



Photo by Matt Love

Fort George Brewery brewer Piper Gladwell holds a glass of Booty's Back Lager, a specialty beer brewed in conjunction with Astoria author Matt Love's new book, "A Nice Piece of Astoria: A Narrative Guide."

A GLIMPSE INSIDE

An occasional feature by MATT LOVE

Fort George Brewery

There I sat in Jack Harris' office inside Astoria's Fort George Brewery. Vintage Hamm's Beer memorabilia decorated the walls. Jack, a co-owner, was to my right, and Piper Gladwill, a brewer, was to my left. We were all tasting Piper's new beer, Booty's Back Lager, produced in collaboration for the release of my new book, "A Nice Piece of Astoria: A Narrative Guide."

Months ago, Jack had graciously decided to support my book in novel

fashion, by pairing it with a special beer (with a cheeky name), thereby enabling me to leverage Fort George's stunningly high profile to promote my book temporarily over the summer.

It's this kind of entrepreneurial synergy between independent businesses like Fort George and my publishing house, Nestucca Spit Press, that makes living and working in Astoria such an interesting and rewarding experience. More such collaborations are needed.

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They only need conjuring.

The beer was absolutely delicious and the color of a fading sunset over the South Jetty. I couldn't wait for this golden libation to be available on tap!

Jack had invited me up for a preview of the beer and wanted me to write something up for it. I was flattered and naturally agreed.

I took a few more sips and drafted the blurb below right on the spot:

Tag line: The Indoor Camping Beer of Summer

Return to the halcyon Pacific Northwest days before Mount St. Helens blew up, the legendary hazy afternoons of jean cutoffs and shimmering derrières floating on inner tubes and air mattresses, down rivers, across lakes. Return to the days of crisp lagers brewed in the Pacific Northwest. Enjoy Fort George Brewery's new special beer, Booty's Back Lager and think Youngs River Falls 1979 all over again. This is the refreshing taste of Astoria this summer, from the land of sky blue waters and eternal rain.

Wow! I thought, *That was easy.* I would love a job tasting Oregon beers and writing creative descriptions of them. What a gig! I'd even do it for trade.

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N W word nerd

By RYAN HUME

Maritime [mer•ə•tAIm]

adjective

1. of or related to the sea, especially in terms of military, commercial shipping, fishing and navigation

2. Columbia River Maritime Museum: sitting harborside off Marine Drive in downtown Astoria, this private nonprofit boasts a collection of over 30,000 objects related to military, nautical and fishing history in the Graveyard of

the Pacific, including the docked Lightship Columbia, a registered National Historic Landmark

Origin:

First recorded in 1550. Either enters English through the Middle French maritime or comes directly from the same Latin source, *maritimus*, meaning "of the sea," by way of the root, *mare*, for sea (mare in English, as it relates to a horse, comes down a different branch from the Germanic families).

"A 91-year-old piece of Astoria's maritime history — the Tourist No. 2 ferry — will return

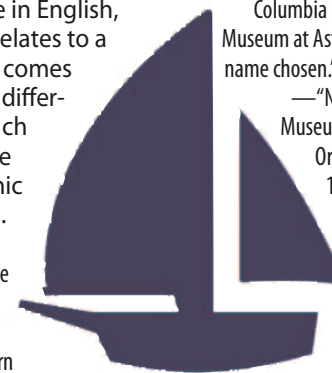
home sometime next month for the community to behold and possibly board at the 17th Street dock."

—Erick Bengel, "Historic Astoria ferry, Tourist No. 2, may come home soon," *The Daily Astorian*, July 13, 2015, P. A1

"Formation of a permanent organization to sponsor a maritime museum here was begun last week with election of officers and selection of a name.

Columbia River Maritime Museum at Astoria was the name chosen."

—"Name Picked for Museum," *The Sunday Oregonian*, April 8, 1962, P. 21





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