

# Coast Guard rescues 3 from cargo ship

## Crewmen reportedly suffered burns and a leg injury

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WARRENTON — The U.S. Coast Guard rescued three crewmen from a Cyprus-flagged cargo ship Thursday afternoon about 50 miles west of the Columbia River bar. The crewmen from the 623-foot

Almasi suffered chemical burns and a potential broken bone while reportedly refueling and cleaning the ship's holds, according to a statement from the Coast Guard. A Coast Guard Air Station Astoria MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew hoisted the crewmen from the

ship and transported the men back to awaiting emergency medical service personnel at the air station. The men were taken to Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. According to the Coast Guard, the Almasi was initially about 70 miles west of the Columbia Riv-

er bar but was instructed to move closer to shore to link with the Jayhawk. The USCG reported that there were 31 to 38 mph winds and 19-foot seas at the scene of the rescue. "The outstanding coordination between the Almasi crew and Coast Guard watchstanders and helicopter crew led to an effective

medevac," Petty Officer 1st Class John Bennett, the search and rescue controller at Sector Columbia River, said in a statement. "Despite the challenging weather conditions, our helicopter crew was able to safely hoist the injured men and get them to the medical care they required." Watch a video of the rescue: <http://bit.ly/1EMa59H>

# Fishing boat Cap'n Oscar sinks again

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The Port of Astoria's 69-foot steel fishing vessel, the Cap'n Oscar, sank up to its pilothouse next to Pier 2 at North Tongue Point between Wednesday and Thursday, the second time it's gone down in less than a month. Port crews, on land and on a work boat Thursday, tried to refloat the boat and surrounded it with containment buoys, as a sheen of oil emanated from its hull, with an unidentified amount of fuel inside. They called the U.S. Coast Guard, which sent over incident management responders to plan dewatering at low tide and full removal of the vessel this morning. "Thanks to the crew at the Port of Astoria and the quick response from the Coast Guard incident management department, we were able to quickly address the pollution threat," said Chief Warrant Officer Amber Winkowski, the command duty officer at Sector Columbia River. "The Coast Guard will continue to monitor the case until the vessel is removed from the water and the pollution is mitigated." The weather at the time of the incident included 23 mph



Crews work to keep the Cap'n Oscar, a 69-foot steel fishing boat owned by the Port of Astoria and moored next to Pier 2 at North Tongue Point, afloat Thursday.

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winds and 6 foot seas. The Cap'n Oscar previously sank Jan. 20. At that time, the Port's Permit and Project Manager Rob Evert said that at low tide, the vessel became

snagged on the pier, and at high tide, it was pushed down and eventually flooded. The Cap'n Oscar was once thought of as an example of how to responsibly recycle

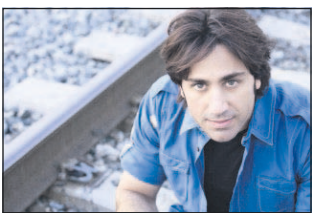
derelict vessels, to avoid them sinking and becoming environmental hazards. During a public presentation and forum July 25, 2013, Blue Ocean Environmental

spokesman Frank Allen explained to the Port Commission and audience how he wanted to demonstrate his environmentally friendly ship-recycling process with

the Cap'n Oscar, at the time still languishing at North Tongue Point. Allen, whose main business is internationally trading seafood through his company Live Online Seafood, wanted to bring in an expert demolition team from New York he's worked with before as a commercial and industrial contractor on the East Coast. "There are 300 to 400 vessels like this in Washington and in Oregon that are abandoned and sinking in the river," said Allen at the meeting two years ago, adding that owners will often buy moorage in a marina or Port before leaving them. The Port had originally foreclosed on the Cap'n Oscar with other vessels several years ago and in February 2011 tried to auction it for a minimum bid of \$5,800, trying to recoup the cost owed by the vessel's owner. There were no bidders. A deal between the Port and Blue Ocean Environmental never materialized, and the Cap'n Oscar stayed in the water. Executive Director Jim Knight, who was still working at the Port of Olympia, Wash., when Allen approached the Port, said he's still interested in the concept and business opportunity.

## Steve Azar to sing at Astoria Column benefit

The Friends of the Astoria Column benefit concert will be held as scheduled Sunday. Country singer Steve Azar will perform, replacing Collin Raye, who had unexpected surgery earlier this week. Singer-songwriter Azar is known for his hits "I Don't Have to Be Me ('Til Monday)" and "Sunshine." For more information,



Steve Azar

contact Grant North at Lektro at 503-861-2288.

## Trees to be cut along Irving

Custom Excavating, contractor for the city of Astoria, is cutting trees on Irving Avenue between 21st and 29th streets Monday and Tuesday. Pacific Power will be dropping the power lines to help

facilitate the project's safety; the power is projected to be down for a few hours Monday. For question, call the Astoria Engineering Division at 503-338-5173.

## Providence Seaside offers pain education



SEASIDE — A pain education class, "Understanding pain: With Knowledge Comes Power," is being offered from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Education Center A (lower level) at Providence Seaside Hospital, 725 S. Wahanna Road in Seaside. This class is designed to help understand how pain

works in the body and brain. Those attending will be taught what pain really is, and how much one's own actions and thoughts can improve pain. There is no charge for the class, but registration is required. To register, go to [www.providence.org/classes](http://www.providence.org/classes) or call the Resource Line at 800-562-8964.

## Anglers can comment on upcoming halibut seasons

NEWPORT — Halibut anglers have three different ways to weigh in on open dates for the 2015 spring all-depth halibut fishery in the Central Coast subarea — attend a public meeting, participate in the meeting via webinar or take an online survey. The Central Coast subarea extends from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mountain, and includes all developed ports in Oregon except Brookings, Gold Beach, and those in the Astoria area. The seasons for the Columbia River and Southern Oregon subareas have already been established for this year. The public meeting begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Oregon Department of Fish

and Wildlife Newport office, 2040 S.E. Marine Science Drive. Participants also can join the meeting on-line at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/768250205>, or call in at 872-240-3412 (Meeting ID: 768-250-205). Anglers can also offer their input through an online survey available at <http://tinyurl.com/halisurv>. "We want all anglers to have the ability to help shape the halibut season, and understand that many cannot attend the public meeting in person. The webinar and on-line survey provide a means for all anglers to have a voice," said Patrick Mirick, halibut assistant project leader for ODFW.



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