

# Siuslaw News Sports & Recreation

SPORTS

Calendar

Upcoming charity golf tournaments

Aug. 6

• COOL AT COAST ROTARY CLUB  
10 A.M.  
OCEAN DUNES

Aug. 13

• VIKING CUP SCRAMBLE  
VIKING ATHLETICS  
9 A.M.  
OCEAN DUNES

Sept. 10

• SIUSLAW OPEN  
VIKING ATHLETICS  
9 A.M.  
OCEAN DUNES

On the Bite

A WEEKLY FISHING REPORT FOR THE LOCAL REGION  
[www.dfw.state.or.us/RR](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/RR)

**MID COAST LAKES**  
Rainbow trout stocking is underway in many locations along the mid coast. Look at the stocking report to see the full stocking season.

Fishing for the various warm water fish species is good this time of year as fish

See **FISHING 3B**

TIDE TABLE

Entrance Siuslaw River

High Tide	Low Tide
<b>June 25</b> 3:31am / 6.4 5:03pm / 6.3	10:21am / -0.6 10:55pm / 2.2

<b>June 26</b> 4:28am / 6.0 5:51pm / 6.5	11:08am / -0.1
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<b>June 27</b> 5:36am / 5.5 6:41pm / 6.8	12:01am / 1.9 11:59am / 0.4
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<b>June 28</b> 6:54am / 5.1 7:33pm / 7.1	1:12am / 1.3 12:56pm / 1.0
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<b>June 29</b> 8:16am / 5.0 8:27pm / 7.5	2:22am / 0.8 1:58pm / 1.4
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<b>June 30</b> 9:34am / 5.2 9:20pm / 7.8	3:26am / 0.0 3:02pm / 1.8
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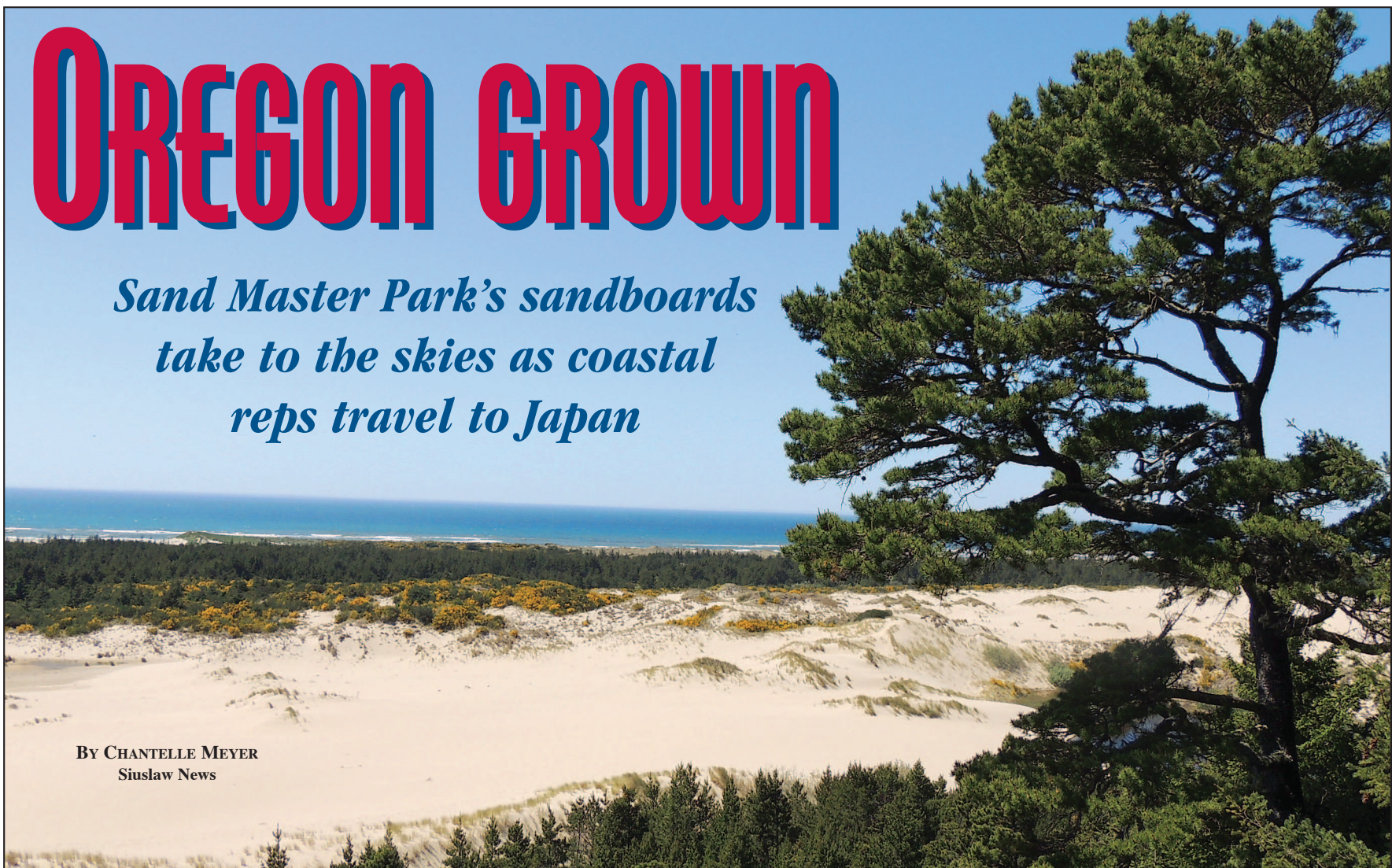
<b>July 1</b> 10:43am / 5.5 10:12pm / 8.1	4:24am / -0.8 4:03pm / 2.0
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## OREGON GROWN

*Sand Master Park's sandboards take to the skies as coastal reps travel to Japan*

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PHOTO BY JOE HENRY

**South Coast Development Council Executive Director Connie Stopher (right) takes a lesson on sandboarding before her June trip to market Oregon in Japan. Oregon's dunes are a huge draw for local and international recreationists alike.**

South Coast Development Council (SCDC) chose one thing to represent the Florence area at a recent trade visit to Japan: Sand Master Park's locally made sandboards.

Sand Master Park owner Lon Beale and champion sandboarder Gabe Cruz welcomed SCDC Executive Director Connie Stopher, Sean Stevens from Business Oregon, Florence Mayor Joe Henry and Florence Economic Development Committee Chairman Mike Rose on May 24.

Stopher wanted to learn to sandboard, a skill she planned to bring

with her on the Doing Business in Oregon Trade Mission to Japan.

"I was gone June 10 to 18, and spent a lot of the trip talking about tourism in Oregon and what the Oregon coast has to offer," Stopher said.

Her trip to Tokyo allowed her to talk about Sand Master Park's sandboards with groups who specialize in international trade.

At a May Florence City Council meeting, Henry said, "SCDC

contacted us to see if we have any products that we could send along for them to market in Japan. We

came up with the idea of sandboards, as Sand Master Park is one of the few manufacturers of sandboards in the world, believe it or not."

Although Stopher was not able to take a sandboard with her to Japan as planned, a lesson with Cruz allowed her to describe a beginner's first attempt at some of her meetings.

"This annual visit is an incredible opportunity to work with economic development professionals across the state to grow opportunities for our local businesses and communities," Stopher said.

Most of the eight Oregon representatives who attended the trip were from the Portland metro area.

"It's good for the SCDC to take these trips and represent the coast on that level. It really shows our progress," Stopher said.

The Sand Master Park visit also allowed Beale to talk to the SCDC and Business Oregon representatives about the industry and innovations in his business.

"Sandboarding is becoming a bigger and bigger issue worldwide," Henry said. "Lon has some different ideas for Florence. He has built this into a successful venture and wants to become the sandboarding capital of the world."

Sand Master Park will celebrate its 20th annual Sand Master Jam on Saturday, July 16, from 2 to 5:30 p.m.

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—Florence Mayor Joe Henry



**Above left, Mike Rose of the Florence Economic Development Committee and Lon Beale, owner of Sand Master Park, look on as, at right, Connie Stopher, center, and Sean Stevens, far right, from Business Oregon, receive a sandboard lesson from world champion sandboarder Gabe Cruz at the park in May.**



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## Local 'ham' radio operators to have 'Field Day'

Florence amateur "ham" radio operators will join thousands of amateur radio operators worldwide to demonstrate their effectiveness and proficiency in providing critical communications this weekend, June 25 to 26.

Members of the Central Oregon Coast Amateur Radio Club (COCARC) will establish three amateur radio stations capable of communicating all over the Pacific Northwest and the West Coast — and if conditions are favorable, all over the world.

The club supports, maintains and operates emergency communications stations at the Florence Justice Center and the Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue main station, as well as adjunct equipment in other facilities in town, along with a powerful 2-meter repeater at the top of Mt. Herman Peak.

COCARC members will establish and staff four amateur radio stations at Sutton Campground in Group Area A beginning at 11 a.m. today and will

operate continuously for 24 hours until Sunday, June 26, at 11 a.m.

They will communicate with other stations in Canada, the United States and Oceania to test abilities, equipment and practices. One station will be a Get On The Air (GOTA) station for public education and demonstration.

This will be an exciting educational experience for club members, local fire and police department staff, city staff and the community at-large.

Field Day is the largest amateur radio event in the world. Last year, more than 2,600 different groups and more than 37,000 licensed operators across the U.S. and Canada participated in this event. This year, ham operators will construct emergency radio stations at fire stations, parks, shopping malls, schools and backyards all around the country.

The Central Oregon Amateur Radio Club invites the public to participate in Field Day 2016.