



Photos by Hailey Hoffman/The Astorian  
**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:** Commercial fisherman Steve Fick, U.S. Coast Guard Capt. Scott Jackson and Regatta Queen Annalyse Steele toss bouquets into the Columbia River in remembrance of fallen sailors. • Steele speaks about Astoria's maritime history. • A Coast Guard motor lifeboat, the Ironwood and the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office boat led the Regatta's Highwater Boat Parade on Saturday. • Kids throw candy from atop the Arrow No. 2 to people lining the docks during the boat parade.



# Astoria Regatta returns

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After canceling the 2020 Regatta because of the pandemic, the Astoria Regatta Association held an abbreviated version of the festival on Saturday.

Locals, fishermen and members of the U.S. Coast Guard met at Maritime Memorial Park to hold the annual Seamen's Memorial to honor the region's maritime history and those who have been lost on the water.

The ceremony was followed by a Highwater Boat Parade along the Astoria Riverwalk, featuring sailboats, the Coast Guard and commercial fishing vessels.



## Gearhart seeks vote on firehouse bond

A \$13 million question on November ballot

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GEARHART — The City Council has voted unanimously to put a bond measure to finance a new firehouse on the November ballot.

An estimated \$13 million is needed to fund the project near Highlands Lane and U.S. Highway 101.

A recent geotech analysis of the surrounding area revealed the dune at the site is 2,000 years older than a previously targeted location for a firehouse, meaning there will not be a need for a more difficult type of foundation.

"This is one of very few places in Gearhart with land like this," City Administrator Chad Sweet said Friday.

A recent city survey found that 65% of respondents were in favor of building the new firehouse and 60% supported the bond financing.

Of the 554 survey respondents, however, just 309 were registered voters. A narrower portion of voters — 51% — were in favor of both the new firehouse and the bond.

The survey was the second by the city on a new firehouse. A 2019 survey identified the High Point site on North Marion as the preferable location.

The city wants to move the aging firehouse on Pacific Way to help better prepare emergency operations for an earthquake and tsunami.

## Coast Guard gets new sector commander

Jackson succeeds Smith in Warrenton

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WARRENTON — A new leader has taken command of U.S. Coast Guard Sector Columbia River.

Capt. Scott Jackson relieved retiring Capt. Jeremy Smith at a change-of-command ceremony held Friday morning. Jackson recently finished a master's program in strategic studies from the U.S. Army War College in Pennsylvania.

Smith, a 25-year veteran of the Coast Guard,

ran Sector Columbia River since June 2018. He led the sector through the longest U.S. government shutdown — when some in the military worked without pay — and almost a year and a half of the coronavirus pandemic.

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With a handshake, Capt. Scott Jackson, right, takes over command of U.S. Coast Guard Sector Columbia River from retiring Capt. Jeremy Smith on Friday in Warrenton.

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## Drive, chip, putt — and stretch

Instructor offers yoga at golf course

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People may have seen social media posts recently on yoga classes at the golf course and thought of Chevy Chase as the golfer Ty Webb in the comedy "Caddyshack." "There's a force in the universe that makes things happen," he said.

"And all you have to do is get in touch with it, stop thinking, let things happen, and be the ball."

Sarah Knutsen teaches a more rational approach to yoga, whether it's to help your golf game or not. She leads a yoga class every week at the Astoria Golf & Country Club.

"People might assume it's for members only, but it's open to the public," said Knutsen, of Astoria. "We have quite a few regulars, and I'm hoping to get the word-of-mouth out there a little more. I make posts about it on my

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