

COMMANDER'S COLUMN

AHOY THERE....AHOY THERE!!!
 Our next "Social Get Together" lunch will be held at the Fisherman's Grotto in Charleston on Sunday April 14th beginning at 1400. Our officers for this next year will be the same since we are inactive at the present time. As spring weather comes into full bloom, there will be plenty of picnicking, crabbing and grinning along the way. Bring a friend or two and join us for the Coos Bay Power Squadron "Social Time" at the Fisherman's Grotto as it promises to be a festive memory making affair. It would be nice to see as many folks at the lunch as possible as we will be discussing upcoming events in May and throughout the summer. Looking forward to seeing many of you there!
 Thanks for allowing me to serve you as your commander over this past year, it was an enjoyable cruise!
 Our informal meeting will be a coffee/lunch meeting on Sunday afternoon April 14 @1400 at the Fisherman's Grotto in Charleston. Hope to see you there! !
 Remember we're a team....that's
 Together Everyone Accomplishes More!!! **"TEAM"!**

Craig M Beyer
 Cdr Craig M Beyer, AP


Become a Social Media Activist
 America's Boating Channel's first smart TV Tune-In Campaign is getting underway with television ads, social media and special events being staged nationwide by content provider partners. You can participate by liking America's Boating Channel on Facebook and Instagram, following America's Boating Channel on Twitter, and subscribing to America's Boating Channel on YouTube, Roku, Apple TV or FireTV. Every click helps.
 America's Boating Channel is the boating safety and boater education video service of United States Power Squadrons. Viewership promotion of America's Boating Channel is underwritten in part by a grant from the USPS Endowment Fund. -Kathy Strachan




Meetings & Events

Coos Bay Squadron Social Meeting, April 14, 1400 at Fisherman's Grotto, Charleston.


IN MEMORY OF
PAST CHIEF COMMANDER



**Ernest
Marshburn**



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!



America's Boating Club of Great South Bay
 It is with great sadness we share the passing of P/C/C Ernest 'Ernie' Marshburn, SN. Chief Commander 2006, 2007.
 Tar River Sail and Power Squadron has shared the following arrangements.
 Funeral Services: Saturday March 23, 2024 at Jarvis Memorial United Methodist Church 510 S Washington St, Greenville, NC 27858
 Ernie was an avid boater with a love of sailing and later as a power boater. He held a current 100-ton USCG Master's License with sailing and towing endorsements. He served as Chief Commander of the United States Power Squadron (America's Boating Club) from 2006-2007 that was preceded by many years of leadership at the local, district, and national levels. Ernie served as a member and chair of the United States Coast Guards (USCG) Boating Safety Advisory Committee.
 In addition to being an avid boater, Ernie enjoyed listening to music, cooking, reading, photography, ECU sports, and teaching safe boating classes with Tar River Sail and Power Squadron. He was a creative thinker and never said no to new challenges. He was kindhearted and a loyal friend with a magnanimous personality. He never met a stranger.
 Cards can be sent to Dianne Marshburn at 302 Regents Circle, Greenville, NC
 dmarshburn07@gmail.com

Marine Board Welcomes New Member Aboard

The Marine Board recently filled a vacancy on its board with Steve Lambert, a Jackson County resident and Director of Jackson County Roads and Parks. Steve has worked in public park management for three decades. He began his career in parks and recreation in eastern Washington while earning a degree in Natural Resource Management from Washington State University. After college, he spent a short amount of time working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the Snake River in Clarkston, Washington, where his duties included patrolling the river to ensure safe and responsible use. In 1999, he relocated to the Willamette Valley and managed recreation facilities on three reservoirs, including Clear Lake in the Willamette National Forest. In 2009, he and his family moved to the Rogue Valley, where he currently manages county park facilities on five reservoirs and the Rogue River.



Steve is passionate about providing boating access for Oregonians in a close-to-home experience. No matter where he has worked, he has seen the joy boating brings to families, both by paddle, oar, and motor. Whether building boating facilities including boat ramps and marinas, or operating public rental businesses where those who may not own a boat can easily experience boating, he is devoted to meeting the recreational needs of his fellow Oregonians. In his spare time, you can find him paddling the waters with his wife and their two dogs.

“Serving on the Marine Board, it’s my hope to help the agency plan for future challenges amidst environmental shifts,” said Lambert. “It’s important to ensure Oregonians always have safe, local access to the waters they cherish.” Learn more about the agency’s Marine Board Members and their invaluable service to recreational boaters in Oregon.

Your Go-To Resources

Learn about the Marine Board's programs and online tools to help you plan all of your boating adventures at Boat.Oregon.gov

Are your registration decals displayed correctly?

Your motorboat's OR number can be as unique as you and your boat are, with some exceptions. Learn the spacing, height, and locations on your boat that are required by law. Failure to properly display boat registration numbers (OR#'s) and have current registration decals is a Class D Violation (\$110 fine).



Now selling 7-day Waterway Access Permits

A 7-day permit is \$8.50. Annual (\$18.50) and two-year (\$31.50) permits are also available for purchase online and expire on December 31st of the calendar year. The cost for the permit includes a \$1.50 portal provider fee. Learn more about where your [permit dollars](#) are going.

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Port of Coos Bay

You might have spotted a unique, but more frequent event in the last week while walking or driving through town. A Handymax bulk carrier (vessel) is docked at GMA Garnet in Coos Bay. The vessel is unloading garnet and is the second ship to call at river mile 15 in the last 12 months. Prior to last year's call, it had been over 20 years since a deep draft vessel transited and moored at River Mile 15.

With help from the federal delegation, the Port secured \$10 million to conduct maintenance dredging for River Mile 12-15 in 2022. The US Army Corps of Engineers is preparing to advertise a bid for this work in the coming weeks and expects to complete dredging during the Summer 2024.

Ports and shipping continue to be a huge part of Oregon's economy. A study published recently from the University of Oregon revealed Oregon's 23 public ports sustain over 106,000 jobs and over \$19 billion in total economic output. The report also highlights how Oregon continues to be one of the most trade dependent states in the country, and that 1 in 10 jobs in Oregon are directly or indirectly supported through port activities.

oregon.gov/biz/Publications/ORPorts_Economic_Assessment.pdf



Today's #safeboatingtip: Make sure everyone is wearing a U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket. Even experienced swimmers can experience shock within one minute in cold 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 year, and learn more at www.safeboatingcampaign.com #lifejacketssavelives

Tsunami in 1964

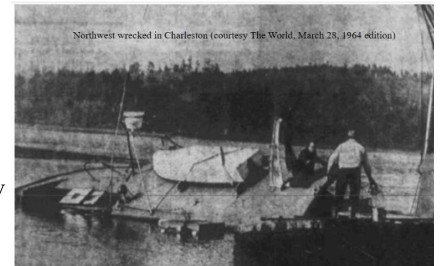
By Oregon Coast Beach Connection staff

(Coos Bay, Oregon) - On March 27 it will be 60 years since the deadly tsunami hit the Oregon and Washington coast. Sunset Bay near Coos Bay got some of the worst of it in '64.

At 5:36 p.m. on that Friday, the largest earthquake ever recorded in North America struck near Anchorage, Alaska. It and the subsequent tsunami killed 106 in Alaska, 13 in California and four in Oregon, causing over \$2 billion in damage (by today's money standards). Four children were killed near Newport. In Oregon, the highest confirmed wave was at 12 feet, but in British Columbia one was 32 feet high and in Alaska it reached over 67 feet. Crescent City, California got the worst of it on the lower 48, with Seaside and Cannon Beach getting hit hard as well. The southern Oregon coast wound up rather lucky, however. Back then, they did not use the word "tsunami;" all newspaper reports talked about a "tidal wave."



In the Coos Bay area, the first surge came around midnight – the highest of them. A series of others followed with each progressively smaller. At Charleston, some of the most damage was done. According to Coos Bay's The World March 28 edition on the next day, the Charleston Small Boat Basin had several boats damaged or sunk. Among them Emery Hanon's charter sport fishing vessel "Northwest" was sunk in the South Slough. Just barely visible above the water was the Irene L., considered a total wreck. Several others wound up getting washed up on the beach in the area but had no major damage. A tug in the middle of Coos Bay was still sinking as the reporter wrote the piece. Two sections of docks were torn loose, and a restroom still had high water and logs crammed inside it the next day.



Some 30 people were evacuated from the slough area. One Eugene man went missing from Sunset Bay during the whole event, but he was later found and was OK. A spearfishing contest was scheduled for Saturday and some members of Valley clubs were camped on the beach at Sunset Beach. All escaped the tsunami but their trailer moulder compressor was inundated,

At Sunset Beach, facilities there had received extensive damage. Debris covered the area, and some of it was torn up bits from picnic tables, bench and other park objects.

Meanwhile, down at the Empire docks at Coos Bay, not much damage was incurred. North Bend reported no issues.

Bandon saw no damage, at least that was reported at the time. Enormous amounts of sawmill logs in the Coquille River were washed out and then shoved onto the beaches of Bandon, with one report saying "As far as you can see to the north and south of the Bandon jetties there are logs scatter on the beaches."



COOS COUNTY, Ore. — The Coos County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) tells us that on Monday, Marc 4, 2024, law enforcement officers, Sheriff Fabrizio, Sgt. Smith, Deputies Baker, and Kent boarded the El Conquistador, a transient unregistered derelict vessel moored near the Empire boat ramp, in effort to remove the derelict vessel. Photo courtesy of Coos County Sheriff's Office.



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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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