

## Cross the Columbia, Tillamook bars safely!

ASTORIA — The Coast Guard Auxiliary is offering a class covering the skills and knowledge necessary for crossing the bar Saturday, May 12, at Englund Marine & Industrial Supply, 95 Hamburg Ave., in their conference room. Attendees can choose the 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. class or the 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. class.

Are you prepared to cross the Columbia Bar, known as the "Graveyard of the Pacific," this fishing season? Sign up for this class and learn ways to boat more safely when crossing the Columbia and Tillamook bars.

Topics include seaworthy vessels, dangers and dangerous areas, reading NOAA tides and currents, tide table charts and how to use nautical charts, understanding weather service forecasts and bar reports, safety



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equipment for offshore or potentially rough waters, boating in strong waves and distress calls, equipment and protocols.

Bring your questions and leave more informed! Be safe this summer! The cost is \$10 and includes

useful websites and phone numbers.

Space is limited. To preregister for the morning or afternoon class, contact Dave Phillips, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Ilwaco, Wash., at [dwphillips67@gmail.com](mailto:dwphillips67@gmail.com) or 503-440-9130.

## Black oystercatcher survey training May 4

CANNON BEACH — Beach and bird lovers mark your calendar!

In early May, a handful of local groups will host an opportunity to learn and get involved in research around the iconic black oystercatcher. Along with community partners, The Audubon Society of Portland coordinates this great program to help everyone learn more about this beloved coastal bird every year.

Join the Audubon Society of Portland, in partnership with the Haystack Rock Awareness Program, Friends of Cape Falcon Marine Reserve, Oregon Marine Reserve Partnership, U.S. Geologic Survey and U.S. Fish and Wildlife for training on black oystercatcher monitoring.

The training will be held 6 p.m. Friday, May



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Black oystercatchers

4, at Cannon Beach City Hall, 163 E. Gower St. This event is free and open to the public. No experience is necessary. Light refreshments will be served.

Black oystercatchers

are an iconic, easily recognizable bird of the coast. It is also a species of conservation concern because of its small population size and vulnerability to habitat impacts.

If you would like to learn more about this amazing bird and are interested in helping with Audubon Portland's community science effort to monitor oystercatchers on the coast, consider attending this training.

The training will cover the black oystercatcher's life history, conservation challenges and instructions on how to participate in our abundance and nest monitoring program.

If this sounds interesting to you, contact Joe Liebezeit ([jliebezeit@audubonportland.org](mailto:jliebezeit@audubonportland.org)) and Amelia O'Connor ([ameliajoconnor@gmail.com](mailto:ameliajoconnor@gmail.com)).

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