



## Port & Starboard September 2011 Volume 16 Issue 9

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### PORT MEETING SCHEDULE

Special Work Session  
September 9 12:00 p.m.  
Special Work Session  
September 27 12:00 p.m.  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
September 27 6:00 p.m.

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### International Terminal Project Update

Material continues to be removed from the holds of the SS Hennebique. Hold No. 3 has been cleaned, filled with dredge sand and covered, and is now the main access to the east dock. The Hennebique's engine room has been cleaned and is being filled as well. There was less contaminated material in the Hennebique than was found in the Pasley and no further hauling to the Coffin Butte landfill has occurred recently. More than 17.1 million gallons of water has been removed from the holds of the ships and filtered through the water treatment system. A team from DEQ visited the site to observe the process on August 31, 2011.

The Port Commission is considering all funding options to continue the renovation project, and has authorized General Manager Don Mann to amend an existing loan with the OBDD that will provide \$1.3 million in additional working capital for the project. A savings of \$370,548 was realized in closing out previous contract amendments with Natt McDougall Company.



Driving Sheet Piling at the Terminal

At the regular meeting on August 23, 2011, Commission President JoAnn Barton stated, "We spend such a great deal of time talking about funding that I think we forget to recognize how far we've come with this project. The process is truly impressive. We will create new deep water habitat for an ESA-listed species; we're seeing fill material go back into cleaned compartments of the completely inert Hennebique; we have completed a bulkhead retaining wall at the Pasley with tiebacks being tensioned and backfilled. We've made a tremendous amount of progress. It's easy to get bogged down with how much farther we have to go, especially when we need money so badly, but it's important for us to remember how very far we have come."

More information on the International Terminal Project is available at the port's website [www.portofnewport.com](http://www.portofnewport.com) under Port Projects.

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

- 09/03-09/04—USCG Buoy Tender Fir in port
- 09/04—NOAA R/V Bell M. Shimada in port
- 09/05—Labor Day Holiday (Port office closed)
- 09/06—Public Hearing on Bayfront Parking Improvements, City Council Chambers, 7:00 p.m.
- 09/09—Special Work Session, 12:00 p.m. Port Conference Room
- 09/10-11—Wild Seafood Weekend Port Dock 7
- 09/12—Full Moon
- 09/13—ACOE Dredge Yaquina in port
- 09/14—Fishermen’s Forum 8:30-9:30 a.m., Port Conference Room
- 009/21—Marina Users Forum, South Beach Marina Activities Room, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
- 09/23—First Day of Autumn
- 09/27—Special Work Session, 12:00 p.m. Regular Monthly Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Both meetings in the Port Conference Room

**Report from the Shipping Terminal**

Fifty-two fishing vessels used the terminal dock during the month of August. That number is down from 71 vessels in August of 2010.

Foulweather Trawl is building new excluders and repairing whiting nets for the fleet.

J. Lamb Marine Electric has been working on F/V Last Straw’s new wheel house.

Northern Refrigeration has been working on out-of-town fishing vessels.

The Trident Meal Plant is still up and running for the whiting season.



Permanent Bulkhead Retaining Wall at the SS Pasley

Installation of the tieback strands has been completed on the north side of the SS Pasley. The strands are being tensioned to 300,000 psi at the permanent bulkhead wall. The holes in the Pasley’s hull are being patched to make the vessel water tight so she will float during demolition. Concrete dead-man anchors were poured to provide additional tiebacks to secure the Pasley as she is being demolished. It is anticipated that demolition could be completed by the end of October 2011.

**The North Side**

The Port of Newport has invited the MidCoast Watersheds Council to participate in a campaign to educate users of the bay and the general public in the proper disposal and recycling methods of marine debris. In response to concerns raised about nylon rope fragments along the shoreline of McClean Point, the Port operations crew adapted an upland storm water drain with a protective screen to keep floating debris from entering the bay through the drain. Consideration is being given to placing additional dumpsters in the area. Information about the marine debris program will be posted on the Port of Newport’s website ([www.portofnewport.com](http://www.portofnewport.com)) soon.

Following up on a discussion at the regular commission meeting on August 23, 2011, the Port of Newport will appoint a committee made up of marine mammal specialists, agency representatives, bayfront business owners, and Port staff to investigate regulations, liability issues, and safe and healthy alternatives for the sea lions that occupy the floating docks at Port Dock 1. The docks, which were originally built as moorage for small boats, were taken over by the sea lions and are in disrepair. The sea lions are protected by the Marine Mammal Protection Act, which limits approaching them any closer than 100 yards.

The Fishermen’s Forum scheduled for September 14, 2011 will address the details and timeline of the Port Dock 5 Header and Gangway Project. The meeting will be held in the Port Conference Room from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Fishermen are encouraged to attend and provide input on this important project that will impact the fleet. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

In addition to daily and weekly tasks during the month of August, the north side operations crew stripped and resurfaced the Port Dock 7 ramp; inspected, lubed, and repaired three hoists; and took down the flag pole, repaired the lanyard, and put it back up with a new coat of paint.

**The South Side**

Signs have been posted limiting public access to the eelgrass mitigation sites at South Beach. The signs will be followed later by a three-sided informational kiosk with maps of the restricted areas.

The occupancy numbers are up at South Beach. The RV Park has stayed full since a very successful halibut opener at the first of the month, and was packed for the Labor Day weekend.

A Marina Users Forum will be held on the third Wednesday of each month, starting September 21, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the Activities Room at the South Beach Marina. General Manager Don Mann will attend the meetings. All South Beach Marina users are encouraged to participate and provide input.

The South Beach maintenance crew helped to clear, clean, and organize Andersen/WCC’s site in August, and assisted with moving Day CPM’s field office from the north side to South Beach. The crew also hung banners on light poles in time for the NOAA MOC-P dedication.



Many thieves are successful because they look as if they belong in the area. Become acquainted with your neighbors. Help start a “Marine Crime Watch” at your dock, marina, or launching area. A tactful offer to help assist a stranger in finding a person or a boat may signal to thieves that you are looking out for each other and that nobody goes unnoticed.

- ✓ Lock your vehicle, secure windows, and remove valuables from sight.
- ✓ Park in an open area that is visible.
- ✓ Record license numbers of suspicious vehicles and obtain physical descriptions of suspicious persons who may have been seen loitering in the area.

Vigilance is an important key to deterrence. Observing what is going on around you at all times and remembering these few safety tips can help deter crime.

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### **NOAA MOC-P Dedication & Open House**

The NOAA MOC-P Dedication and Open House event on August 20-21, 2011 was a wonderful community effort and the weather couldn't have been better. Speakers included Newport Mayor Mark McConnell, Port Commission President JoAnn Barton and General Manager Don Mann, Senator Ron Wyden, Governor John Kitzhaber, Congressman Kurt Schrader, Rear Admirals Jonathan Bailey and Michael Devany, and Dr. Jane Lubchenco. Music was provided by Clean Slate. The crowd on Saturday and Sunday was estimated at approximately 3,500. Local sponsors and donors were generous and the event was an example of Newport hospitality at its finest.

The NOAA research fleet was working at sea so no ships were at the dock for the dedication. The Bell M. Shimada had been in port earlier in August and R/V Pacific Storm, R/V Thomas G. Thompson, USCG Buoy Tender Fir, and the ACOE Dredge Yaquina also used the NOAA pier. The Dredge Yaquina is expected back on September 13. Bell M. Shimada returned on September 4 and is back in her new home port until spring. She is the first of four NOAA ships expected to spend the winter in Newport.



NOAA MOC-P Dedication  
August 20, 2011