

# Celtic tunes performed at Peninsula Arts Center

LONG BEACH, WASH. — Cary Novotny, a guitarist and vocalist, will perform Celtic tunes at the Peninsula Arts Center (504 Pacific Ave. N.) 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Novotny has been on the Irish music scene for about 20 years. His sound has made him one of the most in-demand guitar players in Irish music, the arts center said in a release.

“With unerring rhythm, boundless energy and versatility, he varies from breakneck speed to delicate finger-style in the blink of an eye,” the center wrote.

Novotny was a founding member of former Lord of the Dance fiddle-duo, The Bridies, Johnny B Connolly’s Bridgetown, and Portland’s Irish band Cul an Ti. Listers can expect a wide range of American music, from Americana to singer-songwriter favorites from Cary’s large reper-

toire, according to press materials.

Novotny is also on the Board of the Acoustic Music Foundation, and is the Peninsula Arts Center’s attorney.

Tickets are \$15 and available on Brown Paper Tickets, by emailing [events@peninsulaartscenter.org](mailto:events@peninsulaartscenter.org), or by calling Bill Svendsen at 360-901-0962.

Wine, beer, and other refreshments are available for purchase.

## Open mic

The arts center holds an open mic the Friday night before each concert. Singers, instrumentalists, poets, spoken-word artists, stand-up comedians and dramatists are all welcome. Sign-ups begin at 6:30 p.m. The open mic begins at 7 p.m.

All events benefit the Long Beach Peninsula Acoustic Music Foundation, a nonprofit charitable organization.



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Guitarist and vocalist Cary Novotny

# Coast Guard teaches boater education class

ASTORIA — The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 62, in partnership with the Oregon State Marine Board, will teach a Boater Education Class that results in a boater education card.

The class will be held 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5, in the second floor conference room at Englund Marine & Industrial Supply (95 Hamburg Ave.). Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. The cost, which includes the class manual, is \$10.

“The course covers practical boating safety information and local boating rules and regulations, as well as

tips and techniques for making boating more enjoyable,” the Coast Guard wrote in a release. “Additionally, a section on cold-water survival will be shared.”

Students who successfully complete the course may apply for their boater education card, which is required by Oregon’s and Washington’s mandatory boater education programs. The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators approves this course.

All Oregon boaters 12 and older must carry their boater education card when operating power boats greater

than 10 horsepower. Youth 12 to 15 must have a card to operate a boat under 10 horsepower and must also be supervised by a card-holding adult (16 years of age, 18 years of age for Personal Watercraft Operators) when operating power boats greater than 10 horsepower.

“You can be cited a hefty fine for not having a card,” the Coast Guard wrote.

The Boater Education Card also helps save money on boat insurance.

To preregister or obtain further information, contact Dave Phillips at 503-440-9130.

# Take a ‘historical’ hike on peninsula

The Angora Hiking Club has two walks coming up in August on the Long Beach Peninsula. State park specialists will cover historical information related to the Corps of Discovery’s visits to the sites more than 200 years ago.

On both days, hikers will meet at the Sixth Street parking lot in Astoria at 9 a.m. (one block west of Video Horizons) and will carpool to the Washington State Parks. No dogs are allowed on the hikes.

## Coastal Forest Loop Trail

On Saturday, Aug. 5, hikers at Cape Disappointment will tackle the Coastal Forest Loop Trail. They should expect to arrive at the trail head at about 9:30 a.m. to meet Stephen Wood, a Washington State park ranger and naturalist. The trail head is in the gravel parking lot adjacent to the Cape “D” Cafe, across from the campground entrance.

The loop is roughly 1.5 miles over difficult terrain. The hike will last an hour to an hour and a half, organizers said.

Hikers should be prepared for primitive trail conditions. Sturdy footwear is highly recommended. Trail conditions will include heavily rooted, muddy, narrow and steep sections.

Be prepared for mosquitoes; they are heavy this year.

“The long loop of the Coastal Forest Trail will provide an excellent cross-section of the rich cultural and ecological sites that Cape Disappointment has to offer,” the hiking club said in a release. “We will



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State Park Ranger Aaron Webster



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State Park Interpretive Specialist Stephen Wood

explore the coastal forest through a historical lens ... and provide some modern ecological observations on the workings of a ‘coastal forest.’”

Significant sites and sights will include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ jetty works, cedar trees, Anchorage Island and old-growth Sitka spruce trees.

## Fort Columbia

On Saturday, Aug. 12, the club will take on the Fort Columbia Hike. Participants should expect to arrive at about 9:30 a.m. to meet Aaron Webster, a Washington State Park interpretive specialist who will lead

hikers on the Scarborough Trail that winds through the fort with its historic buildings and gun batteries, and continues up through a forest of Sitka spruce and hemlock.

Fees are \$10 parking per vehicle with a Discovery Pass. Purchase is available at the trail head or in Chinook, Washington. Sturdy hiking shoes, water and snacks, binoculars, bug repellent, hiking sticks and weather-appropriate clothing should be considered.

## More info

Annual dues for Angora membership is \$7. Membership is not required to participate in the club’s hikes. Angora’s annual schedule of hikes and where they occur is available at [angorahiking-club.org](http://angorahiking-club.org).

For additional information, contact Bill Herold, the chief guide, at 503-468-0474 or [billn692oc@gmail.com](mailto:billn692oc@gmail.com). Hike leaders Jim and Kathleen Hudson can be reached at 503-861-2802. Hikers are asked to call if they plan to participate.