



# Pacific Northwest Brew Cup

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If you're looking for a fun, family-friendly event that showcases the natural beauty of Astoria, Ore. and some of the areas best craft beer then be sure to check out this year's Pacific Northwest Brew Cup.

Now in its 17th year, the Pacific Northwest Brew Cup will be held Friday, Sept. 28 - Sunday, Sept. 30. The event will feature more than three dozen craft beers, ciders and wines along with foot stomping music, food, fun and games on the shores of the Columbia River.

The Astoria Downtown Historic District Association puts on the Pacific Northwest Brew Cup each year with the help of local brewers. The event kicks off Friday with Portland blues duo Hillstomp and there will be beers pouring all night.

This year's event will feature unique beers from Gigantic Brewing, Fort George Brewery, Friem Family Brewers, Seaside Brewing Co. and more. The tap list includes some light-bodied, end-of-summer beers as well as darker beers as the North Coast heads into fall.

Buoy Beer decided to bring something new and light to this year's event. They will be pouring their new kettle sour Fuzzy Pits all weekend.

The kettle sour was brewed with stone fruit from the Willamette Valley and Golden Naked Oats were added at the end to give the sour a hint of sweetness.

Astoria Brewing is also bringing a light-bodied, fruit-infused beer. Apricot Fizz is their new saison, aged in wine barrels with apricots.

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On Sept. 29, Astoria Brewing's brewer will be pouring the saison from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. as a part of Brew Cup's Meet the Brewer event.

If you are looking for a darker beer, Fort George is bringing a test batch of their new toasted pecan porter.

Brewer Dave Coyne said they love drinking and brewing IPAs but they decided to bring a darker beer to the brew cup.

"As much as we love making and drinking IPAs were really excited for winter to come and drink some more malty dark beers," Coyne said.

The brew cup will wrap up with Sunday Funday. Sunday is traditionally growler fill Sunday at the Brew Cup where guests can bring and fill their own growler for \$10. However, this year's Sunday Funday will also include a cornhole competition and a hula hoop competition.

Also on Sunday, the Columbia River Maritime Museum will have a station set up to print your own fish shirts. You can bring your own shirt to use or purchase a shirt for \$5.

The Pacific Northwest Brew Cup is a fundraising event for the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association.

Money raised during the event goes towards preserving the history and culture of Astoria while promoting growth and its future. So be sure to stop by the Pacific Northwest Brew Cup Sept. 28 - Sept. 30 to enjoy live music, explore downtown Astoria, eat great food, and try some of the best beers in the region.



**17th annual Pacific Northwest Brew Cup**

BREWED BY THE ASTORIA DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

**September 28, 29 & 30, 2018**

**Friday: Noon - 10 p.m.**  
Sampling closes at 9:45 p.m.

**Saturday: 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.**  
Sampling closes at 9:45 p.m.

**Friday: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.**  
Sampling closes at 3:45 p.m.

The Pacific Northwest Brew Cup is an annual beer festival held the last full weekend in September in beautiful Astoria, Oregon. The festival features Northwest beers on tap Friday through Sunday, along with live music, food vendors, and activities for the kiddos. Admission is FREE. To taste beer you'll need a souvenir glass (\$12 each) and tokens (\$1 each).

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