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Enjoy a brew-tiful weekend beerfest

Pacific Northwest
Brew Cup marks
16th year with new venue

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FOR COAST WEEKEND

Astoria's annual Pacific Northwest Brew Cup beer and music festival is upon us.

Already one of Astoria's most popular hometown celebrations, it has distinguished itself in Oregon's often crowded beerfest scene.

The festival will run Friday through Sunday, Sept. 22 through 24, and features live music, 36 local and Pacific Northwest craft beers on tap, some wine and cider, along with three days of live music, food vendors and children's activities. Admission is free.

The year 2017 marks the sixteenth for the festival, and the first year for its new, more open site at Seventh Street and the Riverwalk, adjacent to Buoy Beer, with parking in nearby lots.

The Brew Cup is organized and presented by the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association, with proceeds benefiting local downtown revitalization efforts.

Beer

The Brew Cup features 36 beers, mostly from Oregon, according to Jack Harris, proprietor at Astoria's Fort George Brewery and an organizer of the Brew Cup. Brad DePuyt of the same establishment coordinated the beer choices this year.

"We give breweries a lot of leeway," Harris said. "We try to get beers that are not mass-packaged or distributed. We're trying to focus on this event as a learning experience, rather than a drinking experience."

The intent, he said, is to educate people about beer variety and the quality of beers made in the region. In addition, there will be three or four different ciders and wines, as well as a spirits sampling.



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WHEN

Friday: Noon to 10 p.m.

Saturday: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

WHERE

Riverwalk and Seventh streets, Astoria, adjacent to Buoy Beer.

Accessible by bus, vehicle or the Astoria Riverfront Trolley.

The Point Bus from Portland drops off just a few blocks away.

COST

Free admission. To taste beer, you'll need to be over 21 and purchase a \$12 souvenir mug and a \$1 token for each 4-ounce pour.

BANDS

See a listing of all the bands scheduled on **Page 15**.



BEERS

More than 40 featured beers and ciders from across the Pacific Northwest will compete to be the first keg to blow in the "Thar She Blows" contest, as well as for a People's Choice Award.

Two Towns Ciderhouse
Made Marion

Astoria Brewing Company
DH Kirby Kolsch

Boneyard Beer
Blood Orange Pale Ale

Buoy Beer Company
Thy Cupeth has Ryeth Over

Burnside Brewing
TBD

Cascade Lakes Brewing
Salted Caramel Porter

Cider Riot!
In The Pit

Coopers Hall Winery
Cascade White & Pinot Nior

Deschutes Brewery
American Wheat Ale

Double Mountain
Hop Lion IPA

Ecliptic Brewing
TDB

Finn River Cider
TDB

Fire On The Mountain
Pauli Walnuts Vienna Lager

Firestone Walker
Luponic Distortion IPA

Fort George Brewery
City of Dreams

Georgetown
Bodhizafa IPA

Gigantic Brewing
Ginormous MK2

Goodlife Brewing Co.
Secret Stash #004

Hondo's
Chocolate Cream Pie

Hopworks Urban Brewery
Wave Train Amber Ale

Lagunitas Brewing
12th of Never Ale

McMenamins
Tropic Heat

Melvin Brewing
Heyzues!

Mill City Brew Works
Spicy Ginger Kolsch

Modern Times Beer
Fruitlands

Nectar Creek Meads
Sting

North Jetty Brewing
Atlantic Wave

Ordnance Brewing
Citra-Fresh RX

Pelican Brewing
Marzen

pFriem Family Brewers
Pumpkin Bier

Prodigal Son Brewing
Huckleberry Wheat

Public Coast Brewing
Coconut Brown Ale

Reach Break Brewing
Evolution of an IPA #4

Riverbend Brewing
POG Milkshake Hazy IPA

Reveille Cider Works
Willonia Farmhouse

Rusty Truck Brewing
Moonshadow

Seaside Brewing Co.
TBD

Sunriver Brewing
Cocoa Cow Milk Stout

Walking Man Brewing
(2015 Thar She Blows Winner)
Cherry Stout

Wandering Angus Ciderworks
Honeycrisp Single Varietal

Wild Ride Brew Co.
Nut Crusher Porter

Willapa Bay Brewing
Double BIT Biac IPA

Worthy Brewing
TDB

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