

Easter Worship

Celebrate with Grace
the Joy of Easter

Easter Sunday

March 27th 8 am & 10 am

Grace Episcopal Church SINCE 1886

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Church of Christ Friendship in Christ's love!

Easter Service - 10:30 AM Sunday

Sermon - Easter Prophesied,
including Jesus' Resurrection

You are invited to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with an **AFTER** Easter community sing-a-long Sat. April 2nd 3:00 PM, Refreshments served.

692 12th St. Astoria, OR.
For further information call
(503)791-3235 or (503)468-8397



Christian Church of Knappa

42417 Valley Creek Lane
Astoria, Oregon 97103

Service time 10:30 a.m.

Christian Church of Seaside

580 Avenue U
Seaside, Oregon 97138

Service time 10:30 am

Christian Church of Warrenton

1376 S.E. Anchor Ave
Warrenton, Oregon 97146
Office: (503)861-1714 Fax: (503)861-3392

Web: www.cconline.cc

Service times: 9:00 and 10:30 am

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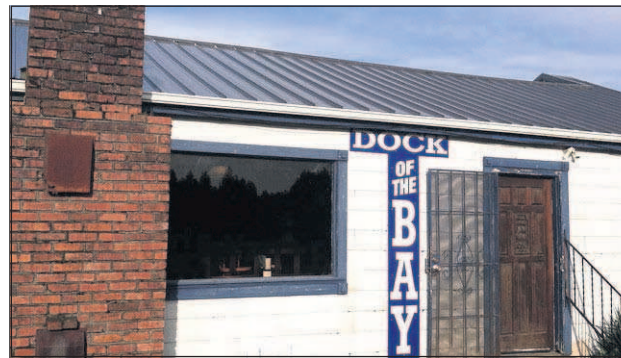


Photo by Matt Love

Dock of the Bay in Bay City, Washington, is a gritty, antiquated coastal dive bar.

A GLIMPSE INSIDE

An occasional feature by MATT LOVE

Dock of the Bay

All the great dive bar aficionados in the area told me the same thing: "Matt, you've got to check out Dock of the Bay in Bay Center, Washington."

So I did.

Glorious. Absolutely glorious in its gritty and antiquated coastal splendor.

I pulled up in front of

Dock of the Bay on a Saturday afternoon in February. I have no idea how I found it. A few locals in Raymond had given me vague directions, but I passed the alleged turnoff from U.S. Highway 101 at least twice and felt lost. As I drove around the fringes of Willapa Bay, it occurred to me that the Dock of the Bay might not exist. Perhaps it was only a legend.

And then I saw it: a somewhat ramshackle, octagon-like building nestled between all things of the oystering trade. I parked in front, exited the truck and inspected the façade. There didn't seem to be a front entrance so I asked two men smoking outside about this oddity.

"There are three entrances," said a man. That was a first in my dive bar life.

I walked in and sat down on a stool at a long wooden bar. I ordered a Guinness in bottle and placed an order for — what else? — an oyster burger.

A couple of men sat at the bar. They were obviously locals connected to the oystering trade. I asked one of them about Bay Center's finest quality. "No cops," he said.

That was that. I like terse answers in dive bars.

The man suggested I take a look at an old photograph on the wall. I did. It was a black and white shot from 1949 of a great white shark caught in Willapa Bay. It looked as big as the fake one from "Jaws." I had no idea great whites traveled

this far up Pacific Northwest estuaries — or used to. See what you can learn in coastal dive bars? Marine biology, among other subjects.

My oyster burger arrived in the blink of an eye. I took a bite. It was the best oyster burger I'd ever tasted.

I ate and listened to the men talk. I heard a priceless line: "The gals are up at the house steam cleaning the carpet, and I couldn't hear the TV so I came here." I heard more priceless lines. I could listen to the regulars' fishing and crabbing mishap stories for hours. There is easily a novella or true crime thriller in every one of them.

The Guinness didn't really go that great with the oyster burger. Next time, Rainier, as I should have ordered in the first place.

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By RYAN HUME

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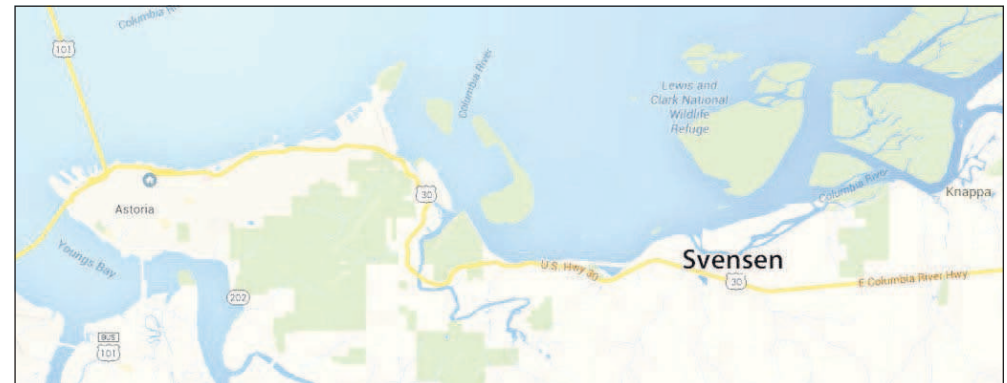
noun

1. an unincorporated area in Clatsop County situated on the Columbia River and located 11 miles east of Astoria on U.S. Highway 30

2. *Svensen Island*: a somewhat marshy island sitting in the Columbia River at Mile 24 and separated from the mainland by the Svensen Slough, which drains into the river

Origin:

A variant of *Svensson*, one of



the most common Scandinavian surnames, which literally means, "son of Sven." In Sweden to refer to someone idiomatically as a "Svensson" is to imply their ubiquity in Swedish culture, much like calling someone an average Joe in U.S. parlance. The community, island and slough in Clatsop County are attributed to Peter Svensen, a Finnish sailor who settled into a homestead

on 160 acres in the area after jumping ship in Astoria in the 1870s. The post office officially changed its name from Bear Creek to Svensen in 1895. The post office closed in 1944.

"Charles P. Duke, the prisoner who escaped from the County Jail Thursday evening, was captured by Deputy Sheriff McLean at Svensen this evening as the fugitive was

waiting to take a train for Rainier."

—"Escaped Prisoner Retaken," *The Sunday Oregonian*, June 9, 1907, P. 15

"The 30-kilowatt generator is located at the base of Bear Creek Dam east of the city near Svensen and is expected to produce about 154,645 kilowatt-hours of electricity a year."

— Derrick DePledge, "At Bear Creek Dam, a shift in power," *The Daily Astorian*, Feb. 26, 2015