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Florence's Jesse Austen will be on the sand slopes for Saturday's X-West Huck Fest at Sand Master Park.

Showdown

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north of Florence at 5351 Highway 101.

For those who are less thrillseeker and more prone to quiet sand digging, Sand Master Park is also hosting sandsculpting champion Gordon the same weekend for a free

sand-sculpting clinic for all those who have an interest in learning the art of sand sculpting. Both the X-West Huck Fest and sand-sculpting clinic are free to spectators or participants, with all materials and tools provided.

For more information, call Sand Master Park at 541-997-6006.

Dunes

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According to spokesperson Barbara Elliott-Rowland, "This donation will

happening in the dunes and help us continue the important work we're doing out there to protect the dunes for riders."

New maritime guide for tsunami readiness

NEWPORT — A new guide aims to help Oregon boaters, fishermen and mariners respond to - and get ready for — distant tsunamis.

The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) has released "Oregon Maritime Tsunami Response Guidance for the Ports of Newport and Toledo," which offers operators of small craft such as recreational sailing and motor vessels and commercial fishing vessels guidance in the event of a distant

Distant tsunamis are caused by great earthquakes far away from the Oregon coast and will strike approximately four or more hours after the earthquake.

"Many tsunami hazards exist for boats," says George Priest, a geologist in DOGAMI's coastal field office. "Dangers might include grounding of vessels as water level suddenly drops, capsizing from incoming surges, strong and unpredictable currents, and collision with other boats, docks and debris."

The largest, most damaging distant-source tsunamis in the Newport area have come from large earthquakes in the Alaska-Aleutian Islands region, including the 1964 magnitude 9.2 earthquake that caused damage

to many parts of the Oregon coast and killed campers on Beverly Beach in Newport.

The guide is part of ongoing efforts to increase tsunami awareness and preparedness in Oregon's maritime community. Statewide maritime guidance for all types of tsunamis can be found in the brochure titled "Tsunami! What Oregon Boat Owners Need to Know."

The brochure offers information about statewide response and readiness for a local Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami, which would strike the coast in as little as 10 minutes.

Both the statewide brochure

and new guide for Newport and Toledo are available for download at www.OregonTsunami .org on the "Boaters" page, along with information about broadcasts during a tsunami event and a map of offshore safe zones.

Development of the guide was funded by the National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program and supported by DOGAMI, the Oregon Office of Emergency Management, the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and members of the Oregon Marine Advisory Council.

Honeyman Park hosts Oregon Coast Trail expert

Connie Soper will be the special guest lecturer at Honeyman State Park on

The program will start at 8 p.m. in the Honeyman State

Owners of pleasure boats,

large and small - including

cruisers, fishing boats, pontoon

boats, canoes, kayaks, jet skies

and wave runners - are

encouraged by the U.S. Coast

Guard and local Marine Law

Enforcement Officials to have

free Vessel Safety Checks

Soper is an Oregon author and trail advocate. She first visited Oregon's beaches when living as a child in Coos Bay, and she has loved them ever since. She has twice hiked the entirety with many friends and

which will be published by Dragonfly Press this summer.

For more information, contact Luke Parsons at 541-999-4008 or at luke.parsons@ oregon.gov.

Park amphitheater. Oregon Coast Trail expert Oregon Coast Trail in its to the California Border,"

Friday, Aug. 14.

(VSC) of their boats.

Squadrons.

Vessel

include

VSCs are performed year-

round by Certified Vessel

Examiners who are members

of either the U.S. Coast Guard

Auxiliary or the U.S. Power

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mandatory

family members. Soper has written a book, "Exploring the Oregon Coast

Trail: 40 Consecutive Day Hikes from the Columbia River

required aboard a pleasure

craft, plus 16 other recom-

mended safety and/or discus-

sion items. A boat passing the

VSC receives a Safety Seal

To locate a convenient local

VSC examiner, and to receive a

free Vessel Safety Check, visit

Decal.

Checks

Vessel safety checks help prevent boating mishaps

www.safetyseal.net/GetVSC. You can also contact Florence resident and Certified Safety Examiner Vessel Jonathan Yoder directly at 541-991-1181.

Note that boats do not have to be in the water for the safety checks.

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is slow in the low clear water.

Summer steelhead fishing is

gear for best results as the

water is extremely low and

Cutthroat trout fishing is

slow to fair. The best opportu-

nities are coming in the early

mornings when river tempera-

tures are the coolest. River

conditions are very low and

warm for this time of year.

The mainstem Yaquına and

Big Elk Creek are good places

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YAQUINA RIVER:

Cutthroat trout

slow also. Fishing for cutthroat

trout should be fair. Use lighter

help the STRD to continue to raise public awareness of what's

near the head of tide. UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: Steelhead

spoons as well as bait fishing

The South Umpqua River, including all tributaries, is closed to fishing for trout, steelhead, and salmon from 2 p.m. until an hour before sun-

The mainstem South Umpqua upstream to Jackson Creek Bridge is open to fishing, with trout fishing being strictly catch-and-release.

Fishing is restricted to the use of artificial flies and lures.

Smallmouth bass fishing, which remains open under normal rules, should be productive especially in the morning and late afternoon/early evening.

TENMILE BASIN: Trout, largemouth bass, yellow perch

Streams in the Tenmile Basin are open for trout although there is a 2 p.m. fishing closure for trout, salmon and steelhead in streams above tidewater.

Most of the larger rivers will be too warm for trout and the water level in many of the smaller streams is extremely low. Fishing is restricted to artificial flies and lures in streams above tidewater.

The water level in Tenmile Lakes is extremely low and boat anglers should use caution when boating in the lakes.

Tenmile Lakes is open all year for trout but trout fishing has been slow.

Bass anglers have been catching several largemouth bass in Tenmile Lakes. Bass can be found this time of the year in shallow water near structure like logs or weed

A few anglers have been catching yellow perch from the fishing dock at the County Boat Ramp and near the edge of the weedlines. A worm or piece of cut bait fished near the bottom works well for catching yellow perch.

COOS COUNTY LAKES and **PONDS**: *Largemouth* bass, bluegills

Fishing for largemouth bass and bluegills has been good in many of the Coos County lakes. Fishing for bass will be best in the mornings and late evenings.

Fish for bluegills around structure like submerged logs and weed lines.

COOS RIVER BASIN: Dungeness crab, salmon, bay

clams, rockfish, trout Streams in the Coos Basin

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A couple chinook salmon have been caught in between the jetties on Coos Bay.

Mooching with herring or trolling a cut-plug herring work well for catching salmon.

Anglers are still catching a few rockfish inside lower Coos Bay around the jetties. The best fishing has been around the slack tides.

WINCHESTER BAY: Bottomfish, perch

Fishing for bottomfish in the Triangle and South jetty has been successful. Perch fishing has been productive in the bay, and it was reported that good size striped perch were being caught along the jetty.

Crabbing has been improving, and there have been reports of coho and Chinook being caught in the ocean off of Winchester Bay.

PACIFIC OCEAN and **BEACHES**: Bottomfish, salmon, Dungeness crab, tuna

The ocean is open for harvest of Dungeness crab. Crabbing has been good outside of Coos Bay and Winchester Bay.

Recreational ocean salmon season from Cape Falcon to

Humbug Mt. is open for Chinook salmon and finclipped coho.

The bag limit is two salmon per day, and a minimum size for Chinook salmon at 24 inches or larger and a minimum size for coho salmon at 16 inches or larger.

Fishing for chinook from Bandon to Winchester Bay has been slow. Fishing for coho has been decent but only about a third of the coho caught were fin-clipped.

Tuna fishing along the south coast has been very slow. There have been a couple reports from Charleston of tuna caught 20-30 miles off shore but in very low numbers.

The nearshore halibut season is open seven days a week inside the 40-fathom line.

Anglers were catching a few halibut near Bandon inside 40fathoms this past weekend.

BOTTOM FISHING Rockfish catches were fairly good last week, particularly out of the Charleston area.

Lingcod catches were slower. **REMINDERS:** The ocean is open for bottom fishing only inside of the 30-fathom regulatory line (30-fathom way-

• New for 2015. China, copper, and quillback rockfish (in addition to velloweve rockfish) may not be retained.

points) through Sept. 30.

• New for 2015. The marine fish daily bag limit is seven fish, of which no more than three can be blue rockfish and no more than one can be a canary rockfish.

that no more than one can be a cabezon (no change from last SHELLFISH:

Anglers are also reminded

Recreational shellfish safety

• Recreational harvest of mussels is closed from Cape Arago (south of Coos Bay) to the California border for elevated levels of domoic acid, and includes all beaches, rocks, jetties and bays. The recreational harvest of mussels is open from the Columbia River south to Cape Arago.

• Recreational harvest of razor clams is closed along the entire Oregon coast from the Columbia River to the California border due to elevated levels of domoic acid.

CRABBING:

• Ocean crabbing remains relatively slow, although last week the Charleston area was a bright spot. Larger ocean crab off the central coast are molting, and a soft shell indicates the meat will be watery.

Smaller crab that have not yet molted - look for barnacles on the shell — are a better option for the crab kettle. Bay crabbing has improved

but is still slower than ocean crabbing at this time. Bay and ocean crabbers might run into red rock crab as well as Dungeness crab.

Red rock crab is a native species but is not present in all of Oregon's bays.

Good places to try are from the docks in Tillamook Bay, Yaquina Bay and Coos Bay.



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