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Launching through the Surf: The Dory Fleet of Pacific City

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In circa 1994, the Dory Days transformed into Dory Days. The celebration now takes place every year on the third weekend in July. A hallmark of the parade is the inclusion of traditional double-ender dories like the Sea Breeze.

In 2012, artist and dory fisher Carol A. Johnson began creating Dory Days posters. Each design celebrates one or more dories from the Pacific City fleet.

Many individuals, civic organizations, and local businesses participate in the parade. The Shinners’ mini-motor troupe is always a family favorite. The PC-NV Chamber won the 2013 “Best Decorated Dory” trophy.

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Dory Days Festival - parade, fish fry, more.

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Grand Marshal
Dory Princess Brittani Hurliman and Junior Princess Ryleigh Royster wave to the crowd from their perch on dories in the 2012 parade.

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