

HAVE FUN! BEACH SAFE

BEWARE THE SNEAKER WAVE

They're called sneaker waves because they appear without warning, often surging high up on the beach with deadly force, and are impossible to predict. Sneaker waves also carry a large amount of sand that can saturate your clothes, weighing you down and making escape difficult if not impossible.

How to play it safe: Never turn your back on the ocean.

WATCH THOSE LOGS

The ocean is strong enough to pick up even the biggest log and plop it down on top of you. Some logs may look small, but even the tiny ones can be waterlogged and weigh tons.

How to play it safe: If you see a log in the surf or on wet sand, stay off it.

RIP CURRENTS

Rip currents are strong currents of water that rush out to sea. They are stronger than even the best swimmer. These currents can swiftly sweep unwary beachcombers and waders off their feet and out to sea. Rip currents may appear as dark, choppy water. Any time you see debris and foam floating out to sea, chances are you have found a rip current. Avoid the area.

How to play it safe: Parents keep your kids close when playing in the ocean. If caught in a rip current, **don't panic**. Swim parallel to the beach until you are out of the current, then head for the beach.

KNOW THE TIDES

Incoming tides isolate rocks from headlands and the shore. Avoid the temptation of strolling out to an interesting rock without knowing when the tide rolls back in. Free tide tables are readily available at state park offices, information centers and many shops and motels.

How to play it safe: Stay off rocks and small, enclosed beaches.

Know when the tide is coming in by [visiting the tidetable website](http://www.tidetables.com) at the Hatfield Marine Science Center <http://weather.hmsc.oregonstate.edu/weather/tides/tides.html>

HIGH WAVES CAN REACH YOU

Tides and waves can sweep over rocks, jetties and headlands, knocking you off and carrying you out to sea.

How to play it safe: Assume nothing is "high enough" and avoid exposed rocks, jetties and headlands during strong wave action (like during and after storms).

BEWARE OF HIGH, STEEP CLIFFS

Assume that all cliff edges are unstable. Wet trails or soft sand and earth can make for unstable footing. Rocks can be slippery even when it isn't raining.

How to play it safe: Make sure you wear proper footwear, and stick to the trails. Stay behind guard fences and railings, and don't get too close to the edge.

HEADS UP

Standing at the base of an Oceanside cliff can be dangerous, especially if it has an overhang. In some places, winter storms and high waves have eroded the shoreline, increasing the chance of collapse and slides.

How to play it safe: Beware of falling rocks, and don't climb on bluffs and eroding hillsides. Don't walk along the base of cliffs unless absolutely necessary.

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Gracie Perkins handles the ball for the Lady Viks in their game against Elmira.

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from Gracie Perkins, who had a beautiful three-pointer at the start of the quarter.

They continued the fight into the second quarter, never letting up on the gas and maintaining the pressure on Elmira throughout.

"Normally we're a second-half team, but we really pulled through in the first half this time," said freshman guard Jane Lacouture. "Everyone on the team had a great game."

Siuslaw was ahead 27-6 at halftime, with Gracie Freudenthal picking up 12 points in that quarter alone from the low post.

In the second half, the Lady Viks pushed on and increased their lead by another 10 points in the third quarter, finishing 41-10. Freudenthal had 6 points and Brea Blankenship scored 7, including a three-pointer.

With Siuslaw's lead being over 30 points, the Mercy Rule kicked in for the fourth quarter, prompting the clock to run for the remainder of the game. Blankenship scored the last 5 points for the Lady Viks with a steal that led to a fast break for a layup, and another three-pointer leading to the final score being 46-14.

"It was the best all-around game we've had, and there was a lot of good teamwork," said Lacouture.

"Everyone got a lot of playing time, and there was no one MVP on the team; everyone worked hard and played their best."

In addition to Blankenship, Freudenthal and Perkins' points, Haylee Cole had 2 points and Makayla Freeman and Jasmine Bledsoe each had 1.

"This was Gracie's fourth double-double in a row," said the coach. "She had 20 points and 10 rebounds tonight. Brea also had a killer game and a double-double as well with 17 points and 10 steals. She was definitely working hard for it."

The two seniors will be dearly missed after finishing this week's remaining games.

"Brea and Gracie are two peas in a pod, and they have really stepped up," said Coach Cole. "They're taking these kids under their wing, and we've got a young team, so that's what they need. They're really stepping up and being the leaders that the team needs. It's really good to see!"

The Lady Viks played Junction City on Tuesday with results coming in after printing deadlines. Their final games are at home on Thursday, June 17, against Cottage Grove at 5:45 p.m. and on Friday, June 18, against Bandon at 1:30 p.m., which will be their Senior Night celebration.

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DUNGENESE CRAB

Recreational crabbing is open in bays and estuaries, and on beaches, docks, piers, and jetties along the entire Oregon coast from the Columbia River to the California border.

Recreational crabbing is closed in the ocean from Oct. 16 through Nov. 30.

For recreational crab harvesters, it is recommended that crab always be eviscerated prior to cooking, which includes removal and discard of the viscera, internal organs, and gills.

Because of Oregon's precautionary management of biotoxins, the crab and shellfish products currently being sold in retail markets and restaurants are safe for consumers.

Before clamming or crabbing, call ODA's shellfish safety information hotline at (800) 448-2474 or visit the ODA shellfish safety closures web page at: <http://ODA.direct/ShellfishClosures>

The consumption of crab viscera is not recommended.

Recreational crabbers will need to mark all floating surface buoys with the owner's full name or business name and at least one of the following: phone number, permanent address, ODFW Angler ID number, or vessel identification number. Mark your information in a clear, legible, and permanent manner. While this rule does not apply to gear tied to docks, piers, jetties, or beaches, ODFW recommends marking buoys on any gear that could become derelict or lost.

RAZOR CLAMS

CLOSED from the Columbia River to the north jetty of the Siuslaw River near Florence.

OPEN from the south jetty of the Siuslaw River to the CA border.

MUSSELS

Mussel harvest is now open along the entire Oregon coast.

OCEAN SALMON

In the Central Oregon Coast Subarea (Humboldt Mountain to Cape Falcon)

Minimum lengths: Chinook = 22" N. of Cape Falcon, and 24" S. of Cape Falcon; coho = 16"; steelhead = 20"; and no min. length for pink, chum, or sockeye salmon in ocean fishery

Chinook Season (all

salmon except coho): Open through Oct. 31. Two salmon per day, closed to retention of coho except as listed below for the "selective coho" and the "non-selective coho" seasons.

Selective Coho (fin-clipped) Season: Cape Falcon to OR/CA border Open through earlier of Aug. 28 or 120,000 fin-clipped coho quota. Two salmon per day. Open for all salmon, all coho must have a healed adipose fin-clip.

Non-selective Coho Season (all salmon): Open Sept. 10-12, and each Fri-Sun through the earlier of Sept. 30 or 14,000 non-mark-selective coho quota. Days open to coho from Sept. 10-30 may be modified by in-season action.

PACIFIC HALIBUT

In the Central Oregon Coast Subarea (Humboldt Mountain to Cape Falcon)

Daily bag limit: 1 Pacific halibut. Annual limit: 6. No length limit.

Spring All-Depth Season fixed open dates are: June 17-19 and July 1-3. Back-up dates, if quota available, are July 15-17 and July 29-31. Quota = 172,244 lbs.

Summer All-Depth Season: Opens Aug 5-7, then every other Thurs, Fri, & Sat through the earlier of Oct 31 or the quota is caught. Quota = 68,351 lbs.

Nearshore Season: Now open 7 days per week, inside the 40-fathom line, through the earlier of October 31 or the quota is caught. Retention of bottomfish is allowed with nearshore halibut fishing, however on days when the all-depth fishery is open, all-depth rules apply regardless of depth of fishing. Quota = 32,808 lbs.

SPORT GROUND FISH

Beginning June 1, retention of China, copper, and quillback rockfish is prohibited by anglers fishing from boats.

Beginning May 10, the general marine bag limit (rockfish, greenlings, skates, etc.) is 5 fish per angler per day.

Cabezon is closed through June 30. There will be a one fish sub-bag limit when it opens on July 1.

From June 1 through Aug. 31, restricted to inside of the 40-fathom regulatory line.

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Fishing swap meet

On Saturday, July 3, there will be a Fishing and Marine Swap Meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Breen Marine, 2530 Highway 101 in Florence. Sellers are encouraged to

register now for this free event at fishing_marineswapmeet@yahoo.com.

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