

BOSTON BEER CO INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 ROPER MARTIN F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC., ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02210

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 BOSTON BEER CO INC [SAM]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/22/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
 President and C.E.O.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Class A Common                  | 09/22/2008                           |  | M                              | A   | \$ 14 17,457  | D  |   |
| Class A Common                  | 09/22/2008                           |  | S                              | D   | \$ 46.5256<br>(1) (2) (3)<br>(4)  | D  |   |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|--|--|---|----------------|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)  | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title          | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy)                | \$ 14  | 09/22/2008                           |  | M                              | 5,000  | 09/15/1996   | 09/15/2009  | Class A Common | 168,663                    |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                      |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer              | Other |
| ROPER MARTIN F<br>C/O THE BOSTON BEER COMPANY, INC.<br>ONE DESIGN CENTER PLACE, SUITE 850<br>BOSTON, MA 02210 | X             |           | President and C.E.O. |       |

## Signatures

Kathleen H. Wade under POA for the benefit of Martin F. Roper  
Date: 09/23/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for 3,600 shares is from \$45.75 to \$46.75.
- (2) The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for 1,000 is from \$46.80 to \$47.77.
- (3) The price shown is the weighted average sale price for the transactions reported on this line. The range of sale prices for 400 is from \$47.89 to \$48.41.
- (4) The filer will provide, upon request from the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Registrant or a shareholder of the Registrant, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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