

# Parade: 'It's all for the children'

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The festival includes the Queen's Coronation today, the Seamen's Memorial Friday, the Grand Land Parade Saturday and a summer pops concert Sunday.

## A wheelbarrow ride

In keeping with tradition, Claire Helligso, last year's queen, and the rest of the Regatta Court rode out the Junior Parade in wheelbarrows.

"It was a little bumpy," Helligso said. That, and leaning one side or another could make the wheelbarrow tip.

Behind the court, children in strollers, on bicycles and on foot traveled the parade route with adults and the occasional dog.

Arlene Landwehr remembers when she and her brother were in the parade when they were young. She was dressed as Sacagawea and he was a Native American, she recalled.

Wednesday was the first time in a long time she had been to the Junior Parade. Her husband, Bill Landwehr — alias "Stubby," of the Astoria Clowns — participated in the parade sporting red, white and blue hair.

Kevin Leahy, the co-president of the Regatta, also has childhood memories of the parade. He remembers that when



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**ABOVE: Police Chief Brad Johnston takes a selfie with the winner of the costume contest Katelynn McCauley. LEFT: From left: Dominic Nowlin, 3, David Nowlin, 10, Wyatt Jackson, 7, Sophie Alsbury, 8, Payton Harper, 8, and Avery Biederman, 9, wait for the start of the Astoria Regatta Junior Parade Wednesday.**



he was 4 years old, he was in a covered wagon, enclosed and away from the crowd.

"And I said to my friends, 'Wait a minute, why am I in here?'" Leahy recalled.

## Wonder Woman

Katelynn McCauley won the costume contest and the honor of riding with Astoria Police Chief Brad Johnston during the parade. McCauley, who is 4 years old, was

dressed as Wonder Woman. "She was the best passenger I've had in a long time," Johnston said. "Despite my best efforts, I couldn't make her dizzy," he added.

## Astoria Regatta parade to disrupt traffic

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With the Astoria Regatta's Grand Land Parade beginning at noon Saturday, the Astoria Police Department is reminding residents that traffic will be disrupted through downtown.

Exchange Street will be closed between 23rd and 16th streets starting at 8 a.m. Saturday.

Columbia Memorial Hospital, its urgent care and the Park Medical Building will be accessible from Marine Drive at 20th, 21st and 23rd streets.

Exchange and Duane Street between 17th and 9th streets will have no on-street parking Saturday until the parade ends. The no parking areas will be signed and any vehicles parked at those locations will be removed by a tow truck, according to police.

Owners will be responsible for tow fees.

At about 10 a.m. Saturday, all streets that travel north or south will be closed between Commercial Street and Franklin Street between 17th and 8th streets.

The traffic disruptions will last until the parade ends and the streets have been swept.

U.S. Highway 30 will remain open, but may have delays due to pedestrian traffic and floats moving to the disband area. Traffic needing to get to or from the south slope of Astoria should use unaffected, alternate routes, police suggest.

"We appreciate the community's patience in dealing with the traffic disruptions that occur during the parade each year," Deputy Chief Eric Halverson said. "Our goal is to limit the disruptions for the motoring public, while providing a safe route for people to view the procession."

The parade was sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Astoria and Warrenton, which also handed out free ice cream bars.

Frank Spence joined Kiwanis in 1968. He has lived

in Astoria for two years after moving from his longtime home in Florida. For him, the parade has a very specific focus.

"It's all for the children," he said.

## Zone: 'It doesn't give you room to breathe'

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The initiative would expand warning areas west over the Pacific Ocean, from 1,000 to 50,000 feet above mean sea level. More worrisome to the Port is the creation of the Eel Military Operations Area from 11,000 to 18,000 feet along the Oregon Coast from Astoria to Lincoln City, along with a small portion over southwest Washington state.

"This training airspace will help us produce the best air-to-air combat pilots, and serve our state and nation in times of peace and war," Lt. Col. Alaric Michaelis from the Oregon Air National Guard said in a release Wednesday. "It also serves the mission of the 142nd Fighter Wing, as it provides unequaled, mission-ready aerospace superiority."

## Cramping airspace

Restrictions on flying at that level would not affect the U.S. Coast Guard, Camp Rilea or pilots based at the airport, Port Commission Chairman John Raichl said, but will affect jet traffic coming into the airport.

Raichl, a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, said he would be attending the Air National Guard's meeting Wednesday on behalf of the pilot's group to oppose the training area.

"They're taking up the entire airway," said Port Commissioner James Campbell, who is also a pilot. "It doesn't give you room to breathe."

Commissioners and staff



Photo courtesy of Oregon Military Department

**F-15 Eagles from the 142nd (background) and 173rd (foreground) fighter wings, based in Portland and Klamath Falls, fly over the Oregon Coast. The Oregon Air National Guard is proposing new training areas over the coastal and central and eastern Oregon.**

have said there are a lot of jets coming to the airport in Warrenton, often corporate representatives and people going to South County. Raichl said there are even jets that fly in visitors to the Big Creek Fishing Club, a fishing and hunting lodge near Knappa.

Campbell said similar training zones have choked airspace in Nevada. He said the Port should oppose the planned coastal training zone and two others over central and eastern Oregon.

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, an advocacy group based in Maryland, has warned that the impact on pilots could be significant.

"Pilots might have to fly many miles around the airspace when it is active, complicating flight planning and increasing fuel requirements and operational costs," Rune Duke, the association's director of government affairs for airspace and air traffic, said in a statement last week.

## Based on proximity

The proposed training areas are based on proximity to the 142nd and 173rd fighter wings of the Oregon Air National Guard in Portland and Klamath Falls, respectively. The coastal training area would be for the Portland unit, which is responsible for the Aerospace Control Alert mission extending from the Canadian border to Northern California. The 173rd fighter wing in Klamath Falls is the only F-15 training school in the U.S. Air Force, training pilots from across the military.

The Air National Guard is holding meetings across the state so the public can comment on a draft environmental review of the initiative released in late July. The meetings start in Tillamook Tuesday and move to the Loft at the Red Building in Astoria from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, before moving to Condon, Burns and Prineville.

• For more information on the Oregon Airspace Initiative, visit [www.142fw.ang.af.mil/](http://www.142fw.ang.af.mil/)



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Competitors at the 2014 event.

## Seaside: Event brought in thousands of people last year

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Camacho gained fame for his brash, hard play and tattoos. He was the player fans loved to hate.

"Not too many people like cheering for me," he told a reporter in 2006. "But I like it like that. I like to spice up the crowd and get them going."

Faced with the prospect of a Seaside tournament without Camacho, one of his friends from Portland decided to rectify the problem.

Tim Foksha started a GoFundMe account, called "Let Dana Play," to fundraise for Camacho's plane ticket and lodging while he competes. In exchange, Camacho is partnering with 29-year-old Roman Onishchenko, also of Portland. Onishchenko has tried to win the open division at the Seaside tournament since 2004 without luck, although he's placed in the top 10 a few times, said Foksha, who is the player's manager.

"My goal for this year was to make two dreams come true," Foksha said. "Onishchenko will get a chance to play with someone at a very high caliber — arguably, the highest in the Northwest. And Dana Camacho will get some help from all of us who want to see him play another day. That is what the GoFundMe is about. It's not about the money; it's about us — the people and who we want to see again."

## Fueled by social media

Not realizing how many fans Camacho had, the group didn't expect to get anything, Onishchenko said. To their surprise, by continually spreading the link to the GoFundMe account through social media, such as the Seaside Chamber of Commerce's Facebook



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**Thousands of people flock to Seaside each summer for the annual Seaside Beach Volleyball Tournament, the world's largest amateur beach volleyball tournament, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.**

page, they were able to raise about \$845 between 28 donors as of Monday. The money was enough to purchase the plane ticket Camacho needed, and his attendance was confirmed a few weeks ago.

For Onishchenko, who is working to become a professional player, the first year he played in Seaside was the same year he started playing beach volleyball.

"When I was at that tournament, I got so drawn into the sport," he said. "It doesn't get much better than being at a beach on the sand in warm weather playing a very active sport. The volleyball community is very close and friendly."

The annual volleyball event is hosted by the Seaside Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Bud Light.

As of Monday, more than 1,300 teams of two had registered for the tournament, which began in 1982 and is now the largest beach volleyball tournament in the world. That number does not include the teams for the quad and sixes divisions, who have to register at the event. The tournament showcases a diversity

of divisions and age groups, from 12-year-olds to senior citizens.

The youth divisions in particular have seen substantial growth in registration over the years, Chamber of Commerce Director Susan Huntington said. Beach volleyball became an emerging NCAA sport for women in 2009. Since then, with the inclusion of all three collegiate divisions, the sport has advanced to become a full-fledged NCAA championship starting next spring. Many colleges nationwide are now giving scholarships for beach volleyball, and Huntington said she believes that has helped increase participation in the junior divisions.

Prizes vary depending on the division; some winning teams receive prize money, while others receive prizes from event sponsors.

The tournament, which takes place throughout more than 100 courts, can be viewed for free by the public. It runs daily from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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