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Set sail in the 2017 Cranberry Festival Parade

Bandon, OR- It's almost time to hoist anchor and set sail in the 2017 Bandon Cranberry Festival Parade.

The 2017 festival theme is "Shiver me Cranberry!" Businesses, organizations and clubs are invited to talk like pirates and trot out their seafaring regalia. The parade sails down Highway 101 and through Old Town on Saturday morning, Sept. 9.

Groups are encouraged to register parade entries in advance. Categories include band or music, float, vehicle, and animal. Parade judges award ribbons in each category, plus a Grand Marshal best of show award.

Find festival information, including parade forms, at bandon.com/cranberry-festival. Participants may also inquire about festival events at the Bandon Chamber Visitors Center, 300 2nd Street in Old Town Bandon, or call 541-347-9616.

Longtime Ocean Crest Elementary school teacher and Bandon Chamber and Visitors Center volunteer Terrie Loomis will ride in the place of honor as the 2017 Grand Marshal. After her retirement from the Bandon School District in 2003, Loomis responded to a Coffee Break advertisement for Visitors Center volunteers. Her work as volunteer administrative assistant included many tasks– from holiday decorating to chamber business research. The Bandon Chamber and Cranberry Festival Committee are pleased to honor her initiative, teamwork and a life-long passion for learning.

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The Bandon Oregon Chamber of Commerce is a member organization for businesses and professionals in the Southern Oregon Coast region. The chamber works to promote the economic vitality and the quality of life in our unique coastal community. Visit the Bandon Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center, open daily at 300 Second St. in Old Town Bandon, or on the web at bandon.com.

