



57th Annual FATHOMS O' FUN GRAND PARADE Downtown Port Orchard, WA - 6 PM, - Saturday, June 27, 2026

PARTICIPATION RULES: Help us make this year's Grand Parade the best and most enjoyable ever for all participants and our viewers!

1. The Parade starts at **6 PM.**, with lineup beginning at **3 pm. (Only CLASS A Floats may arrive beginning at 2 pm)** Lineup area is on Port Orchard Boulevard. The Boulevard will be closed at 1:45PM and only Parade participants will be admitted. Enter Port Orchard Boulevard at Tremont Street (the top of the hill). Check in and proceed down the hill to your assigned parade number. Units line up in the extreme right-hand lane, leaving the center and left lanes open for other units moving to their spaces, and for **emergency vehicles**. For safety, **ONLY DOWNHILL TRAFFIC IS ALLOWED** from 1:45 PM until after the parade, and the police have reopened the streets.
DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 1:45 PM. EXTREME SAFETY HAZARD--ROAD NOT CLOSED!!
2. **Community Festival** Floats and their Royalty will be judged at **4 PM** at their assigned lineup space. **All other** entries should be in place by **5 PM and ready to start by 5:30 PM**; they will be judged at the review stand at Sidney Ave, just before the traffic light.
3. All equestrian and other animal units **must** provide a cleanup crew of two or more following their unit. **Horse trailers MUST be moved out of the lineup area when unloaded, and before 4:45 PM.**
4. **NOTHING MAY BE THROWN FROM ANY UNIT ANYWHERE ON THE PARADE ROUTE.** Such practice creates a safety hazard. People - especially children - are tempted to run into the street and can be injured. **ONLY WALKERS AT THE STREET EDGE may make distributions.**
5. A Fire Extinguisher is required on all motorized entries. An entry must be in good and safe working order, able to complete the parade route.
6. **Insurance: All motorized units** must carry proof of insurance for the unit and driver, and licensing, as required by Washington State law. **Community Festival Floats, commercial entries, and equestrian/animal** units shall also provide liability insurance documents naming **Fathoms O' Fun and the City of Port Orchard** as "also insured".

7. Only steady **forward** motion will be permitted unless approved in advance by the Parade Committee. A spacing of 50 feet between each unit is to be maintained throughout the parade.
8. Alcoholic beverages are forbidden in the lineup area, on the parade route, on any unit, or on the person of any participant.
9. The Parade Committee will deny participation to units not meeting the standard of reasonable public taste as determined by the Parade Committee. Units concerning political, religious or social issues are subject to prior approval of the Parade Committee. ***Remember, the purpose of the parade is fun, family entertainment, and community spirit!***
10. Political incumbents are encouraged to use their own vehicles or walk in the parade. No advertising of upcoming elections will be allowed. To keep our organization as non-political as possible, we will not accept applications from people running for public office.
11. The Parade Committee may deny participation to participants prior to or during the parade for failure to follow Parade Rules or the instructions of Parade Officials.
12. ***AWARD information:*** Entries must complete the parade to be eligible for awards. Award information will be available on our website Monday following the parade. Awards may be picked up during the remainder of June and the month of July at Chamber of Commerce, 1180 Bethel Ave #120, Port Orchard.
NEW AWARD EVENT! We are holding a post parade awards announcement at the Port of Bremerton Gazebo with live music playing at the gazebo until 10pm, when the Bridge Blast fireworks show will begin. Awards will be announced and handed out at approximately 8pm.
13. All parade units must have completed, signed and submitted their Parade Application and other required documents before the start of the parade.

Applications received after June 15 may not be accepted.

FATHOMS O' FUN PARADE INFORMATION:

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ADDITIONAL ENTRY INFORMATION

FLOATS

A parade float is a suitably decorated unit that travels the parade route either under its own power or is towed by a separate vehicle, with wheels constantly on the parade surface. Float entries are split into different classes as described by the below specifications.

Class A: Self propelled units (a tow vehicle is **not** used), with the chassis and/or vehicle foundation not visible; covered completely by decorations.

Class B: Entries that use a tow vehicle (jeep, tractor, truck, etc.).

Special Units

Livestock & Mounted Units

No livestock unit will be accepted without a decorated clean up unit following and manned by two or more assistants. Horse hooves must be properly trimmed or shod. For safety purposes, we recommend you purchase a set of "Borium" shoes to be used for parades ONLY! The Parade Director reserves the right to bar from the parade any horse or rider deemed unsafe to other riders or spectators. All horses must be in the control of the rider at all times.

Bands and Marching Units

All marching units MUST MAINTAIN A FORWARD MOTION! Routines which delay the progress of the parade or create gaps greater than 50 feet are not permitted. Normal intervals (gaps) should be approximately 40 feet. **BAND DIRECTORS:** Please be sure the drill unit leader is aware of this regulation. **DIRECTORS and OTHER PERSONS** walking with the unit must be distinctively attired.