

# Class: 'There is actually a physical result to what we are doing'

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The couple was joined in the class by Angela Cosby, Astoria Parks and Recreation director, who built a Murrelet 4PD, one of the largest kayaks at 17 feet long with the most storage space in the Murrelet series. Cosby said she is planning to take it on multiple-day trips.

Pygmy Boats offers a variety of kayak styles to choose from, depending on a person's preference.

The three classmates were led by Pygmy instructor Chuck Bollong of Portland.

Bollong, a former archaeology professor at the University of Arizona, started building boats in 2000. He spent about 10 hours per kayak before the class, preparing the pieces for the students. On Monday, the students began the week-long class with cut pieces of plywood around a temporary frame. Participants use a "stitch-and-glue" technique to connect the plywood-skinned kayak.

By the third day, the students reached a critical point in the process where they had to properly align the top and bottom of the kayak.



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Phil Hatton places the deck panels on his Pinguino 145-4PD kayak during the class at the Barbey Maritime Center Wednesday. See more photos online at [www.dailyastorian.com](http://www.dailyastorian.com)

The class will continue this weekend with final steps such as adding fiberglass around the kayak.

Bollong expects the students to spend another 20 to 30 hours at home after the class, adding finishing touches to their kayaks, mostly around the cockpit area.

The students hit the biggest hurdles while in the

class, Bollong said, when he is there to help.

"The (steps) that make the boat work are done here," he said.

### Bringing it home

Before this week, Phil Hatton had built furniture and shelves but never a boat, although boat building runs in his family.

"My dad built a stitch-and-glue sailboat and we sailed in that boat for a lot of my childhood," he said. "We are going to build another one."

Along with building his own kayak and another sailboat with his father, Phil Hatton said, he may even build a power boat, which uses the same principles.



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Amy Hatton runs her fingers along the hull of her kayak during a session Tuesday. In order to keep the panels of the hull smooth, builders used tape, wire stitches and push pins.

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— Chuck Bollong

Pygmy Boats instructor, about kayak building

Kits are available online, he said.

For now, the Hattons are looking forward to strapping their new, handmade kayaks atop their car and heading back to Boise, where they plan to use their boats in the waterways around Southern Idaho.

Bollong said one of his favorite parts of being an instructor is watching people leave with the final product in hand.

"There is actually a physical result to what we are doing," Bollong said. "The opportunity to share that with people is just spectacular."

## Insider: Newsletter was created to counter a decline in independent news coverage of state government

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Peter Wong is an award-winning reporter who has covered Oregon state government and politics for newspapers since 1989.

Wong joined Pamplin Media Group and the Portland Tribune in April 2014 after having been a reporter for the Salem Statesman Journal for more than 14 years. Before that, he worked at the Medford Mail Tribune as that newspaper's capital bureau chief.

A graduate of the University of Southern California's school of journalism, Wong has won awards for his work from the Oregon, California and Pacific Northwest newspaper associa-

tions, as well as from the Society of Professional Journalists.

Hillary Borrud joined EO Media Group in 2014 after seven years at the Bend Bulletin where she reported on city, county and state issues. Previously, she was a reporter for the Daily Press in Victorville, Calif.

Borrud is a member of Investigative Reporters and Editors, where she received a Rural Computer-Assisted Reporting Fellowship in 2013. Borrud received a master's degree from the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University.

Mateusz Perkowski is legislative reporter for EO Media Group's Capital Press in Salem. He has covered agriculture and natural resource issues for that

weekly agriculture newspaper since 2006.

After graduating from Portland State University in 2004, Perkowski worked as a freelance writer for several publications before joining Capital Press full-time.

Oregon Capital Insider brings together two companies with a wide geographic footprint in Oregon.

Pamplin Media Group owns 25 twice-weekly, weekly and monthly newspapers covering Portland and its suburbs, as well as communities in the Willamette Valley and Central Oregon.

EO Media Group includes nine daily, weekly, bi-weekly and monthly publications serving communities on the Oregon

Coast and in Eastern Oregon. It also owns the Capital Press, which covers agricultural issues in the Northwest, and the Chinook Observer on the southern Washington coast.

The companies created Oregon Capital Insider to counter a decline in independent news coverage of state government.

"While statehouse news coverage is diminishing in Oregon and across the nation, our media groups have chosen to invest in increased scrutiny of state government," said Steve Forrester, EO Media Group president.

Mark Garber, president of the newspaper division for Pamplin Media Group, said both



RANDY WRIGHTHOUSE — EO Media Group  
Three reporters cover state government for the Oregon Capital Insider newsletter. They are, from left, Peter Wong, Hillary Borrud and Mateusz Perkowski.

companies are owned by longtime Oregonians.

"That's why they are willing to invest in better coverage of state government even while other news organizations are

cutting back," he said. "Both companies also have a strong tradition of balanced and responsible journalism."

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## Port: Federal government has jurisdiction of this case

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Browne, the Port's former financial manager and personnel manager between April 2007 and November 2014, asserts claims for:

- Whistleblower retaliation against the Port and Weston.
- Aiding and abetting whistleblower retaliation against Weston.
- Unauthorized disclosure of a whistleblower's identity against the Port.
- Breach of employment contract against the Port.
- Defamation of character against the Port and Weston.
- Postemployment retaliation against the Port.

For her claims, Browne seeks a combined \$2.75 million in economic, noneconomic and punitive damages from the Port and/or Weston, along with an award of costs and disbursements incurred therein.

Herman, employed in the Port's finance department between June 2012 and November 2014, asserts claims for:

- Whistleblower retaliation against the Port and Weston;
- Disability discrimination against the Port;
- Injured worker discrimination against the Port;
- Aiding and abetting in whistleblower retaliation against Weston;
- Unauthorized disclosure of a whistleblower's identity against the Port;
- Breach of employment contract against the Port;
- Defamation of character

against the Port and Weston.

• Postemployment retaliation against the Port.

For her claims, Herman seeks a combined \$2.65 million in economic, noneconomic and punitive damages from the Port and/or Weston, along with an award of costs and disbursements incurred therein.

The federal jurisdiction of the case is because:

- Plaintiffs Browne and Herman are from Washington, the Port is in Oregon and the amount of relief sought exceeds \$75,000.
- Foster served the Port with an Oregon Tort Claims Act notice, required by state law to sue a public agency.
- The plaintiffs filed the lawsuit within 180 days of their alleged loss or injury.

## Warrenton: Double majority voter approval is tough to achieve

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While some commissioners were interested in the trade, the commission opted not to move forward after public appeals that the Tansy Point land was too valuable to the city to swap.

"It died. And, at this time, there's nothing proposed. We don't have any pending proposal," Mayor Mark Kujala said. "But that doesn't mean that there won't be something in the future."

"I think the commission will remain open to that, because there might be something that everybody gets behind that is a very attractive offer."

The Carruthers family had donated Tansy Point to the city in the 1970s to avoid condemnation by the Port of Astoria and to preserve some of the property for public use. In the 1980s, the city paid the Carruthers estate to lift restrictions

on the land after heirs had challenged a permit for Warrenton Fiber.

The proposed charter amendment would not only apply to city land or buildings, but the transfer or disposal of any city asset, which could include garbage trucks, fire trucks, or parts for water systems. It would also cover leased property and contractual rights valued at \$100,000 or higher.

Double majority voter approval is challenging to achieve even for policy decisions that have popular support. Kujala recalled that it took three majority votes in favor of a wastewater treatment bond before the city finally met the double-majority threshold in 2006.

"I think it's very limiting to the City Commission," Kujala said. "We were elected to do a job. And this is one of those activities that the City Commis-

sion should be able to engage in.

"Certainly we look for public input at every time possible, and we'll continue to do that as long as I'm the mayor. And the current City Commission, I think, all feel strongly that we want to engage the public in making these decisions."

"But I just believe this is an unnecessary step in moving forward."

The Warrenton Property Protection Committee needed to submit 411 valid signatures from registered voters on the petition to qualify for the September ballot, or 15 percent of the city's voter population at the time the petition was taken out last year.

The city and the Clatsop County clerk will review the signatures. If the initiative qualifies, the election could cost \$9,000 to \$12,000 if no other issue reaches the September ballot.

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