



Port & Starboard Christmas Edition December 2011

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PORT STAFF & COMMISSION HOLIDAY PARTY

December 9, 2011
Local Ocean—Upstairs
6:00 p.m.

'Twas an October day in Newport
The sky was low and gray
Juaquin drove one of the forklifts
Moving pots with Jim and Ray.

At South Beach Chris and Gina
Led tenants up the hill
In a mock evacuation
For a big tsunami drill.

Don met with Dean and David
Discussing projects on our plate
To keep the meeting legal
JoAnn and Walter had to wait.

The lights were on at NOAA
And the research ships were in
While at the international terminal
The Pasley rose again.

The Pasley's demolition
Was quite an undertaking
Thanks to McDougall and Day CPM
It was history in the making.

They built a cofferdam around the ship
And a bridge across her side
Then they patched her holes and up she came
Rising on the tide.

Hold by hold she would be wrecked
Reduced to rock and rubble
But once the project was complete
It would be worth the trouble.

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In the Pasley's place would be new piers
It was a race against the clock
To build a home for our Alaska boats
And bring cargo to our dock.

Pete Dale drove to the project site
To observe the excavation
He told Kevin B, "When this job is done
We'll deserve a long vacation."

As they stood and talked at dockside
Something unusual caught their eye
It was bright and red against the clouds
And it was dropping from the sky.

As it got closer to the Pasley
The object made one final dip
And Santa and his nine reindeer
Landed squarely on the ship.

The phone rang at Maureen's desk
Pete said, "Details aren't clear
But come on down and bring the crew
Because Santa Claus is here!"

"This was a practice run," Santa said to Barb
"We had 'touch and goes' to shoot
And I wanted to update my map
With new NOAA folks on my route."

He explained to Richelle, "My GPS
Saw an island with a moat."
Shaking his head, he sighed to Mark
"Who knew that hulk could float?"

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"We landed short and hard," Santa said to Fred
"I think one of my rails is bent
And Blitzen lost her bells when we set down."
"I can fix that," said Kent.

Don Mathews drove Discovery by
He called, "Is everyone okay?"
Santa waved and said, "Thank you, Don!
We're just shaken up on the play!"

"Come on aboard," offered Captain Don
"You can have a bite to eat
While they fix your rail and Blitzen's bells
And we'll find your deer a treat."

So Kevin C and Billy B
Went to fetch Kent's welding gear
Penny helped Santa across McDougall's bridge
While Patty led the deer.

Santa's cruise was fun and he enjoyed the ride
And when he returned to shore
He found his rail was straight and Blitzen's bells
Rang even brighter than before.

Santa thanked his friends and shook Patti's hand
He said, "Looks like I won't need a tow
I have miles to fly and my team is keen
So I guess I'm good to go."

"I'll be back in December on my regular route
So I will see you all anon
But before I land I'll make a long wide pass
To make sure that Pasley's gone!"

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**18th Annual Yaquina Bay
Lighted Boat Parade**
Saturday, December 3
5:00 – 6:30 p.m.
Ticket sales benefit
Samaritan Pacific Communities
Hospital's Festival of Trees
For information and reservations
Call 541-265-6200

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
from
The Port of Newport
Staff & Commission

Work Session & Regular Meeting

The work session and regular monthly meeting of the Port of Newport Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, December 27, 2011. The work session starts at noon and the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held in the Port of Newport Conference Room, 600 SE Bay Boulevard, Newport.