the Bar With Bowditch" (craftbrewerylegalblog.com). The group offers the full suite of legal services to the industry, representing brewers in labor & employment issues, partnership agreements, financing, solar power, real estate leases and permitting, intellectual property, non-compete litigation, and representation before the ABCC, and more.