

COMMANDER'S COLUMN

AHOY THERE....AHOY THERE!!! "Safe Boating through Education and Training"

Looking forward to another year long cruise with my fellow boating enthusiasts spreading the word about how enjoyable boating can be when you're properly equipped and have the necessary skills and technical knowledge to make every cruise a safe and enjoyable one. Sometimes things just happen however and that's when training takes over. It's one thing to know what to do but I really believe the odds are much more in your favor when you've practiced or "exercised" your knowledge with some hands-on training. When the chips are down, every second counts and having the hands-on familiarity with visual distress signals can truly save some precious time in a "peril at sea" situation.

I'm looking forward to our next social gathering on June 9th at 1400 at the Fisherman's Grotto restaurant in "sunny" Charleston. Hope to see you all soon in June!

Remember together everyone accomplishes more so join the

"TEAM"!

Craig M Beyer
 Cdr Craig M Beyer, AP

The Port of Bandon's Marina and boat ramp improvement project is complete

. This was a complex, multi-faceted project to replace the boat ramp, boarding docks, abutment, and piling. Additionally, the marina was replaced and reconfigured with a breakwater dock, short and long-term moorage docks, new piling, gangway, utilities, and a nonmotorized launch dock. The pumpout and dump station will be reinstalled on new docks.

The Port of Bandon Marina boasts 86 slips able to accommodate any size vessel up to 200ft, 13 dedicated transient slips, 30amp & 50amp power, water, and pump/dump station. The Port redeveloped the marina originally built in 1984. Port of Bandon attained certification as a Clean Marina by Oregon State Marine Board in September 2014 and were awarded recertification in 2024.

The Oregon Marine Board approved \$1,020,899.31 in Boating Facility Grant funds, \$145,100.59 in Waterway Access Grant funds, \$762,283 in federal Boating Infrastructure Grant funds and \$61,827 in federal Clean Vessel Act funds, for a total of \$1,990,109.90 from the 2023-25 Boating Facility Grant funding. These funds, combined with \$7,397,389.10 of applicant resources and administrative match for a total project cost of \$9,387,499. The Oregon Marine Board and Director Warren expressed their gratitude to the Port Manager, Jeff Griffin, for his diligent effort in working with the community and other partners on a significant funding match for this comprehensive project.



Meetings & Events

Coos Bay Squadron Social Meeting, June 9, 1400 at Fisherman's Grotto, Charleston.

JOIN US IN
Celebrating
 THE LIFE OF
 VIVIAN REITEN
 A LIGHT IN OUR LIVES

 Saturday June 8th, 3pm.
 Lakeshore Lodge
 290 South 8th Street
 Lakeside, Oregon 97449
 We would love for you to join us and share your stories and favorite memories of Vivian



Vivian and Ed Reiten joined Coos Bay Power Squadron in the mid 1990's and became active members. Vivian served as Boating Activities Chair, Secretary, Executive Officer, and Commander (2001-0223). From 2003 to 2010 she was Assistant Education Officer, and Membership Chair, She also served District 32 as Rules Committee Chair. She earned the grade of Advanced Pilot (AP) and was always promoting Safe Boating while enjoying crabbing and fishing on their boat "Mrs. R".

*"Sunset and evening star
 And one clear call for me!
 And may there be no
 moaning of the bar,
 When I put out to sea ..."*
 -Alfred, Lord Tennyson

OREGON — COOS BAY — Temporary discontinuance of Coos Bay North Jetty Light 3 A and Coos Bay North Jetty Sound Signal, The Coos Bay North Jetty will be under repair during the summer of 2024. During the repair period Coos Bay North Jetty Light 3A (LLNR 8760) and Coos Bay North Jetty Sound Signal (LLNR 8762) will need to be temporarily discontinued until repairs are complete. Upon completion of the Jetty repairs the light and sound signal will be reestablished. The removal and return of these aids to navigation will be announced via a Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

WEAR IT—ALWAYS



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“Operation Ship Shape” Targets Lapsed Motorboat Registrations, Equipment Requirements

The Oregon State Marine Board, in partnership with 31 county sheriff’s offices and the Oregon State Police, will be looking for expired boat registrations and required equipment compliance on state waterways as part of “Operation Ship Shape.”

“Boat operators are required to have current registration decals on the bow of their boats and carry the Certificate of Number on board,” says Brian Paulsen, Boating Safety Program Manager for the Marine Board. “Make sure you’ve renewed your registration and put the decals on your boat correctly, or you could face a \$265 citation.”

Any boat powered by a motor – electric, gas, diesel, and all sailboats 12 feet and longer must be currently registered when on the water, even when docked or moored. This includes any kayaks and drift boats with an electric motor. Paulsen added, “Each current boat registration brings in additional federal funds which go back to boaters for program services.”

Motorboat registrations are valid for two calendar years and expire on December 31st of the second year. The cost for registration is \$5.95 per foot rounded up, plus \$5. Paddlers with boats 10 feet and longer must carry a Waterway Access Permit. Three permit options are available: One week for \$5, one calendar year for \$17, and two calendar years for \$30.

Boaters can renew their registration or purchase Waterway Access Permits through the agency’s Boat Oregon Store for the fastest service. After completing their online transaction, boaters with motorized boats can print off a temporary permit. Waterway Access Permits can be printed directly after purchase. Multiple purchases can be made under one online transaction. The agency’s online store has a \$1.50 portal provider fee. If you need assistance online, please contact the Marine Board at marine.board@boat.oregon.gov or call 503-378-8587. There’s also an online help page acclimating new users to the store.

Marine officers will also be looking for the required safety equipment. “Life jackets are the most important safety equipment boaters must carry, and there must be enough on board that fit every passenger,” Paulsen adds. “We’ve seen three years of declines in boating fatalities and want this year to be the safest on record. In 2023, 11 out of 13 victims were not wearing a life jacket, so find a life jacket you’ll wear for the type of boating you’re doing.”

The Marine Board encourages water enthusiasts to take the time to plan a safe trip, have the right safety gear and drink water to stay hydrated.

Every year the first heat wave brings water-related incidents, and many people find themselves in situations needing rescue. Right now, water levels on many rivers are running high with very strong currents. Winter landslides and soil saturation have added a lot of woody debris to area rivers in the Willamette Valley. Boaters must be vigilant by keeping a constant lookout by scanning from bank to bank throughout their trip. On moving water, this includes scouting ahead for obstructions, and not getting into water beyond your abilities. A great tool for trip planning is the Marine Board’s Obstructions Map. Reported obstructions are listed along with recommendations on the safest navigation path.

“If you intend to recreate on Oregon’s waters over the next few days, drink plenty of water, get the right gear for the water conditions, wear your lifejacket and pay attention to your surroundings,” says Brian Paulsen, Boating Safety Program Manager for the Oregon State Marine Board. “Cold water doesn’t discriminate and impacts everyone the same way. Plan on getting wet and wear a life jacket so you can buy yourself time to get out of any challenging situations.” Cold water immersion will cause blood to move away from a person’s arms and legs, which leads to cramping; often if a life jacket isn’t worn, a person cannot self-rescue. The initial shock also causes an involuntary gasp reflex for air and can lead to inhaling water if a person is not wearing a life jacket.

In 2023, there were 13 recreational boating fatalities and of them, 11 victims were not wearing life jackets. Three of the 13 victims were solo operators. Seven victims were passengers and six were boat operators. Seven involved paddlecraft (including one sailboat under wind power) and six involved motorized boats. Many of these deaths were preventable.

For more information about equipment requirements, rules of the road for paddlecraft and motorized boats, and boating laws and rules, visit Boat.Oregon.gov.

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<https://Boat.Oregon.gov> **Remember to Boat Safe, Boat Sober, and always wear your life jacket.**



Coast Guard Cutter Orcas decommissioned after 35 years of service in Coos Bay, Oregon



COOS BAY, Ore. – The Coast Guard decommissioned the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Orcas (WPB1327) during a ceremony, Tuesday, April 22. Rear Adm. Charles Fosse, the commander of the Thirteenth Coast Guard District, presided over the ceremony honoring the 35 years of service Orcas and its crews provided to the nation.

Commissioned on April 14, 1989, Orcas was the twenty-seventh Island-Class cutter to join the fleet.

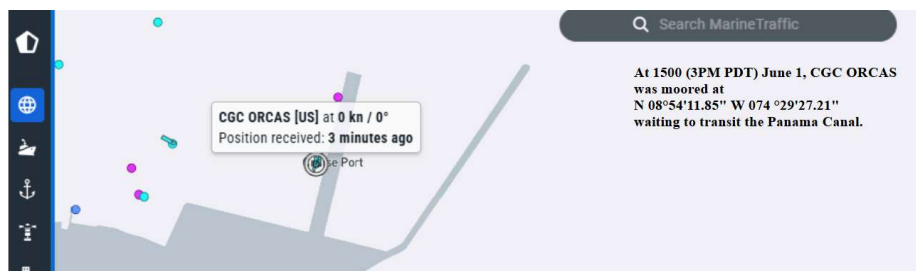
Orcas has been stationed in Coos Bay, Oregon, since 1989 and is the sixth Coast Guard cutter to be stationed in Coos Bay since 1935. The Orcas was a multi-mission platform that conducted operations to support search and rescue response, marine environmental protection, and national defense.

“From training allied nation maritime forces, conducting the largest-ever cocaine seizure in the history of the Pacific Northwest, and saving countless lives and hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of property on the Pacific Ocean - Orcas has done it all,” said Lt. Brendan O’Farrell, the commanding officer of the Orcas. “This ship, one of the last of its kind, is an old American-made workhorse built to endure the harsh Pacific waves. I'm extremely proud and blessed to have served with the finest crew in the fleet.”



By Kim Singh

Had a great day with mrc/coast guard auxiliary! We got to tour the Orcas before she leaves, she's being decommissioned but we found out she's not going into storage. She will actually be going to Greece to be part of their Coast guard unit! We will miss you and as of right now there are no plans to replace a cutter here in Coos Bay which is sad. We were told at the open house last weekend is there's not enough people to man the boats and the cutters.



Boating on Oregon’s Waterways, Prepare to Play

Is the water calling? The Oregon State Marine Board wants to remind boaters to be aware of their surroundings, have all the required gear, and let others know their recreation plans.



“Inexperience and solo operation continue to be a growing trend of boating fatalities in Oregon. Planning ahead, boat with others, always keeping a sharp lookout, and wearing a properly fitted life jacket for your boating activity should be top of mind for all boaters,” says Brian Paulsen, Boating Safety Program Manager for the Oregon State Marine Board. “The Marine Board has many resources to help boaters have a safe and enjoyable experience on all of Oregon’s waterways.”.

The Oregon State Marine Board advises boaters to plan ahead and check out the Marine Board’s interactive boating access map. The map displays public boat ramps and local rules for boat operations. Also, check the weather forecast, water levels, and tides. See if there are any reported obstructions, and have the right gear for your boating activity. Boaters can also check the Marine Board’s website to find out what equipment is required based on the size and type of boat..

The Marine Board would like to remind boaters:.

Boat Sober. Abstain from consuming marijuana, drugs or alcohol, which impair judgment, reaction time, and coordination and cause dehydration. Boating demands sharp situational awareness..

All children 12 and under are required to wear a life jacket when underway on all boats (motorized and nonmotorized). All boaters on Class III whitewater rivers are required to wear a life jacket..

Be courteous to other boaters and share the waterway. Stage your gear in the parking lot or staging area regardless of your boat type. This makes launching faster and everyone around you happier..

In Oregon, all boaters must take a boating safety course and carry a boating safety education card when operating a powerboat greater than 10 horsepower. Paddlers of nonmotorized boats 10’ and longer are required to purchase a waterway access permit. The Marine Board also offers a free, online Paddling Course for boaters new to the activity..

Fill out a float plan and leave it with friends and family. This way they can call for help if you are overdue..

For more information about safe boating in Oregon, visit Boat.Oregon.gov.

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Today's #tuesdaytip: Make sure everyone is wearing a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket. Even experienced swimmers can experience shock within one minute in frigid water and may lose muscle control within 10 minutes.

Be mindful of life jacket buoyancy depending on weather conditions, gear worn, and anticipated recreational activity. Keep yourself and others safe this winter, and learn more at www.safeboatingcampaign.com

#lifejacketssave lives

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MEETINGS

Due to Squadron INACTIVE STATUS meetings will be SOCIAL get-togethers on the THIRD SUNDAY each month. at 1400 (2:00 PM) at FISHERMAN'S GROTTTO, Charleston.

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