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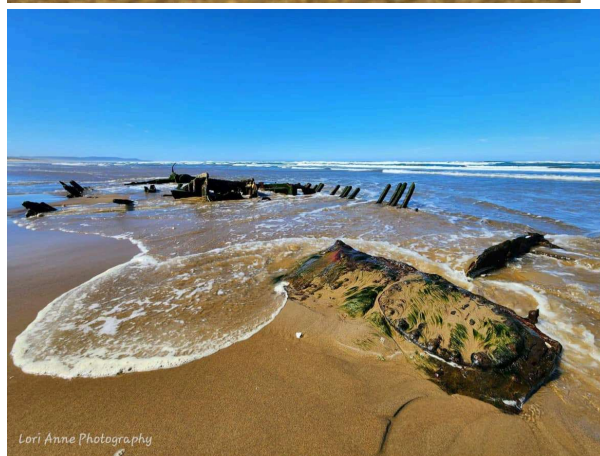
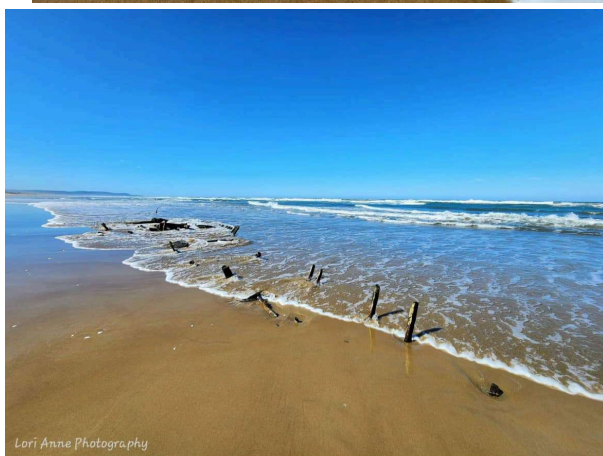
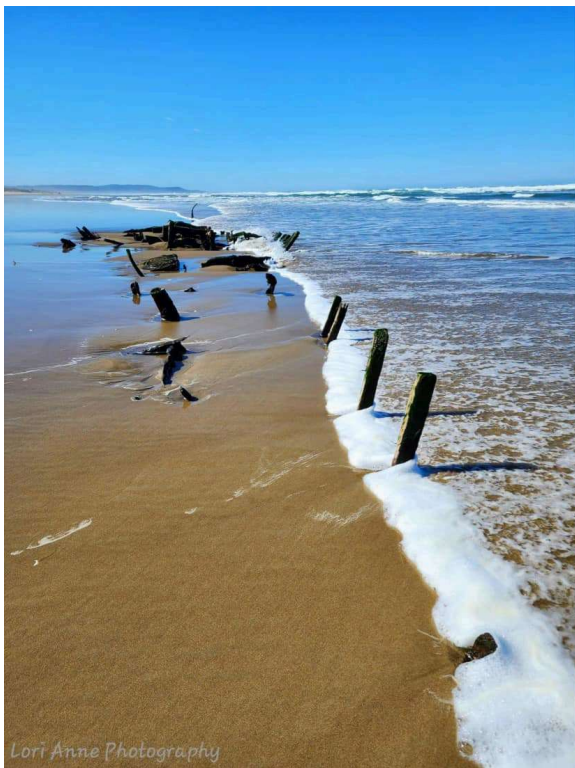
## Horsfall Beach/North Spit.

Yesterday on Horsfall Beach/North Spit.

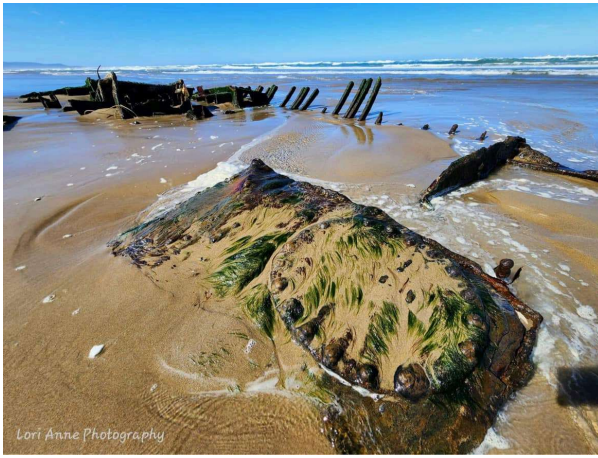
This was a ship wreck a couple miles south of the Sujameco we found at low tide. We had never seen this ship wreck before! I don't know if you or someone else might know what ship this was?

The sides were wooden, and central pieces were metal. It was significantly smaller than the Sujameco. All the same, it was an awesome find!" ♥ ♥ ♥

—North Bend, OR (03/29/24) Photo's Courtesy: Lori Anne Photography







### Ship wreck on Horsfall Beach.

In 2008, a mysterious shipwreck emerged from the sands of Horsfall Beach. It turned out to be the remains of the George L. Olson, a steam schooner built in 1917 that wrecked in 1944. For most of the last century, it lay buried beneath a 40-foot dune, only to be uncovered during a winter storm in 2008

Is this the George L Olson?.

The George L. Olson was a steam schooner that met a dramatic fate along the sands of Horsfall Beach near Coos Bay, Oregon. Let's delve into the intriguing story of this shipwreck:

#### Ship Details:

The George L. Olson was launched in 1917 and had an impressive length of 223 feet.

It boasted a powerful 1,000-horsepower steam engine and could carry a whopping 1.4 million board feet of lumber. Originally named the Ryder Hanify, it was later sold to the French government and renamed the Gabriel. In 1922, it changed hands again when Oliver Olson of California acquired it and renamed it in honor of a family member.

#### Buried and Unearthed:

For much of the last century, the George L. Olson lay buried beneath a 40-foot dune at Horsfall Beach. However, in 2008, a winter storm uncovered this massive wooden vessel, revealing its rusted remains to the world. The ship's history had intrigued historians and beachcombers alike, and its emergence from the sands captured imaginations.

#### . Uncertain Fate:

Despite its fascinating past, the future of the George L. Olson remains uncertain.

Options range from letting it remain buried under the shifting sands to salvaging portions and attempting preservation. Perhaps, this winter's storm has once again exposed this ghostly shipwreck.