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NW word nerd

By RYAN HUME

Allision [ə·li·zhən]

noun

Allide [ə·li·ɪd]

verb

1. to hit against another object.

2. *Maritime Law*: when a moving vessel strikes a stationary or fixed object or structure, such as a bridge abutment, pier or rock formation. When a moving ship hits a stationary ship it is said to "allied" (as opposed to "collide") and is found at fault

Origin:

First known use is 1615. *Allision* arrives from the Latin *allisus*, the past participle of *allidere*, a verb meaning "to strike against."



PHOTO BY EDWARD STRATTON

The Panamanian-flagged log ship *Global Gold* allided with Pier 1 while pulling into the Port of Astoria in October 2015 and leaked 1,100 gallons of diesel fuel from a gash on its port side.

The current (and very rare) verb form doesn't arrive until the early 18th century. Both *allide* and *collide* can be traced further back to the Latin verb *laedere*, which also means "to strike," when combined with the Latin prefixes *com-* (meaning "together") and *ad-* (meaning "to-ward").

"The vessel allided with the jetty, leaving it on the rocks and stranding four crewmembers. An MH-65 Dolphin helicopter crew from Coast

Guard Air Facility Newport rescued the crew members Saturday."

—Edward Stratton, "Grounded boat near Newport goes missing," *The Daily Astorian*, Monday, March 12, 2012

"The Coast Guard is investigating a tug and barge allision — a nautical term indicating the striking of a moving vessel against a stationary vessel that is at anchor — occurred in the Columbia River at mile 48 near Westport, Ore., at approximately 3 a.m., Thursday."

—"Coast Guard investigates vessel allision in Columbia River," *The Daily Astorian*, Friday, July 22, 2011

Author extols virtues of prefab houses

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Author Sheri Koones believes that prefabricated houses are the homes of the future. She's written five books about them. In the new "Prefabulous Small Houses," Koones focuses on modestly sized homes and cottages, between 350 and 2,500 square feet.

"It is definitely possible to live large but on a small footprint without cramping your style or budget," she said.

Compared to the basic modular homes of a decade ago, Koones says, these prefab residences are more elegant, eco-friendly and economical. Unlike traditional, on-site home building, they can be put up in a matter of days or weeks.

The book profiles 32 homes across the country, and explains some of the latest technologies.

AP: How did this book come about?

KOONES: I've been writing about prefab construction for a long time. If you're going to write about energy-efficient, sustainable homes, it really has to be prefab. The technology has come so incredibly far in recent years. And the more I traveled and looked around, the more I saw that there was a trend toward living smaller, and focusing on travel and other things instead of pouring all your time and resources into your home. Today, almost anything that can be built on-site can be built prefab. In Japan, most of the houses are prefabricated, and in

Australia many of them are.

AP: The homes featured in your book look very expensive. How economical are small, prefab homes?

KOONES: Prefab houses can cost 5 to 15 percent less than an on-site built house. And we know that building prefab saves time and energy both in construction and also in terms of maintenance.

AP: What design elements do these homes use to help them feel comfortable and roomy despite their diminutive size?

KOONES: High ceilings, limited hallways and rooms used for multiple purposes. The emphasis is on living well as opposed to living big.

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