Kodiak Island Brewery Opens Spacious New Location

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A life-size photograph of the old Moser Bay Cannery by Alf Pryor adorns two walls at the new location of the Kodiak Island Brewing Co. Jay Barrett/KMXT photo

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The doors opened Thursday afternoon on the new location of the Kodiak Island Brewing Company at the Y downtown. Owner Ben Millstein said it was a little bit of a surprise.

The new space - in the old Cy's Sporting Goods building - is over three-times the size of the old place on Shelikof Street, and can hold about 150 people in the tasting room, which comes in handy, especially on late Friday afternoons.

It's not just the elbow room for patrons that is improved. Millstein says the extra space will allow for more storage and eventually, more brewing capacity

With so much more room, the possibilities for the new space are many - such as renting it out for special events, but Millstein says he hasn't checked with the state yet as to what's allowed for a brewery

Under state law, a brewery is allowed to sell just two pints per person over the counter for consumption on the premises. Any greater amount needs to be purchased in a

growler or a "pig" and taken off-site.

The décor Millstein chose is "old cannery," with corrugated tin walls and some old ships' masts scattered about, holding up the tables. There is also a very large and dramatic photograph of an old cannery by local artist Alf Pryor that takes up two walls.