

Yachats Gem Walkers host special jaunt next week

The Yachats Coastal Gems invites the community to join in on a special walk Tuesday, April 4, when the group will walk the Amanda's Statue Trail.

This 10K walk includes some oceanfront trails, some forest trails and some paved streets. A walking stick is recommended for this unique for-

est trail section.

Meet at the Overleaf Lodge at 9 a.m. to register for the walk. Leashed pets are welcome on walks, but bring water and clean up materials for pets. A sturdy 6-foot, non-retractable type is required.

For more information or directions visit www.yachatscoastalgems.org.

Annual Dunes City Triathlon seeks volunteers

Dunes City is gearing up to host its 5th annual Oregon Dunes Triathlon and Duathlon on Saturday, May 13.

Even though the Dunes City's signature event is two months away, organizers are already seeking volunteers to help staff the event.

Volunteers help ensure that the races run smoothly and safely while also playing a vital support role for all of the participating athletes by providing encouragement and hospitality.

Most volunteers work only half a day and all volunteers

will receive a free event T-shirt.

Again this year, Dunes City will award a \$250 donation to the organization that brings the most volunteers on race day. Be sure to mention your organization's name when you register to volunteer.

Volunteers are needed between about 6 a.m. and 1 p.m. on race day, May 13.

Anyone who has a few hours to spare and wants to be part of this exciting and fun event can call Dunes City Hall at 541-997-3338.

Oregon Coast Aquarium to host Kids' Dash

NEWPORT — Otters, sharks and puffins are among the main attractions at the Oregon Coast Aquarium, but on the morning of April 22, humans will take center stage as they compete in the fifth annual Oregon Coast Aquarium 5K and Kids' Dash.

The 5K is open to all runners whether they are speedy, slow

or somewhere in-between.

The Kids' Dash is for aspiring little athletes ages two to nine years old. Parents are invited to accompany their children on this closed-course 1K run through the aquarium's grounds.

Oregon Coast Aquarium 5K and Kids' Dash runners and walkers receive a race bib,

photo and free admission to the aquarium for the day.

All proceeds benefit the animal care fund at the aquarium. Race entry is \$35 for the 5K, and \$20 for the Kids' Dash.

A \$5 early registration discount is available through March 31.

Discounts are also available for aquarium members.

Race T-shirts are available to preorder for \$5. Shirts will also be available for sale on race day, but size availability may be limited.

The Oregon Coast Aquarium is located at 2820 S.E. Ferry Slip Rd. in Newport.

For more information, visit www.aquarium.org or call 541-867-3474.

Registration now open for annual Rhody Run

This year's Rhody Run is happening May 20, beginning at the Florence Events Center at 9 a.m. Runners should arrive by at least 8:45 a.m. if pre-registered and 8:30 a.m. for those registering the morning of the race.

There will be a 10K and 5K events, and the entry fee is \$20 for ages 18 and older; \$15 for ages 13 to 17; and \$10 for ages

12 and younger prior to race day.

Add \$5 to registration fees the day of the race. T-shirts can be purchased for \$15 in advance of race day, and for \$20 on May 20.

This year, Eclectic Edge Racing is partnering PeaceHealth Peace Harbor Medical Center Foundation and the Rhody Run committee

to ensure a well-run and fun event.

Participants can pre-register at www.eclecticedgeracing.com/rhody-run.html.

The race proceeds will go to Peace Harbor Medical Center Foundation's Community Benefit and Health Fund.

This fund has been created to enable Peace Harbor to partner with other community

organizations to promote and administer health and wellness practices in the greater Florence and Mapleton area.

For more information on about the Rhody Run and the Community Benefit and Health Fund, contact Michele Diffenderfer at Peace Harbor by calling 541-902-6589 or email her at MDiffenderfer@PeaceHealth.org.

Fishing from 1B

on the Alsea River and listed tributaries. The river is shaping up after last week's rain. Fishing is slow. Alsea Hatchery is having a below average return to the hatchery.

Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

SALMON RIVER: Steelhead

The Salmon River is open for wild and hatchery steelhead. Fishing is slow.

Wild winter steelhead can be retained on the Salmon River. Daily and annual bag limit on wild winter steelhead are 1/day and 3/year.

Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

SILETZ RIVER: Steelhead

The river is shaping up after last week's rain. Steelhead

fishing is fair. Drift boaters are having fair success from Moonshine Park to Siletz and bank anglers are catching hatchery fish in the Siletz gorge.

Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

WILSON RIVER: Steelhead

Fishing was slow on the Wilson last weekend due to high water and marginal conditions. It should be dropping into prime shape by the end of the week and through the weekend. There should be plenty of broodstock hatchery and wild steelhead around, and there have been some big fish coming off the Wilson this year.

All the usual techniques such as side drifting, float fishing, drift fishing, or pulling plugs or divers and bait should be effective.

During high water use brighter colors and larger presentations.

YAQUINA RIVER: Steelhead

The Yaquina River and Big Elk Cr. are open for steelhead. Fishing is fair. Wild winter steelhead can be retained on Big Elk Cr. with a daily and annual bag limit of 1/day and 3/year.

The Yaquina River is open for hatchery winter steelhead. Casting spinners, drifting bait or using a bobber and jig can be effective.

COOS COUNTY LAKES AND PONDS: Trout

A few hatchery male steelhead were stocked into Middle Empire Lake this week to allow anglers for more opportunity.

Fishing regulations for these stocked steelhead in Empire Lakes are just like the trout regulations. Anglers can keep 1 fish over 20 inches per day and only need their fishing license.

Fishing for trout in other area lakes has been slow. Trout stocking in area lakes

will start at the end of February/early March.

COOS RIVER BASIN:

Dungeness crab, bay clams, rockfish, steelhead

Trout fishing in streams is now closed until May 22, 2017.

Currently all steelhead rivers in the Coos Basin are high and muddy.

The West Fork Millicoma River will be the first river to clear. When water conditions are good, anglers are still catching fish throughout the Coos Basin. Anglers are drifting eggs or corkies along the stream bottom or using a jig suspended under a bobber.

Anglers fishing the South Fork Coos River above Dellwood will need a permit from Weyerhaeuser, which they can pick up at the Dellwood office. In the Coos Basin 1 additional hatchery steelhead may be retained per day for a total aggregate of 3 adult fish harvested daily.

Anglers have been catching a few rockfish and surfperch along the jetties and submerged rock piles.

COQUILLE RIVER BASIN:

Crab, steelhead, salmon

Trout fishing in streams is now closed until May 22, 2017.

All of the Coquille Basin steelhead rivers were high and muddy this past weekend.

Anglers have been catching hatchery steelhead at LaVerne Park on the North Fork Coquille River and on the South Fork Coquille River from Powers downstream to Broadbent.

Bank anglers have been plunking with Spin-n-Glos and bait near the town of Coquille. Anglers have had success drifting eggs or corkies. In the Coquille Basin 1 additional hatchery steelhead may be retained per day for a total aggregate of 3 adult fish harvested daily.

Recreational crabbing is open in the Coquille estuary

but crabbing is very slow due to the large amounts of freshwater coming downstream.

TENMILE BASIN: Trout, bass, steelhead

Trout fishing in the streams of the Tenmile Basin are now closed until May 22.

Trout fishing in Tenmile Lakes is open all year.

A few steelhead have been reported in Tenmile Creek. Anglers will have success plunking near the acclimation sites or fishing a jig under a bobber. Eel Creek is now open to steelhead fishing.

In the Tenmile Basin 1 additional hatchery steelhead may be retained per day for a total aggregate of 3 adult fish harvested daily.

Largemouth bass fishing has been slow. Anglers are catching bass near structure or on the deep end of the weed lines using jigs or rubber worms.

UMPQUA RIVER, SOUTH: Steelhead

Good numbers of steelhead are being caught up to and above Canyonville and anglers are hooking into a few hatchery fish.

Pay attention to river gages for the South as it has been high and unfishable a large portion of the time this season.

WINCHESTER BAY: Bottomfish, perch

Fishing for bottom fish in the Triangle and South jetty has been successful.

PACIFIC OCEAN AND BEACHES: Bottomfish, surf perch, crab

Recreational crab harvesting is open along the entire coast from the Columbia River to the California border.

Bottom fishing has been good when the ocean conditions allow.

Recreational harvest of razor clams is closed on the entire Oregon coast due to elevated levels of domoic acid. Harvest of mussels is open on the entire Oregon Coast. Before any shellfish harvest trip, make sure to check the Oregon Department of Agriculture website for any updates.

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OISC from 1B

"All Oregonians have a role in keeping these invasives out of state, and the new plan encourages that," Boatner said.

The new strategic plan sets a long-term vision for a collaborative pathways management approach for invasive species, while the two-year action plan describes detailed actions agencies and organizations can take to achieve the strategic objectives.

"Pathways management is a collaborative approach to invasive species management that leverages limited funding, works across jurisdictional boundaries and supports science-based decision making to protect Oregon," said Jalene Littlejohn, OISC Lead Coordinator.