



REGATTA CORONATION QUEEN AND COURT RECEPTION

IV 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6
Where: Liberty Theater
What: Free; donation to benefit the scholarship fund suggested.
Sponsor: Pacific Power

After a morning interview session with a panel of three judges, the four princesses will share their speeches one last time with friends and family at the Regatta Coronation. Each princess is speaking about a decade of music, our history and the Regatta, so you'll have the opportunity to step back in time and enjoy the flavor of the era, while learning more about the 40s, 50s, 60s and 70s on the North Coast.

The talented Maddox Dancers will entertain the audience while the judges deliberate. Queen Claire Helligso will be ending her reign with her farewell speech and the crowning of the new queen.

For as long as there has been an Astoria Regatta, there has been a royal court, made up of our county's finest young high school women. Our Regatta Court represents our area through community speaking engagements and media announcements, by traveling to Pacific Northwest parades and hosting other courts and visitors. Each year, the Astoria Regatta Association presents scholarships to our court members to help them pursue their college goals.

This year, \$18,500 in scholarships were given out to the 2014 court members from the Astoria Regatta Scholarship Fund, Riedel Regatta Scholarship Endowment Fund and the Patti Hankel Nelson Queen Scholarship Fund. Court members for the current year are incoming high school seniors, and the Regatta Association encourages young women who will be sophomores this year at Astoria, Warrenton, Knappa or Seaside high schools to apply next year for this wonderful opportunity.

Once again, we have an impressive group of young women comprising our Regatta Court, so please join us to share in the excitement of the crowning moment and help us honor our 2014 and 2015 Regatta queens Thursday evening.

A reception in the McTavish Room will immediately follow the ceremony. Cake, coffee and punch will be served. This will be the perfect opportunity for you to greet our Regatta Court and congratulate our newly-crowned 2015 Regatta queen.

Come be part of our rich Regatta tradition!

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2014 ASTORIA
REGATTA
QUEEN
CLAIRE HELLIGSO

Queen Claire Helligso, daughter of Shawn and Miranda Helligso, graduated from Astoria High School last spring. Helligso grew up with the Regatta.

"The whole festival has a place in my heart," she said.

For anyone interested in becoming Regatta royalty, she said "100 percent go for it."

"It really makes you become a better person," Helligso said.

Being part of the court helps nurture public speaking, community involvement and personal growth, she said.

Helligso has been involved with dance since the age of 3, a company member of Maddox Dance Studio since she was 7 and also a member of AHS Pizazz dance team for four years. She has received many honors through dance, and she has served as a captain of the Pizazz team for two years. Helligso is a member of National Honor Society, and was awarded honor roll every semester in high school.

Helligso is enrolled in Pacific Lutheran University's nursing program this fall and plans to minor in dance.



2015 ASTORIA
REGATTA
PRINCESS
KIMBERLY CASTRO

Every weekend, incoming Astoria High School senior Kimberly Castro writes a schedule so she's prepared for the busy week ahead. Involved doesn't even begin to describe her. Castro is her student body secretary for the second year during her high school career. She's participated in school and outreach projects, taken part in a myriad of activities, held jobs and consistently volunteered. On top of that, Castro, the daughter of Minerva Monroy, was East Portland's Miss Pageant Spirit.

"Giving back to the community is like saying thank you for raising me," Castro said.

Castro said the town is the perfect size, so she's able to make connections within a supportive community.

"It's so much easier to make relationships, like real relationships with people," she said.

Castro has had many rewarding Regatta experiences so far. Her mother has helped her with her speech and been really involved, and as Castro delivered that speech, she could see people connecting to it.

After graduation, she plans to attend Western Oregon University to get a Ph.D. in forensic psychology.



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