

Coast Guard celebrates a century of aviation

Guard aviators started at naval stations in WWI

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The U.S. Coast Guard celebrated 100 years of aviation this year.

Air Station Astoria held an open house Saturday at the Astoria Regional Airport in Warrenton, where Coast Guard aviators have been stationed for the past 50 years.

Coast Guard aviation officially began April 1, 1916, when 3rd Lt. Elmer Stone reported to flight training in Pensacola, Florida. That year, Congress had authorized the Coast Guard to establish 10 air stations around the U.S., but provided no funding. Coast Guard aviators started their history based at U.S. naval air stations during World War I.

During Prohibition, interdicting alcohol smugglers was



An HH-65 Dolphin helicopter from Air Station North Bend flew North to attend a celebration of 100 years of U.S. Coast Guard aviation Saturday at Air Station Astoria. A yellow MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter celebrating the centennial of Coast Guard Aviation has been stationed at Air Station Astoria until 2020.

one of the main missions of the Coast Guard. Lt. Cmdr. C.G. Von Paulsen demonstrated the usefulness of aircraft using a borrowed Navy seaplane.

Congress later authorized \$152,000 for five planes.

In 1943, Coast Guard aviators started training on Sikorsky HNS-1 and HOS-1 helicop-

ters, intended for antisubmarine warfare against German U-boats during World War II. As the U-boat threat waned, the helicopters shifted to search



Clatsop County Heritage Museum An uncaptioned photo credited to Shawn Maddux shows an HH-65 Dolphin helicopter lifting someone out of the Pacific Ocean. Dolphins were based at Air Station Astoria from 1987 to 1995.

and rescue. The first lifesaving mission delivered blood plasma carried in an HNS-1 helicopter following an explosion on the Naval destroyer Turner near Sandy Hook, New Jersey.

In 1964, the Coast Guard established Air Station Astoria,

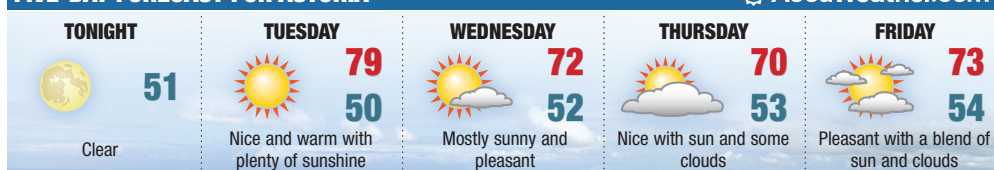
stationing two single-engine Sikorsky HH-52A Seaguard helicopters at North Tongue Point. The station moved to the Port of Astoria's Astoria Regional Airport in 1966. The Seaguards were replaced with three larger twin-engine HH-3F Pelicans in 1973.

Air Station Astoria played a special part in women's history. In 1976, Coast Guard aviation opened to women. Janna Lambine, the first woman designated a helicopter pilot in the Coast Guard, started her career in 1977 flying Pelicans out of Air Station Astoria.

The Coast Guard added two HU-25A Falcon jets to the air station in 1983, doubling hangar space, adding a medical and shop building and adding a third jet in 1988. By 1987, the Pelicans were replaced with three HH-65 Dolphins, one of the most ubiquitous helicopters in the Coast Guard.

In 1995, the Falcon jets and Dolphins were replaced by the air station's modern helicopters, the MH-60 Jayhawk.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



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Astoria through Sunday.

Temperatures
High/low 67°/50°
Normal high/low 69°/50°
Record high 88° in 2009
Record low 37° in 1988

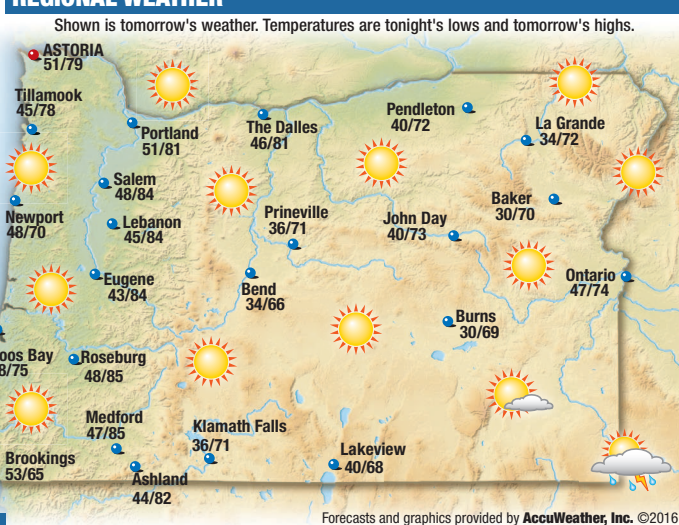
Precipitation
Sunday 0.00"
Month to date 1.07"
Normal month to date 0.66"
Year to date 41.91"
Normal year to date 39.01"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 7:32 p.m.
Sunrise Tuesday 6:51 a.m.
Moonrise today 5:09 p.m.
Moonset today 2:08 a.m.

Full Last New First
Sep 16 Sep 23 Sep 30 Oct 8

REGIONAL WEATHER



UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: The constellation Cetus the Whale or Cetus the Sea Monster is just swinging into view in the evening sky.

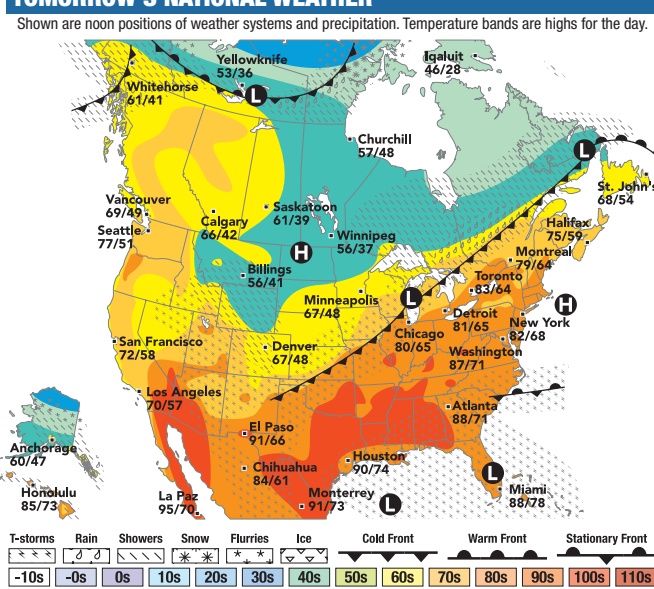
TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High	Low
12:05 p.m.	6:38 a.m.	6.9 ft.	0.0 ft.
11:35 p.m.	5:44 p.m.	7.9 ft.	2.0 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tues.
Atlanta	88/72 t	88/71 pc
Boston	73/59 s	80/65 s
Chicago	78/62 s	80/65 pc
Denver	77/46 pc	67/48 c
Des Moines	83/67 s	73/57 t
Detroit	76/57 s	81/65 pc
El Paso	90/69 pc	91/66 pc
Fairbanks	58/43 c	48/38 r
Honolulu	85/73 pc	85/73 c
Indianapolis	80/58 s	84/66 pc
Kansas City	84/66 s	82/62 t
Las Vegas	96/72 s	90/64 pc
Los Angeles	73/62 pc	70/57 sh
Memphis	91/73 s	92/75 s
Miami	89/76 t	88/78 t
Nashville	88/65 s	91/70 s
New Orleans	90/80 t	90/80 t
New York	78/64 s	82/68 s
Oklahoma City	91/70 s	89/69 t
Philadelphia	83/63 s	85/69 s
St. Louis	83/64 s	90/72 pc
Salt Lake City	80/57 c	81/58 t
San Francisco	66/57 pc	72/58 pc
Seattle	74/52 s	77/51 s
Washington, DC	84/68 s	87/71 pc

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



Coast Guard rescues two from Nehalem River

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NEDONNA BEACH — The U.S. Coast Guard rescued two people from the surf at the mouth of the Nehalem River near Nedonna Beach Sunday morning.

A 47-foot motor lifeboat crew from Station Tillamook Bay in Garibaldi received a single call from the mari-

ners at 7:35 a.m. Sunday. The crew started searching around Nehalem Bay for signs of distress.

A second call came into the boat crew, a witness reporting a capsized vessel at the mouth of the Nehalem River. The boat crew made it to the scene and rescued the mariners by 7:55 a.m. The men were taken back to base,

where they declined medical attention.

"These two individuals are alive today because they were wearing their life jackets," Petty Officer 1st Class Joshua Sheppard, coxswain of the rescue boat, said in a statement. "We saw them go under the water and resurface several times as we came alongside them to pull them aboard."

County names new health director

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Michael McNickle, Clatsop County's environmental health supervisor since 2014, has been hired as the new director of the county's public health department. He replaces Brian Mahoney, who recently retired.

"I'm very excited for this opportunity," McNickle said in a statement. "Brian left us in a good position, and we're going to continue to move it forward."



Michael McNickle

"Clatsop County considers public health to be one of our highest priorities," County Manager Cameron Moore said in the release. "We have a great public health team but also need a strong public health director to help lead this effort. Mike's education and experience will benefit both our team and community."

DEATHS

Sept. 7, 2016

CLIFTON, Cathy Ann, 52, of Forest Grove, died in Seaside. Caldwell's Funeral & Cremation Arrangement Center in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

Sept. 10, 2016

JOHNSON, Freida, 101, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements. Visit www.hughes-ransom.com to share memories and sign the guest book.

MEMORIAL

Friday, Sept. 16

WALLACE, Prentice L. "Bill" and Donna — Interment at 11 a.m., Willamette National Cemetery, 11800 S.E. Mount Scott Blvd. in Portland.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District, 6 p.m., Fire-Rescue Main Station, 188 Sunset Ave.
Youngs River Lewis & Clark Water District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.
Seaside City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

TUESDAY

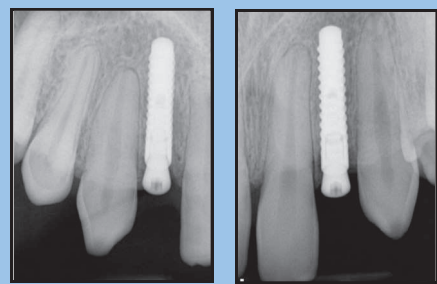
Lewis & Clark Fire Depart-

ment Board, 7 p.m., main fire station, 34571 Highway 101 Business.
Cannon Beach City Council, 5:30 p.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., 225 S. Main Ave.
Warrenton-Hammond School board, 7 p.m., Warrenton High School library, 1700 S.E. Main Ave.

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