

# Cottage Grove Retrospective

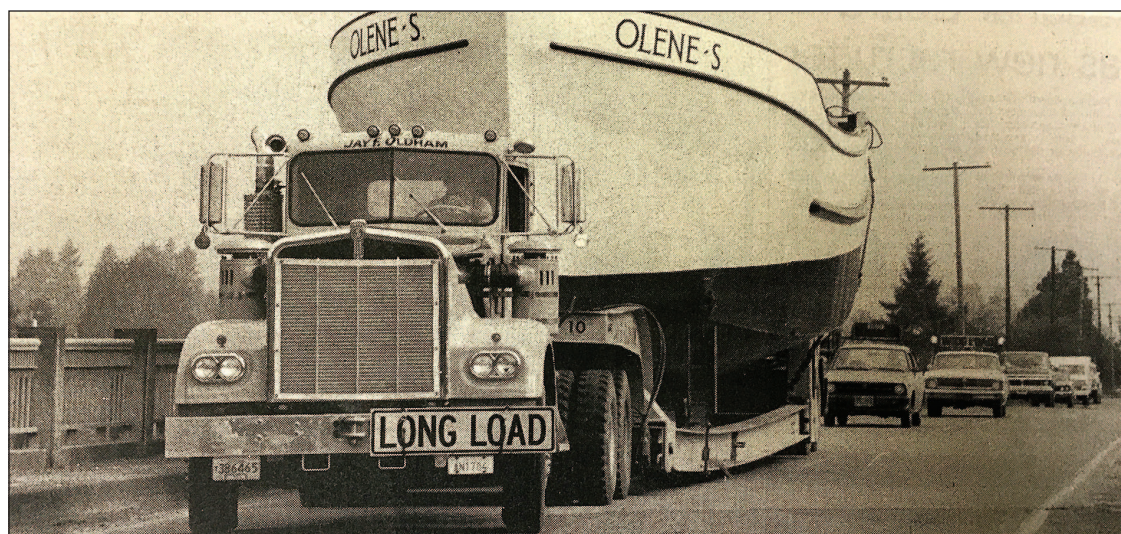
A look back at a Sentinel story from 36 years ago

**Editor's Note:** Rex Seals of Cottage Grove passed away Jan. 12, 2016. This week, the Sentinel looks back at a mammoth project that Seals finished in 1978.



**Rex Seals**  
May 25, 1978  
Finally off to sea!

"You know you don't see the work that goes into a boat until you start doing it," says commercial fisherman Rex Seals. And work he did. Since October, 1976, Mr. Seals



has spent many 10-hour days and seven-day weeks constructing his second steel vessel at his home on S. 6th Street.

The "Olena S.," named in honor of Mr. Seal's wife, is 50 feet long, 15 feet wide and 21 feet high, from the top of the cabin to the kneel. Mr. Seals says 60,000 pounds of steel went into the boat, which will be powered by a 671-Detroit diesel engine.

"Olena S." was finally ready to be transported to Winchester

Bay last Wednesday, May 17, but not without great difficulty. It took two cranes (and most of the day) to get the boat on the low boy truck. "On God," Mr. Seals sighed the next morning, "another day like that I couldn't take."

Everything was set Thursday morning, however, and the boat and the cabin, which was loaded on a separate truck, were transported safely to Reedsport. The vessel is now in the water at

Winchester Bay, where it will be based.

"I've got about a month's work yet," says Mr. Seals. "I'll be finishing by July."

Two other Cottage Grove fishermen, Mark Hnseley and Carroll Seals (Rex's brother) built similar vessels last year.

Asked if his second boat would be his last, Mr. Seals quickly replied, "you bet, I don't think I'm physically able to do another."

## POLICE BLOTTER

Cottage Grove Police Department 24-Hour Anonymous Tip Line: 767-0504

Jan. 21

### Suicidal Subject, E. Chamberlain

A caller reported that she received a text from someone that he is going to kill himself, although no means were mentioned.

### Runaway Located, Gateway Blvd.

A caller advised police that they received information that both subjects are at location. Both of them are runaways out of Idaho listed in NCIC and the room they are in at the Best Western should be rented under the name Darlene Broderick.

### Runaway Juvenile, Grant Ave.

A caller advised that her son has been gone since Tuesday. The caller spoke with one of her son's friends last night who advised that the son said he wasn't coming home.

### Intoxicated Subject, Gateway Blvd.

A caller advised of an intoxicated person who was passed out behind their business. The subject was taken into custody for non-criminal detoxification and transported to the Buckley house.

Jan. 22

### Suicidal Subject, City

A reporting person advised

that a male called his brother and told him that he was going to kill himself (no method mentioned). The subject was at an unknown location and police sent out an attempt to locate for a welfare check.

### Unauthorized Use of Vehicle, E. Main St.

A caller advised that her daughter drove a Chevy pickup truck to the location this morning to supposedly run an errand. The subject then left the truck and took a grey Chevy Cobalt that also belongs to the caller that was in the parking lot.

### DUI, Hwy 99N

A reporting person advised of a male driver who exited his vehicle at a stop sign and was pos-

sibly vomiting. There were two previous calls from the interstate and the vehicle was suspected to have exited at exit 174 (Cottage Grove).

Jan. 23

### Property Found, County Dump

A reporting person at the station turned in a wallet found at the County Dump. A message was left for Mr. Smith regarding his found property.

### Death Investigation, N Eighth St.

Medics on scene confirmed the death of an individual at around 9 a.m. The body was released to the Musgrove Mortuary.

## DeFAZIO

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air-traffic control by the Federal Aviation Administration.

"I think that's a government function," he said.

Responding to the situation at the Malheur Wildlife Refuge, DeFazio said the leader of the occupation there, Ammon Bun-

dy, "needs to be prosecuted."

"It's not going to end the same way it ended down there," he said, referencing the end of a 2014 standoff in Nevada involving Bundy's father, Cliven. "That's all I can say."

With regard to the upcoming election, DeFazio said that John Kasich seems to stand alone

among Republican candidates with a positive message. Regarding his own party, he called the Obama presidency "very disappointing."

"Starting at the beginning, when he hired Larry Summers and Timothy Geithner, I knew we were in trouble from day one," he said. "They crafted a stimulus

package that was mostly tax cuts instead of putting people back to work. I was very angry that Eric Holder did not work to put the Wall Street criminals in jail, and I think there's anger on both the left and the right that these people are able to plunder our resources without consequences."

## OFFBEAT

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the trip," he fumed, according to one student's recollections, "so help me God I would send them

both home."

When the team left for Portland, Condon generously allowed Marsh to take a large assortment of specimens from his

own collection back to Yale on loan. He would spend the rest of his life trying to get Marsh to return them, making multiple appeals. Even Marsh's death in 1899 didn't improve things much, and it was only in 1906 — a year before Condon's own death — that they would finally be returned.

By then, though, Condon knew better than to expect Marsh to send the bones back gracefully. Everyone did. Marsh and Cope, by that time, had plunged themselves, their institutions and their entire scientific community into lasting disgrace

with 20 years of unremitting competitive spitefulness.

In doing so, however, they expanded the field of paleontology tremendously. At the end of their colorful careers, Cope had discovered 56 new dinosaur species, and Marsh had discovered 80. Cope in particular wrote of his findings with a dramatic flair that encouraged his specimens to be brought to life in a thousand magazine articles and picture-books, and between the two of them they launched what's almost a tradition of fascination with dinosaurs among small American children.

Dinosaurs were, of course, where the real prestige was when it came to fossils, and the John Day Fossil Beds are not quite old enough to contain those. That's probably why, after that one early expedition, neither Bone Warrior ever returned to Oregon to hunt fossils personally.

Perhaps it's just as well. As Condon demonstrated clearly while Marsh was his guest, their particular brand of hypercompetitive cowboy paleontology was never Oregon scientists' style.

(Sources: Pankin, Mary Faith. "The Yale Scientific Expedition of 1871: A Student's-Eye View," Oregon Historical Quarterly, winter 1998; Davis, Mark. "Dinosaur Wars," American Experience (PBS), season 23, episode 2)

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# 6-day weather forecast

<b>THURSDAY Jan. 28</b> 46°   54°  Rain	<b>FRIDAY Jan. 29</b> 38°   47°  Rain
<b>SATURDAY Jan. 30</b> 35°   47°  Showers	<b>SUNDAY Jan. 31</b> 32°   42°  Poss. Showers
<b>MONDAY Feb. 1</b> 33°   44°  Snow	<b>TUESDAY Feb. 2</b> 36°   46°  Poss. Showers

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# CITY BEAT *From the City's Friday Update*

## Police officer recruitment

The City said its police officer hiring process continues to progress. This week the department conducted written testing of 45 applicants. As a result of the testing 15 applicants will progress to oral board interviews on Monday and Tuesday next week. Following the oral boards, the remaining successful candidates will meet with Interim Chief Scott Shepherd for an additional interview.

## New life for an old car

The police department's last Crown Victoria Patrol car received a new (used) engine this week. This vehicle is assigned to the School Resource Officer Charlie Martin and the City said it had over 100,000 miles on it when the engine died. Russ Kaleese of Public Works found and installed the used engine, which is reported to have a little over 50,000 miles on it and was a fraction of the cost of even a used replacement vehicle, this week.

## Hydraulics training

Last Tuesday, Jan. 19, Water Production Superintendent Ray Pardee attended the American Water Works Association sponsored training entitled "Hydraulics: Pump Curves and Control Valves". This all-day training was held at the Springfield Utility Board office in Springfield. The class detailed how pumps and valves are used to maintain pressure in water distribution systems.

There were approximately 40 water system professionals in attendance from around the region.

## Drinking Water Protection Plan meeting

On Thursday, Water Production Superintendent Ray Pardee, City Planner Amanda Ferguson and Public Works Director Jan Wellman attended the first annual stakeholder meeting as a part of the City of Cottage Grove's Drinking Water Protection Plan (DWPP). When the original DWPP was written and submitted to DEQ for review, it was suggested that the City add an implementation strategy to place the plan's goals and objectives into action.

Toward this end, Public Works applied for two grants, totaling \$38,250, to fund a Phase 1 and Phase 2 implementation strategy. Phase one fostered agency cooperation to protect the watershed and called for a memorandum of understanding between stakeholders for this purpose; which culminated in Thursday's annual meeting.

Phase two dealt with individual landowner issues, education, and outreach. Thursday's meeting was facilitated by the Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council and was attended by representatives from the US Forest Service, US Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Land Management, Lane County, Oregon DEQ, Weyerhaeuser, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and E-System Services (City's Phase 1 consultant). There was a general discussion by the partner agencies concerning their 2015 activities that aimed to benefit or protect drinking water and presentations concerning planned activities for 2016. Each of the partners also committed to meet annually to continue the dialogue in regard to drinking water protection activities in the area.

## Community Center hosts tax service

Volunteers from AARP are offering free tax service on Wednesdays starting Feb. 3 in the

Reception Hall at the Community Center from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This service is being offered on a drop-in basis, so no appointments are being taken. Doors open at 8 a.m. and a sign-in sheet is available for those interested in having help with taxes.

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