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FORM 5

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

- Check this box if no longer subject of Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5
obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).
 Form 3 Holdings Reported
 Form 4 Transactions Reported

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person

Kautz, James C.

(Last) (First) (Middle)

251 Oak Ridge Avenue

(Street)

Summit, New Jersey 07901

(City) (State) (Zip)

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

The Boston Beer Company, Inc.

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3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)

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4. Statement for Month/Year

December 1999

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5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Year)

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6. Relationship of Reporting Person to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

- Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

7. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
(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 (mm/dd/yy)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Owner- ship Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Amount (A) ----- (D)	Price (D)			

Class A Common Stock					522,531	I	Note 1
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly

FORM 4 (continued)

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. Conver- sion of Exer- cise Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity	3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/ Year)	4. Trans- action Code (Instr. 8) ----- Code V	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) ----- (A) (D)		6. Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) ----- Date Expira- tion Date		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) ----- Amount or Number of Shares		8. Price of Deriv- ative Secur- ity (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Deriv- ative Secur- ities Bene- ficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 4)	10. Owner- ship of Deriv- ative Secur- ity: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of In- direct Owner- ship (Instr. 4)
								Title	Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$18.5625	5/1/96	A	2,500		Cur- rently	5/20/06	Class A Common	2,500	\$18.5625	10,000	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$9.50	6/3/97	A	2,500		Cur- rently	6/2/07	Class A Common	2,500	\$ 9.50	10,000	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$11.09375	6/2/98	A	2,500		Cur- rently	6/1/08	Class A Common	2,500	\$11.09375	10,000	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$8.3125	5/28/99	A	2,500		Cur- rently	5/28/09	Class A Common	2,500	\$8.3125	10,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

Note 1: Owned by Kautz Family Partners, L.P., of which the undersigned is a partner

/s/James C. Kautz

February 11, 2000

**Signature of Reporting Person
James C. Kautz

Date

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.
If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedures.