

GENERAL NEWS

Flag Day ceremony by Elks

The community is invited to attend the annual Flag Day ceremony at the Elks Lodge, 1686 12th St., at 1 p.m. A very heartfelt presentation about the history of our coun-

try's flags will be given by Jim Barrett.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3232 will carry the flags, which will be presented by Commander Paul Gargis.

Coast Guard rescues 3 aboard disabled sailboat

U.S. Coast Guard air and boat crews worked together Wednesday to assist three people and a dog aboard a 51-foot sailing vessel that was disabled and adrift about 45 miles west of Siuslaw River in Florence.

The crew of the Coast Guard Cutter Cuttyhunk, a 110-foot patrol boat homeported in Port Angeles, Wash., towed the sailing vessel Rogue Scholarship toward Reedsport and transferred the tow to the crew of a 47-foot motor life boat from Station Umpqua River.

Watchstanders at Coast Guard Sector North Bend initially received an uncorrelated distress call at 9:30 a.m. on June 8. Forty-five minutes later, watchstanders received a digital selected call distress notification with a location



PHOTO COURTESY OF U.S. COAST GUARD

The sailing vessel Rogue Scholarship sits disabled and adrift June 8 with three people and a dog aboard about 45 miles west of Siuslaw River. Coast Guard air, boat and cutter crews worked together to provide assistance and tow the vessel to shore.

medium range surveillance aircraft from Air Station Sacramento to search for possible mariners in distress.

The master of the vessel was able to contact the C-27J aircrew and reported that all three people on board were in good condition, but the vessel had a torn sail, fouled propeller and had been adrift for three days. A Dolphin aircrew arrived on scene and deployed a rescue swimmer with a VHF-FM radio, followed by the crew of the Cuttyhunk, which placed the sailboat in tow.

"This was a complex case involving assets from different parts of the country," said Wesley Trull, the operations unit controller at Sector North Bend. "Our air, boat and cutter crews were able to work together to get these mariners in distress the help they need."

Weather on scene was reported to be 4- to 6-foot seas with 10- to 15-knot winds and a water temperature of 57 degrees.

about three miles west of the observed location of the first notification.

Aircrews launched aboard two MH-65 Dolphin helicopters from Air Station North

Bend and Air Facility Newport, a boatcrew launched from Station Siuslaw River aboard an MLB, the crew of the Cuttyhunk diverted from patrolling nearby and a C-27J

Port closes showers to transients

The Oregon State Marine Board, through a grant, assisted in funding the building of four restrooms at the Port of Siuslaw. The grant requires that one toilet remain open to the public.

The public restrooms sustain about \$800 per year in damage from vandalism. This damage includes broken fixtures and graffiti.

In order to reduce damage from vandalism, the Port will close the public showers to the public. Members of the public who wish to shower will be directed to showers located on Highway 101.

Guests with emergency

needs will be directed to Siuslaw Outreach Services.

In formulating this policy, Port Manager Steven Leskin sought to balance the needs of the public against the Port's need to protect its property, remain compassionate to those in need, and not displace a community issue elsewhere. Leskin also said he took into consideration the views of guests who pay to use the Port's facilities.

Leskin also spoke to several "travelers" who use the facilities, Helping Hands, City of Florence, Siuslaw Outreach Services, law enforcement, the owners of the two private

showers available to the public in Florence, and Port staff.

In making the decision to close the showers to the public, Leskin considered multiple options to keep the showers open, including creating a voucher system, taking names and ID's, or creating a pay for use facility.

"This is a difficult issue. We repeatedly came across social services providers who, to maintain their services, learned how to enforce their personal and institutional boundaries," said Leskin. "We hope to have learned from their example."

The policy will go into effect June 15.

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Friday, July 8th @ 10:00

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Start your summer with an art tour

Get into the swing of summer with the Second Saturday Gallery Tour today, June 11, from 3 to 5 p.m.

Come enjoy great local art, interactions with fellow patrons of the arts and artists, receptions, refreshments, live entertainment and community.

Two new groups have joined, The Riverside Eats

and the The Vardanian Art Gallery.

Check out various types and styles of art at any of the 14 locations. Take special note of Bob Hefty's geometric paintings at the Silver Linings Boutique.

Catch "PICK.up.ART" at the Kenneth B Gallery before it is gone; Backstreet Gallery is featuring two mixed media

artists for its Artists of the Month; BeauxArts Fine Art Materials will be having a celebration of art and having Rhody the Sea Lion for photos from the Florence Events Center's Dancing with Sea Lions Project; and more.

For more information, about Second Saturday Art Tours, visit 2ndSaturdayGalleryTour.com.

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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