



Around the Docks

Satsop Business Park Westport Marina Coastal Innovation Zone Bowerman Airport PGH Pilotage Services Friends Landing & Sterling Landing

PGH Mission: To best utilize our resources to facilitate, enhance and stimulate international trade, economic development and tourism for the region.

Port Leadership

Folkers joins WA State Pilotage Trainee Evaluation Committee

Last month, Port of Grays Harbor Director of Finance and Administration Mike Folkers accepted the Washington State Board of Pilotage Commissioners' invitation to join the Trainee Evaluation Committee (TEC).

After receiving a completed experience questionnaire from a pilot trainee, the TEC is responsible for developing and recommending a training program for each pilot to include observation trips, training trips, evaluation trips, and such other forms of learning and instruction that the TEC designates. The recommended plan is then adopted by the Pilotage Board.

The TEC includes 3 active licensed Washington State Pilots, 1 member of the Board, 1 representative of the marine industry, and 1 public member. Mr. Folkers will be serving on the TEC as the public member.

"I look forward to serving on the TEC and developing training programs that will be unique and beneficial for the pilots whether they serve Puget Sound or Grays Harbor," said Folkers.



Fostering Innovation

DARPA brings robotics teams to Satsop



Robotics teams from around the globe converged at the Satsop Business Park in February for the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency's (DARPA) Subterranean (SubT) Challenge Urban Circuit.

The high-tech competition took place in the Park's Reactor Building, previously known and utilized for its underground environment. DARPA and competing teams utilized several other areas of the Park and the surrounding communities as part of the event.

The competition featured artifacts hidden throughout the Reactor Building's unique subterranean landscape in which teams deployed

their robotic creations to navigate various hurdles and identify the artifacts.

"It was a great experience having DARPA and all of the competitors here," shared Satsop Business Park Manager of Business Development Alissa Shay. "We are thankful to the great team at DARPA for putting on a world-class event and for the many participants that came from all over the world that spent time here in Grays Harbor. We hope some of them will put our facility to use again in the future."

The teams are competing for up to \$2 million in prizes that will be awarded following the final event in the series in August 2021.

PGH celebrates Western Hemisphere Ports Day April 5th



Ports come in all shapes and sizes, providing a variety of services and opportunities for their surrounding communities. On April 5th, we celebrate Western Hemisphere Ports Day in recognition of the job creation and economic prosperity Ports bring to their regions, as well as our ongoing commitment to education, training and environmental stewardship initiatives on behalf of the communities we serve across the Americas.

Locally, the Port of Grays Harbor and its users are proud to generate more than \$500 million in annual business revenue, producing \$341 million in personal income and local consumption, while supporting more than 5,700 jobs in the region.

We are proud to join hundreds of Western Hemisphere seaports in the celebration of Ports Day. On behalf of workers, farmers, employers, manufacturers and consumers everywhere, we are truly united for the future.

Calendar

- April 5 Western Hemisphere Ports Day
- April 7 *Sophiana* @ T2
- April 9 *Siem Socrates* @ T4
- April 14 PGH Commission Meeting, Remotely, 9am
- April 16 *Luminous Nova* @ T4
- April 18 *Hupeh* @ T2

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Wishkah River Distillery crafting hand sanitizer in response to COVID-19 shortage; available locally

Port of Grays Harbor tenant, Wishkah River Distillery, has begun making hand sanitizer instead of its signature whiskey, gin and vodka in response to the shortage that has been created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Recognizing the shortage at his own drug stores and store shelves throughout the region, Distillery majority owner Pat O'Donnell inquired if producing hand sanitizer would be something they could do and now they are off and running.

Locally, Grays Harbor Transit, Coastal Harvest, Ocean Gold Seafood,

and Timberland Bank have procured the sanitizer for their use.

Local consumers can also find the product at City Center Drug in Aberdeen and in limited supply at Wishkah River Distillery located at 2210 Port Industrial Road in Aberdeen, where they are also offering free refills for first responders.

"We applaud Wishkah River Distillery for being innovative, flexible and supporting the community during these unique and trying times," shared Port Commission President Stan Pinnick.

