

Rivers and roses

Astoria Regatta

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday
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Astoria Regatta sails on

BY LISSA BREWER

Three commemorative roses will join the garden of the Flavel House Museum this week, courtesy of this year's Astoria Regatta celebrations. For Melissa Grothe, Regatta president and longtime attendee, it's a moment to savor. The Royal Rosarians, a Portland-based civic group, will arrive

dressed in traditional suits, capes and straw hats for the ceremony, a fitting event for the closing morning of the four-day festival.

The Astoria Regatta describes itself as "one of the oldest festivals west of the Rockies." Commemorating Astoria's maritime history since 1894, it traces its origins to a homecoming of local fishermen, many returning with full boats of salted fish from Alaska.

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Onlookers wave and cheer from the Columbia River Maritime Museum during a previous Astoria Regatta parade.



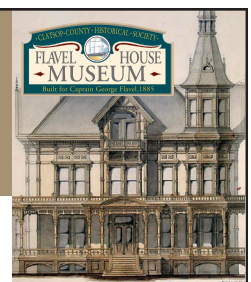
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