



## Plucky Rooster Ale- Fact Sheet

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### About the Beer

5.8% ABV - 35 IBUs - Copper Color, Unfiltered - Piney/Citrus Aroma

### Development and Description of Plucky Rooster Ale

The recipe was developed by researching types of beers brewed by George Washington and Thomas Jefferson in the late 18th and early 19th century. Brewers did not only use barley, which makes up the majority of beer recipes today, but other sugar sources such as wheat, rye and molasses.

I incorporated some of these other sugar sources to create an authentic brew while keeping it contemporary enough to be enjoyed by today's craft beer drinker. Filtration was nonexistent at the time, so this brew will also be unfiltered. This authentic ale is brewed with American hops, English rye, Canadian barley and molasses.

### Legend of Plucky Rooster

On the morning of September 11, 1814, the British fleet sailed around Cumberland Head and into the bay where Macdonough's fleet was waiting. As the English squadron stood bravely, Thomas Macdonough knelt for a moment with his officers on the quarter-deck in perfect silence, the men were waiting for the opening fight. The American ship *Eagle* spoke first with its cannons but to no effect, the shot fell short. Then the British ship *Linnet* fired against the American Ship *Saratoga* its shot also fell short, except for one that struck the coop containing a gamecock that happened to be a board the *Saratoga*. Instead of being frightened at his sudden release, the rooster jumped up on a gun-slide, clapped his wings and crowed. The men laughed and cheered; immediately afterward Macdonough himself fired the first shot. The 24-pound ball struck the British ship *Confiance* and ranged the length of her deck, killing and wounding several men. All the American long guns now opened and were replied to by the British galleys. The crew took the rooster's fighting spirit as a sign of good fortune and they were right. Macdonough's crew won the battle and put an end to the war. Today, the U.S. Navy continues to have the rooster as a mascot on the USS *Saratoga* aircraft carrier.