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Sheriffs offer safety tips for crabbing, boat anchoring

While the fall months offer the best crabbing opportunities in local bays, crabbing is open year round. The Yaquina and Alsea bays are the most productive in Lincoln County.

With the addition of the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to Yaquina Bay, it is important to understand where it is safe to place crab traps or anchor boats. NOAA Ships are very large vessels that need to operate in the dredged channels, so other vessels should not interfere with their ingress and egress to the bay.

Listed below are suggestions

one person eating an ice-cream

cone in the bleachers, that guy

who made you stop, turn

around and look up in bewil-

derment, yelled out "Hey

Yasiel! Donde esta la bibliote-

Cuba, if you haven't heard

by now, is no longer a closed-

off nation for America. We just

and rules that apply to placement of crab traps and anchoring boats.

- Place crab traps or rings outside the navigational chan-
- Use appropriate rope/line for depth of water. A rope too long for the depth of water may float on top creating a navigational hazard. If your rope is too long for the depth of water,
- a small weight attached between the float and trap will help keep it under the surface.
- Add weight to the trap which will help prevent it from "walking" or moving with the strong tidal flows.

ran up our flag there a couple

weeks ago. To most Americans,

when we think about Cuba, we

think about Kennedy and the

Very good cigars and rum.

For Cuban athletes and

Cuban-Americans, thoughts of

Havana dredge up far different

The Cuban

Bay of Pigs.

Missile Crisis.

Airlifts.

Gitmo.

Little Elian.

Each year, improper anchoring is the cause of multiple

"Each year, improper anchoring is the death on area

- Lincoln County Sheriffs

cases of injury and death on area waterways. Swift currents, make the following anchoring procedures imperative. Please be aware that strong tidal currents change approximately every six hours.

- Use anchor line five to seven times the depth of the water.
- Bring the bow into the wind or current; place motorboat engines into neutral.
- Lower the anchor over the bow, do not toss or throw it overboard.
- Always secure the anchor line to the bow.
- Never anchor over the stern or sides of boats; this has caused many boats to capsize

• Make sure arms, legs, hands, and feet are completely clear of the line before lowering the anchor.

Anchoring in a position that obstructs a passageway ordinarily used by other boats is prohibited by law. For additional boating tips, call the Oregon State Marine Board and request a copy of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers "Anchor Safely" tip sheet.

For further information on boating in Oregon, visit the Oregon State Marine Board website www.boatoregon.com.

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cause of multiple cases of injury and waterways."

high flows and cold water feelings. For some, it meant

risking your life and defecting

in order to play baseball in

Think about the stress you would feel facing a Major League hitter or pitcher on your

Now think about it with the thought that your family left behind may be in severe trouble because of your decision.

There's a heartbreak there

for many Cubans that is hard to understand. Their love of country is great, but they would have loved to participate in the 1984 and 1988 Olympic

They would have loved to have seen the late, great Teofilo Stevenson fight Muhammad

It almost happened, but Stevenson turned the fight down, saying the millions of dollars offered him was not worth losing the love of the millions of Cubans in Havana. Well, now there will be plen-

ty of things off the field to settle between America, Cuba and Cuban Americans. But finally, at long last, it

doesn't mean people will have to risk their lives in order to play a game, and everybody can have an obscenely overpriced ice-cream cone.

nearshore halibut quota

remains. The Summer All-

open every other Friday-

43,908 pounds is met.

om curve.

SALMON

Saturday until the quota of

Depth halibut season opened

this past weekend and will be

Fishing for bottom fish is

restricted to inside the 30 fath-

Much of the Oregon coast

(Cape Falcon to the OR/CA

salmon fishing. This area

remains open for all salmon

ing has been only fair out of

most ports. Remaining coho

son that opens Sept. 4 from

Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt.

fin-clipped coho fishery

remains open and has been

ed that no more than one

Chinook is allowed in the

daily limit of two salmon.

The Columbia River

PACIFIC HALIBUT

The Columbia River

Leadbetter Point, Wash.)

Subarea (Cape Falcon north to

nearshore fishery is open daily

until Sept. 30 or the quota has

The all-depth Pacific halibut

Recreational albacore catch-

es picked up last week. South

coast anglers averaged four per

person, and landings elsewhere

were good if perhaps spotty.

By most accounts, fish were

cruising 30-40 miles offshore.

Coos Bay, Yaquina Bay,

Netarts Bay, and Tillamook

Bay are four bays where bay

clams and cockles, can be

clams, like gaper clams, butter

taken if not affected by shell-

revealed abundant populations and that current harvest levels

fish safety closures. Recent stock assessments have

Ocean crabbing is very

mals still have soft shells. A

soft shell indicates the meat

will be watery and disappoint-

ing. Crabs with hard shells or

that have not recently molted

look for barnacles on the

shell - are a better option for

Limits in places; Some ani-

• BAY CLAMS

are sustainable. CRABBING

been met; fishing has been

fishery in this subarea is

2015.

closed for the remainder of

Control Zone is closed.

very good to anglers. Anglers

fishing in this area are remind-

quota will be transferred to the

non-selective coho salmon sea-

North of Cape Falcon, the

except coho, but Chinook fish-

border) is now closed to coho

Fishing

View

from 1B

from 1B

think small and subtle presentations. Typical steelhead tactics apply such as bobber and jig / bait, or casting spoons or spinners.

Cutthroat trout are now also open to harvest and can be found throughout the main stem river and many large tributaries.

WILSON RIVER: Steelhead, Chinook, cutthroat

Summer steelhead fishing is

slow. Fishing for cutthroat trout should be fair. Use lighter gear for best results as the water is extremely low and clear. Spring Chinook fishing closed July 31. All angling is closed after 2 p.m. above tide-

water until further notice.

YAQUINA RIVER:

Cutthroat trout Cutthroat trout fishing is slow to fair. The best opportunities are coming in the early mornings when river temperatures are the coolest. River conditions are very low and

warm for this time of year. The mainstem Yaquina and Big Elk Creek are good places to try casting small spinners or spoons as well as bait fishing near the head of tide.

UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: Steelhead

The South Umpqua River, including all tributaries, is closed to fishing for trout, steelhead, and salmon from 2 p.m. until an hour before sunrise. The mainstem South Umpqua upstream to Jackson Creek Bridge opened to fishing on May 23, with trout fishing being strictly catch and release. Catch and release trout fishing in South Umpqua tributaries below Jackson Creek Bridge also opened on May 23, with fishing restricted to the use of artificial flies and

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

evening. **COOS COUNTY**

LAKES/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.

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 tidewa-

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

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 and it's been good outside of Coos Bay and Winchester Bay.

Recreational ocean salmon season from Cape Falcon to Humbug Mt. is open for Chinook salmon. The finclipped coho season closed on Aug. 9 and the non-selective coho season does not open until Sept. 4. The bag limit is two salmon per day, and a minimum size for Chinook salmon at 24-inches or larger. Fishing for Chinook from Bandon to Winchester Bay has been slow.

Tuna fishing along the south coast was spotty. Some boats did very well with most fish caught 20-30 miles off shore.

The nearshore halibut season opened on July 1. The fishery is open 7 days per week inside the 40-fathom line. Anglers were catching a few halibut near Bandon inside 40-fathoms this past weekend. As of Aug. 2, 72 percent of the

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