

BOSTON BEER CO INC  
Form DEFA14A  
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## SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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**The Boston Beer Company, Inc.**

*(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)*

**The Boston Beer Company, Inc.**

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**THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC.**

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting  
to Be Held on Wednesday, May 23, 2012**

**The Proxy Statement, Annual Report and other proxy materials are available at:**

**<http://www.proxyvoting.com/sam>**

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet.

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

**THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC.**

*If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of these documents, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed below on or before May 9, 2012 to facilitate timely delivery.*

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(please reference your 11-digit control number when requesting materials)

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Telephone: **1-888-313-0164**  
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Email: **shrrelations@bnymellon.com**  
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*This is not a proxy card. You cannot use this notice to vote your shares.*

To our Stockholder:

The 2012 Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC. (the Company) will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. at The Brewery located at 30 Germania Street, Boston, Massachusetts, for the following purposes:

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1. The election by the holders of the Class A Common Stock of three (3) Class A Directors, each to serve for a term of one (1) year.
2. The election by the sole holder of the Class B Common Stock of five (5) Class B Directors, each to serve for a term of one (1) year.
3. To conduct an advisory vote on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers.
4. To consider and act upon any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 26, 2012 as the record date for the meeting. Only stockholders of record on that date are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting.

**The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the election of the Nominees for Class A Director: David A. Burwick, Pearson C. Cummin, III, Jean-Michel Valette and FOR Item 3.**

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**To vote your shares, you may vote in person at the Meeting or you may vote your proxy when you view the materials on the Internet or you can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will contain a proxy card.**

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**Meeting Location:**

The Samuel Adams Brewery

30 Germania Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02130

Please bring this Notice with you if you plan to attend the meeting. You can find directions to the Annual Meeting below.

**The following Proxy Materials are available for you to review online:**

the Company's 2012 Proxy Statement (including all attachments thereto);

the Company's Annual Report for the year ended December 31, 2011 (which is not deemed to be part of the official proxy soliciting materials); and

any amendments to the foregoing materials that are required to be furnished to stockholders.

**To request a paper copy of the Proxy Materials:**

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**THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC.**

**2012 ANNUAL MEETING**

Wednesday, May 23, 2012

9:00 A.M.

The Brewery

30 Germania Street

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