

Coast Guard Sector Columbia River

“Guardians of the Pacific Northwest”

Coast Guard Vision:

We Protect Those on the Sea...
We Protect the Nation From Threats Delivered by Sea...
We Protect the Sea Itself

Coast Guard Motto:

Semper Paratus (Always Ready)

Coast Guard Value and Role: We are a maritime nation; maritime interests are national security interests. Coast Guard missions foster economic prosperity and national security by ensuring that the marine transportation system supplying food, energy, raw materials, consumer goods, technology and recreation is safe, secure and reliable. The USCG

- Is a maritime law enforcement, regulatory, environmental and humanitarian agency
- Is a 24/7 maritime first responder – Always Ready
- Is one of America’s five Armed Services
- Is the maritime operating arm of the Department of Homeland Security
- Maintains strong local/state/tribal/federal/private sector partnerships
- Is locally based, but regionally and nationally deployed
- Provides experienced crisis leadership and command/control capability
- Wields unique federal law enforcement authorities
- Is a global maritime safety and security leader

Sector Columbia River (SCR) Area of Responsibility (AOR): includes 33 ports and 420 nautical miles of coast (and offshore) in Oregon and southwest Washington, and 465 miles of navigable rivers (the Columbia, Willamette and Snake River systems to Idaho – a \$20B/year maritime transportation system). SCR is parent command to nine major operational units in WA and OR. SCR is based in Warrenton, OR alongside Coast Guard Air Station Astoria, and within sight of the Columbia River Bar which serves as the critical entry and exit point to the region’s vital inland river system.

SCR Missions: include

- Search and Rescue
- Marine Inspection
- Waterways Management
- Maritime Homeland Security
- Fisheries Law Enforcement
- Aids to Navigation
- Boating Safety
- Marine Environmental Protection and Response
- Living Marine Resources Protection



SCR Statistics: average annual

- 656 Search and Rescue Missions
- 262 Pollution Responses
- 704 Foreign Vessel Examinations
- 88 Homeland Security Vessel Boardings
- 372 Fishing Vessel Examinations
- 119 Facility Security Inspections
- 842 US Flag Vessel Inspections
- 242 Marine Casualty Investigations
- 103 Marine Event Permits
- Countless other events including aerial/ boat patrols, exercises/drills, bar openings and closures, vessel escorts, interagency coordination events, public outreach/education, etc.

Roles and Legal Authorities of the Sector Commander: Commander, Coast Guard Sector Columbia River (CAPT Bruce Jones) is the operational commander for all SCR forces (listed below). Additionally, CAPT Jones holds the following critical legal authorities essential to maintaining safety, security and environmental stewardship:

- Captain of the Port (COTP)
- Officer in Charge of Marine Inspection (OCMI)
- Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator (SMC)
- Federal Maritime Security Coordinator (FMSC)
- Federal On Scene Coordinator (FOSC)

USCG Sector Departments

Organization

The Sector organizational construct represents a transformation from a Coast Guard traditionally organized around its operational programs to one organized around core operational service delivery processes. It focuses the coordinated efforts of all assigned operational capabilities to accomplish Coast Guard mission objectives.

Sector Commander

The commanding officer of a Sector is called the Sector Commander and is usually the rank of Captain (O-6). The Sector Commander holds the positions of Captain of the Port (COTP) and Federal Maritime Security Coordinator (FMSC). Unless otherwise assigned, the Sector Commander is also the Officer in Charge Marine Inspections (OCMI), Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator (SMC), and Federal On-Scene Coordinator (FOSC). The Sector Commander reports to the appropriate District Commander.[1]

Command Staff

The Sector Commander's second-in-command is the Deputy Sector Commander. Also reporting directly to the Sector Commander are the:

- Command Master Chief (CMC)
- Senior Reserve Officer
- Auxiliary Coordinator

Command Center

The Sector Command Center (SCC) is the center of Sector Operations. It provides 24-hour command, control, coordination, communications, intelligence, sensor analysis, and data mining (C4ISM). The SCC coordinates with other federal, state, and local operations centers, and issues Notices to Mariners, Situation Reports, and maritime security alerts. The SCC displays the current Common Operating Picture (COP) and Common Intelligence Picture (CIP), including a presentation of all vessels, aircraft, communications equipment, and personnel belonging to the Coast Guard and supporting agencies.

Contingency Planning and Force Preparedness

The Contingency Planning and Force Readiness Staff develops and maintains plans covering readiness, logistics, and emergency preparedness. It coordinates with the three departments in plan development and execution, and plans and executes readiness exercises to test contingency plans. The Contingency branch also monitors the training and readiness of Sector Reserve Forces and manages their mobilization and demobilization. The Contingency Planning and Force Readiness staff also manages the federally mandated Area and Area Maritime Security Committees around the nation.

Intel

The Intelligence Staff is envisioned to collect, evaluate, report, and disseminate operational intelligence within the Sector. This staff will serve as the primary intelligence support element for all operations within the Sector. This staff forwards its analysis of raw intelligence reports to the District and the Atlantic or Pacific Maritime Intelligence Fusion Center, and will be the critical link between the Sector Commander and the entire Coast Guard intelligence enterprise, which is in turn a part of the United States Intelligence Community.

Response

The Response Department contains two Divisions:

Incident Management Division: Addresses SAR, pollution, and all hazards.

Enforcement Division: Enforces all laws and treaties and carries out PWCS enforcement activities, such as armed boardings, vessel escorts and security zone enforcement. This division works closely with federal, state, and local law enforcement and sister agencies within the DHS to respond to and mitigate the impact of maritime threats.

Prevention

The Prevention Department consists of three divisions.

Inspections Division: Manages and oversees the regulatory and inspection aspects of the Coast Guard's safety, security, and environmental protection responsibilities for vessels and facilities.

Waterways Management Division: Controls aids to navigation; safety and security zones; Regulated Navigation Areas; ice breaking; and VTS and AIS.

Investigations Division: Initiates inquiries into marine casualties, pollution, boating violations, and assessment of civil penalties.

Logistics

The Logistics Department performs unit level maintenance and organic engineering, personnel, medical support, and finance/supply functions for the entire Sector.

Engineering/Support Division: Administers electronics and computer system, naval, aviation, vehicle, and facilities engineering; armory and small arms qualification; and environmental compliance. The associated Integrated Support Command or Aircraft Repair and Supply Center handle intermediate and depot level maintenance.

Administrative/Personnel Division: Handles medical, training, housing, and educational services.

Finance/Supply Division: Encompasses galley, transportation, and property and inventory management.

Total SCR Personnel Strength:

498 Active Duty, 105 Reserve, 29 Civilian, 891 Auxiliary

SCR Units and Personnel Strength:

SCR Hdqtrs/Air Station Astoria (Warrenton): 210 Active Duty, 50 Reserve, 14 Civilian

Marine Safety Unit (MSU) Portland: 72 Active Duty, 20 Reserve, 15 Civilian

Station Grays Harbor WA: 44 Active Duty

Station Cape Disappointment WA: 60 Active Duty

Station Tillamook Bay OR: 44 Active Duty

Station Portland OR: 28 Active Duty & 24 Reserve

Aid to Navigation Team Astoria OR: 12 Active Duty & 3 Reserve

Aid to Navigation Team Kennewick: 9 Active Duty & 8 Reserve

CGC BLUEBELL, Portland OR (100ft Buoy Tender; 2nd oldest ship in Coast Guard fleet; Commissioned 1944: 19 Active Duty)

SCR Operational Assets: MH-60T Jayhawk Helicopters (3); 52' Heavy Weather Vessels (2); 47' Motor Life Boats (8); 25' Response Boats (7); 18' Response Skiff (1); 26' TANB (2); 17' Utility Boat (1)

Other Astoria, OR Area CG Units

National Motor Lifeboat School, Ilwaco, WA (54 Active Duty personnel)

Coast Guard Cutter ALERT, Homeport Astoria OR City Pier (Commissioned 1968; 75 Active Duty personnel)

Coast Guard Cutter STEADFAST, Homeport Astoria City Pier (Commissioned 1968; 75 Active Duty personnel)

Coast Guard Cutter FIR, Homeport Astoria OR (Tongue Point - Commissioned 2003; 47 Active Duty personnel)

Electronics Support Detachment Astoria, Tongue Point (10 Active Duty personnel)

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Exchange System:

Coast Guard Main Astoria Exchange:

The Coast Guard Main Exchange also includes a small Commissary as well as a gas station. It is located approximately ½ miles from the Coast Guard Housing Complex.

Services Available at the Main Exchange include: UPS shipping, postage stamps, phone cards, film developing.

Special orders are available for a wide range of items. Ask at the customer service desk.

We accept Visa, MC, American Express, and Discover.

Ask about the Military Star Card Program. Designed for the Military customer. Great rates apply now and receive

instant credit.

Location: Hours:

1240 West Marine Drive Monday thru Friday: 9:00 am to 8:00 pm

Astoria, OR 97103 Saturday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

(503) 325-0108 Sunday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Advanced Helicopter Rescue School, seasonal school located in Astoria OR (Tongue Point)

Camp Rilea

Established in 1927, Camp Rilea Armed Forces Training Center is the Oregon National Guards premier war-fighter training center, regional emergency response center and force projection platform for Oregon Soldiers and Airmen, while serving as a world-class center of excellence for installation management, customer service, and community partnering.

Camp Rilea is also the berthing location for reservists during drill weekends. Reserve members must request berthing through the D13 berthing website per the SCR Reserve SOP.

<http://www.camp-rilea.org/>