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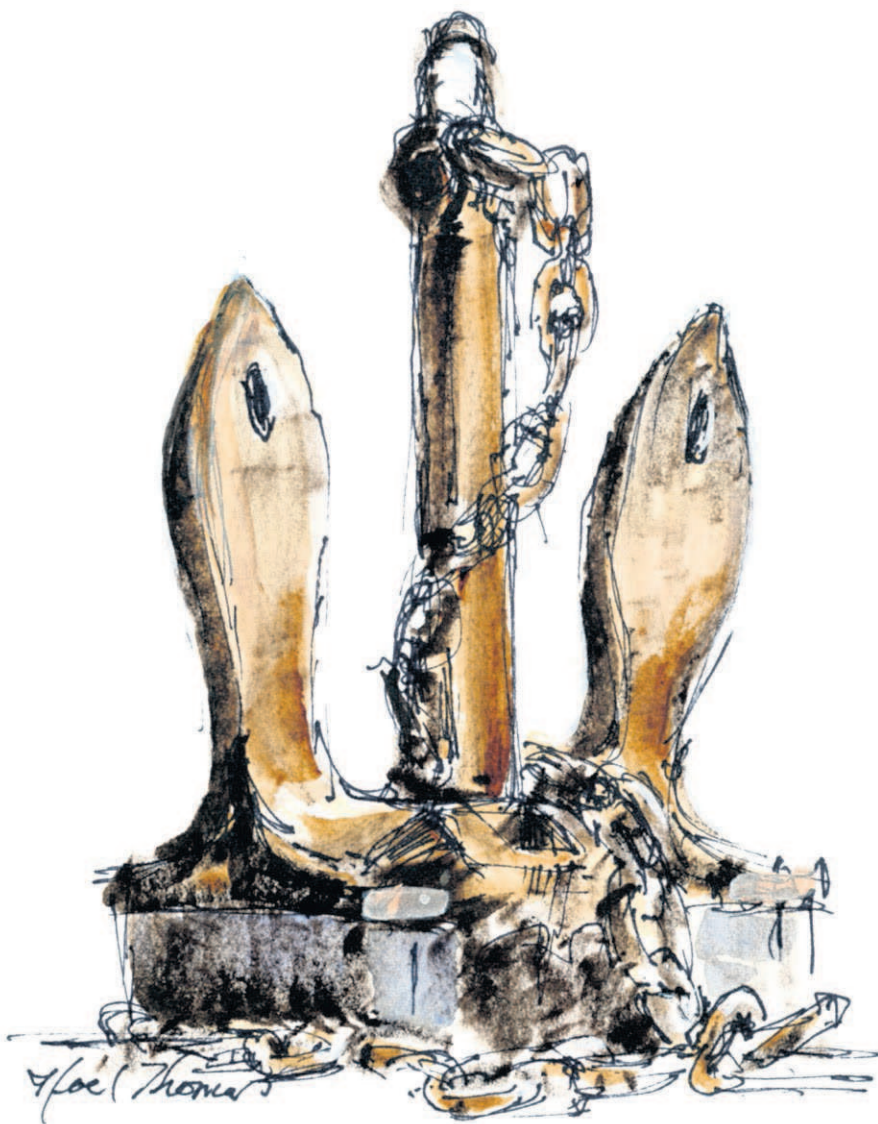
Weekend Edition



## BACK AT HOME

The artist captures the scene at the 17th Street Dock

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The old ferry is back in town.

If all goes well, the Tourist No. 2, which used to shuttle passengers and cars between Astoria and Megler, Washington, will be made ship-shape for taking people out on the Columbia River for spectacular views of Astoria.

On a recent sunny afternoon, I found her docked near the Columbia River Maritime Museum, and decided to do a quick watercolor sketch.

I reached a point where the painting didn't seem to be going well, and set it aside to try my hand at the huge anchor near the 17th Street Dock, then the lightship Columbia and U.S. Coast Guard cutter Alert.

Once home, I took out the ferry painting, and rather than adding more color, drew in some details with pen and ink.

It's no great piece of art, but there's a certain energy I like about it.

Noel Thomas is an Astoria artist. His work can be seen at the RiverSea Gallery.

