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**PORT MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Combined Work Session &  
Regular Meeting**, March 23, 6:00 p.m.  
Yaquina Bay Yacht Club  
750 SE Bay Blvd. Newport, OR

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**NOAA MOC-P Homeport Project Update**

West Coast Contractors, with assistance from Wiggins Towboat, completed the installation of test piles to support the new NOAA pier facility. The test piles will be left in place and incorporated into the new pier. The early demolition work at the NOAA site is well underway. Ninety-nine percent of the material taken from the site, including concrete, asphalt, and rebar, is being recycled. Congressman Kurt Schrader visited the site in February and was given a tour of the work in progress.

**International Terminal Project Update**

At the regular monthly meeting on February 23, 2010, the Port commission directed Port staff to move forward with a cost-effective, two-step work plan for the Terminal Project. The work plan, which is a phased approach to accomplish project goals, was presented to the Port's Terminal Steering Committee, a committee composed of industry, environmental, and technical members, during a work session. Construction on land will start in late spring or early summer of this year, and in-water construction in November 2010. Phase one, which will utilize the Port's current \$12.9 million budget, will include environmental remediation of the Pasley and Hennebique, with removal of the Pasley and construction of a new dock. The Hennebique will be left in place for future removal, if necessary. The existing office and warehouse buildings will be removed, and the existing wooden dock will be upgraded. During phase two, the dock in front of the Hennebique will be removed and replaced, and utility work will be completed. The Port expects to realize cost savings through value engineering during phase one, and will continue to look for additional funding sources and programs to complete the project. There is additional information about the Terminal Renovation Project on the Port of Newport's website, [www.portofnewport.com](http://www.portofnewport.com) under Port Projects.

**Port of Newport 2010 Centennial Planning**

**Port staff is planning for displays, activities, and outreach programs for the Port of Newport 2010 Centennial in May 2010.** The Ports of Toledo and Alsea will also celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> birthdays this year. The Port of Newport is gathering stories and photographs for the centennial celebration. For more information on the local history project, visit the Port's website at [www.portofnewport.com](http://www.portofnewport.com). A special Centennial Issue of Port & Starboard will be produced in May, 2010.

*The Port & Starboard newsletter is available in color on the Port's website.*

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- 03/05-0710—OCEAN/Salty Dogs Conference, South Beach Marina
- 03/10—Fishermen’s Forum 8:30-9:30 a.m., Port Conference Room
- 03/14—Daylight Savings Time begins
- 03/15—Boat auction
- 03/17—St. Patrick’s Day
- 03/20—First Day of Spring
- 03/20—Annual Blessing of the Fleet
- 03/20-27—Spring Whale Watch Week
- 03/23—Regular Port Commission Meeting, 6:00 p.m., YBYC Club House
- 03/30—Full Moon



Port of Newport General Manager Don Mann was honored by the Daily Journal of Commerce as one of its Newsmakers of the Year. Members of the Port Commission, KPFF Consulting Engineers, Andersen-WCC, and Day CPM attended the luncheon in Portland, OR on March 25, 2010, where Mann received his award.

**Report From The Shipping Terminal**

February is historically the slowest month at the terminal, and last month saw only 34 vessels at the terminal dock. That number is down from 39 in February of 2009.



Pile driving at the Trident Meal Plant  
(Photo by Pete Dale)

Foulweather Trawl is working on new shrimp nets for the fleet. Shrimp season starts in early-April.

J. Lamb Marine Electric is working on F/V Excalibur’s new galley.

Northern Refrigeration is working on a new refrigeration system for a tuna boat.

New piling has been driven for the Trident Meal Plant, to replace the old piling at their dock float before the whiting season starts.

### The South Side

The Seafood & Wine weekend went smoothly at South Beach. The RV Parks were full but the check-in process was streamlined so waiting was at a minimum.

There was a bit of a set back when an exhaust fan caught fire and burned the men's side of the restroom at the Annex. Damage would have been a lot worse if security guard Mike Morgan and park worker Eric Haywood had not acted quickly to get the fire department there in time. There was smoke damage in the center utility room but the women's restroom was not damaged.

Crabbing has been good and there are new tenants on the newly renovated H-Dock with more boaters reserving slips for the halibut opener in May.

The South Beach maintenance crew has been working with Project Manager Pete Dale at the NOAA MOC-P site.

Recreational vessels "Northern Lights" and "Rukh" are scheduled to be auctioned on March 15, 2010 for back storage and moorage fees. The auction will take place at the Port Administration Office, 600 SE Bay Blvd., Newport, at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact South Beach Marina Harbormaster Chris Urbach at 541-270-5558.



F/V Helen McColl rests near the terminal  
(Photo by Pete Dale)

### The North Side

The Port of Newport received three estimates for the F/V Helen McColl salvage operation, ranging from \$53,000-103,000. Project Manager Pete Dale developed a schedule of time and materials using those estimates and, working with Andersen Construction-WCC and Orca Divers, reduced the cost to approximately \$26,000. The Port has physical possession of the boat as an abandoned vessel, and has received word that funding may be available through the Abandoned Vessel Program to cover half of the cost of the salvage operation.

In response to F/V Helen McColl's sinking, the finance department is developing an inventory of all commercial and sport vessels to determine which vessel owners carry liability or other insurance coverage, such as fire or pollution coverage, and are asking for proof of that insurance if it exists.

The north side operations crew deployed a sea lion cage at Port Dock 1 on March 4, 2010. The cage is a joint project between the Hatfield Marine Science Center, Department of Fish & Wildlife, the Oregon Marine Mammal Stranding Network, Oregon Coast Aquarium, Animal Medical Care, and the Port of Newport. The cage will be used to transport sick or injured sea lions across the bay for treatment. The Port of Newport provided the concrete dock and cleats for the enclosure and installed the structure in front of an attentive audience of sea lions.

(Photo courtesy of Jim Rice, HMSC)



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The 103-foot tall ship Hawaiian Chieftain will arrive in Newport on March 25 and depart on March 31, 2010. She will be open for dockside tours at Port Dock 3. (Photo courtesy of Historical Seaport of Gray's Harbor)





& Newport Area Clergy  
 Present the Annual

*Blessing* OF THE **Fleet** **Saturday**  
**March 20th, 2010**

**Fishermen's Memorial Service**  
 8:00am  
 Fishermen's Memorial Sanctuary  
 Yaquina Bay State Park

**Survival Suit Races**  
 9:30am  
 Newport Tradewinds Dock  
 Cash Prizes

**Blessing of the Fleet**  
 1:00pm  
 Yaquina Bay  
 View along Newport's Historic Bayfront

**Highliner Competition**  
 3:00pm  
 Port Dock 7  
 Next to the Yacht Club

[www.newportfishermenswives.com](http://www.newportfishermenswives.com)

**The Blessing of the Fleet**

The annual Blessing of the Fleet will be held on Saturday, March 20. The ceremony will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a memorial service at the Fishermen's Memorial Sanctuary at Yaquina Bay State Park. Participants are encouraged to bring a flower to add to a communal remembrance bouquet. The Survival Suit Races get underway at 9:30 a.m. at the Newport Tradewinds dock below Mo's Annex. The blessing is open to any and all who wish to join. Vessel registration forms are available at Schiewe Marine and Englund Marine. The parade of vessels will start at 12:45 p.m. near the Port of Newport's International Terminal. For the first time in the blessing's history in Newport, the Newport Fishermen's Wives will host the First Annual Highliner Competition. Tasks will include crab pot stacking, net mending, and knot tying, among other skills. The prize is \$500 and a trip to Astoria to compete in Astoria's Highliner Competition in September. For more information about the Blessing of the Fleet 2010, go to the Newport Fishermen's Wives website at [www.newportfishermenswives.com](http://www.newportfishermenswives.com).