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Shanae Morrill, 4, cruises down Exchange Street during the Astoria Regatta Junior Parade Wednesday.

Military training zone could cramp coastal jet traffic

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

The Oregon Air National Guard, which regularly flies over the North Coast, is proposing new training areas for the F-15 Eagle in local airspace that might conflict with private aircraft.

A training area along the Oregon Coast from Astoria to Lincoln City, and a southwest corner of Washington state, could help the Air National Guard produce better combat pilots. But two Port of Astoria commissioners say the expanded training zone will restrict jet traffic into the Astoria Regional Airport.

The Port Commission voted Tuesday to have representation at an Air National Guard meeting in Astoria Wednesday to hear public comment on the plans, known as the Oregon Airspace Initiative.

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At Regatta Junior Parade, a whale of a night

Children — and a fake orca — help launch annual ritual

By MCKINLEY SMITH
The Daily Astorian

A fake orca was back in Astoria Wednesday night. Not the fiberglass one that went belly up dueling sea lions at the Port of Astoria's East End Mooring Basin in June. This one was inflated by air — and a sense of humor.

The first-place winner of the Astoria Regatta Junior Parade downtown was a float that featured a capsized toy orca with inflatable sea lions perched triumphantly on top. There were some beach balls, too, a nod to the Port's other peculiar tactic to scare off dock invaders.

Abby Rusinovich, the mother of one of the eight children credited with the popular float, said everyone was giving them thumbs-up.

The Regatta Junior Parade opened five days of events for the 121st Regatta, a ritual that has played a role in the lives of generations of Astorians.

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Caitlyn Kelley, Aubrey Kelley, and Conner Rusinovich, pull their winning float along the parade route during the Astoria Regatta Junior Parade Wednesday.

ASTORIA REGATTA

- **Queen's Coronation**, 6 p.m., tonight at the Liberty Theater
 - **Seamen's Memorial**, 11 a.m., Friday at the Maritime Memorial Park
 - **Admiral's Reception**, 6 p.m., Friday at the Liberty Theater
 - **Grand Land Parade**, noon, Saturday in downtown Astoria
 - **Highwater Boat Parade**, 5:30 p.m., Saturday at the 17th Street Dock
 - **Regatta Fireworks Show**, dusk, Saturday along the Columbia River
 - **Rockin' Regatta's Summer Pops Concert**, 3 p.m., Sunday at the Astoria High School Auditorium.
- *For full schedule, go to www.astoriaregatta.com

South Jetty to reopen after fire

By KYLE SPURR
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — The road along the South Jetty in Fort Stevens State Park, where a brush fire burned 27-acres Monday evening, will reopen to the public today.

The public will have full access to the area after about 2 p.m. except for parking lot C, which will remain closed for fire management purposes. There is no timetable for when parking lot C will reopen.

The fire was at 80 percent containment as of Thursday morning.

It started at about 5 p.m. Monday. Warrenton Fire Department and the Oregon Department of Forestry responded to an enormous column of smoke drifting eastward from where the South Jetty joins the mainland.

The fire burned through beach grass, shore pine and driftwood, covering 27 acres.

No cause has yet to be determined. The fire grew from a west wind combined with the dry conditions that have brought fire danger to a high level.

No structures were damaged. No injuries were reported.

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'Let Dana play!' brings standout back to Seaside

Beach volleyball tourney has old and new faces

By KATHERINE LACAZE
EO Media Group

SEASIDE — Bring back Dana Camacho! That was the call from Seaside volleyball fans this summer. And their call was heard.

This year, a standout player is returning for perhaps his last Seaside tournament, with a little help from his friends and fans.

Known for a powerful serve and his on-court antics, Camacho, 38, of Florida, has won the men's open division several times at the Seaside Beach Volleyball Tournament. But because of financial and logistical problems, it seemed unlikely Camacho would be able to attend this year's compe-



Submitted Photo

A grassroots effort brought volleyball great Dana Camacho back to Seaside this year.

dition, which starts Friday and goes through Sunday.

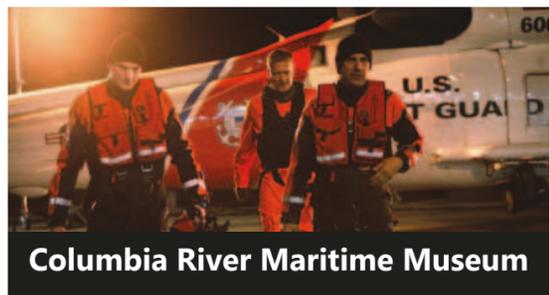
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First Friday on the Plaza
Music, Movies, Food, and Fun!
Music by Robin Bacior
Friday, August 7th • 7:00 Music • 9:00 Movie

Hands-on activities and games for all ages, gather your lawn chairs and blankets for a 9:00 pm showing of the movie, **The Guardian**. Food vendors (cash only)

First Friday Summer Nights are free of charge



Columbia River Maritime Museum

