

Coast Guard rescues two from Nehalem River

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NEDONNA BEACH — The U.S. Coast Guard rescued two people from the surf at the mouth of the Nehalem River near Nedonna Beach Sunday, Sept. 11.

A 47-foot motor lifeboat crew from Station Tillamook Bay in Garibaldi received a single call from the mariners at 7:35 a.m. Sunday. The crew started searching around Nehalem Bay for signs of distress.

A second call came into the boat crew, a witness reporting a capsized vessel at the mouth of the Nehalem River. The boat crew made it to the scene and rescued the mariners by 7:55 a.m. The men were taken back to base, where they declined medical attention.

“These two individuals are alive today because they were wearing their life jackets,” Petty Officer 1st Class Joshua Sheppard, coxswain of the rescue boat, said in a statement. “We saw them go under the water and resurface several times as we came alongside them to pull them aboard.”

Balzer suit goes to federal court

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his reputation and standing in the community. He seeks compensation of almost \$678,000 and reinstatement of his duties and benefits.

Balzer, who served as fire chief from January 2012 until he was fired, has claimed the fire district’s board retaliated against him because of critical comments made by his wife, Colleen, on social media.

According to the lawsuit, directors Clyde, Beck-Sweeney and Smith “chastised” Balzer for “allowing his spouse to express her criticism of board members on social media websites and in her speech.”

Balzer alleges that the district and board violated his free association rights, in that Balzer’s “intimate association with his wife” is “entitled to protection under the First Amendment.”

“The conduct of defendants Clyde, Smith and Beck-Sweeney were reckless or showed a callous indifference to plaintiff’s constitutional rights,” Balzer’s complaint states.

The three directors named in the lawsuit prevailed in a special recall election in April.

Attorneys for all parties did not return requests for comment.

American Legion hosts first responders dinner



LYRA FONTAINE/CANNON BEACH GAZETTE

American Legion volunteer Scott Cameron serves up a piece of ham to Commander Dan O’Reilly. Chef Aaron Bedard from the Stephanie Inn made the gravy.

The Cannon Beach American Legion honored the hard work of Cannon Beach police officers, volunteers and staff

from the Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District and other local first responders with a dinner on Thursday, Sept. 8.

“We started this last year to recognize first responders and their families,” Commander Dan O’Reilly said.

The Legion also had a ceremony with the playing of taps to commemorate the sacrifice made by people in uniform on Sept. 11.

CANNON BEACH POLICE LOG

There were multiple cases of camping within city limits.

Sept. 4

12:14 a.m., Ocean shores: Subjects contacted for oversized fire. Subjects were warned. Fire was minimized.

9:31 a.m., Tolovana Wayside: Subject cited for driving on the ocean shore.

Sept. 5

4 p.m., 1400 Block South Hemlock Street: Hit and run reported.

Sept. 6

10:17 a.m., 700 Block North Hemlock Street: Assault in the fourth degree.

6 p.m., 100 Block South Laurel Street. Assisted Cannon Beach Fire Department

with medical call. Pediatric fall with head injury.

Sept. 7

8:35 a.m., Highway 101/Milepost 30.5. Accident between vehicle and fire department vehicle.

5:27 p.m., North of Haystack Rock: Report of a male harvesting crabs. Contacted male, who had two crabs, and advised that harvesting prohibited at or near Haystack Rock and there are regulations. The male returned the crabs.

Sept. 8

10:43 a.m., Second Street parking lot: Hit and run report.

Sept. 10

1:28 a.m., 100 Block North Hemlock

Street: Minor in possession of alcohol.

11:17 a.m., Les Shirley Park: Officer arrested a male subject for violation of no-contact order.

11:25 p.m., Second Street/Hemlock: Verbal disturbance report between intoxicated couple. Both warned for disorderly conduct.

Sept. 13

1:37 p.m., Second Street/Hemlock: Report of missing female with memory issues. A restaurant located the female and the officer transported the husband to the female.

Sept. 14

1:10 p.m., 200 Block North Hemlock Street: Theft of earrings, later recovered.

Sept. 15

2:30 p.m., downtown area: Officers received a report of criminal mischief regarding garbage containers in the downtown area being tagged.

5:05 p.m., Beach, Chapman Point: Complaint of a subject climbing up the rocks, dropping rock debris on subjects below. Officer arrived on scene and was unable to locate the subject.

8:03 p.m., 200 Block West Second Street: Fireworks offense.

Sept. 17

10:39 a.m., 1100 Block Ecola Court: Subject was arrested for menacing and transported to the Clatsop County Jail.

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