

# Queen: 'We had an amazing year together'

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"We had an amazing year together," she said.

One of her responsibilities as queen will be to mentor next year's Regatta Court.

"I look forward to leading them and helping them prepare their speeches and gain confidence in public speaking," Steele said. "Hopefully, they will have a little more fun next year, getting to go to more of the events."

Before the coronation, the court made an appearance at a new waterfront monument installed near the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

The monument commemorates the 125th anniversary of the Regatta festival.

Last year, the Regatta and Astoria Visual Arts selected artist Jeremy Furnish's concept for the monument.

The 10-foot-tall sculpture is made of bronze and stainless steel that swirls around a bright blue piece of cast glass that Furnish referred to as the "eye of the rolling wave."

A butterfly sailboat was designed on the glass to represent the festival.

"It's symbolizing the water and the land, side by side as they come down the river. It's like a marriage, or a union, between the land and the sea," Furnish said.

A plaque behind the monument will be engraved with the story of the Regatta festival and the name of each sponsor that has contributed to the festival and the scholarships awarded to each year's Regatta Court.

Furnish said the opportunity was important to him because his great-great-grandfather immigrated from Denmark to Astoria the same year the Regatta tradition began.

"It resonated with me. It was something that I really had to put extra effort into," Furnish said. "It meant a lot."

Artist Jeremy Furnish presented his sculpture to a small group of people and the Astoria Regatta Court on Wednesday afternoon.

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## County reports one new virus case

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Clatsop County reported Thursday that a man living in the southern part of the county has tested positive for the coronavirus.

The man is in his 20s and was reportedly recovering at home.

The county has recorded 83 cases since March 23. Sixty-six have recovered, according to the county, and the others are convalescing at home.

The Oregon Health Authority reported 20,636 cases and 348 deaths from the virus statewide as of Friday morning.

The health authority tracked 3,806 test results in Clatsop County.

## Arch Cape: Project received significant funding this year

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The property the district hopes to purchase would tie into an additional 3,500 acres the North Coast Land Conservancy is in the process of acquiring for its \$10 million Rainforest Reserve project.

That project also received significant funding this year in the form of a \$2.1 million Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board grant.

This year has highlighted another need besides water quality, Chick noted.

When much of the state shut down in the spring to slow the spread of the coronavirus, outdoor recreational options were limited in the southern portions of the North Coast. Large state parks like Oswald West, Ecola and Nehalem and other state lands closed, restricting access to beaches and forests.

The proposed community forest property was one of the few places people could go, Chick said.

"It's a really vital recreation area for people from all over," he said.

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