



# USCGC Group/ Air Station Port Angeles

**Unit Information:** Active Duty Personnel: 335  
Reserve Personnel: 45

**Mailing Address:**

Commander  
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**Established:** The Coast Guard's presence in Port Angeles, WA began 130 years ago on Aug. 1, 1862, with the arrival of the Shubrick, the first Revenue Cutter to be home ported on the Olympic Peninsula. Ediz Hook, a natural sand spit extending from the mainland north and east into the Strait of Juan De Fuca, was declared a Federal Lighthouse Reservation by President Lincoln in 1863. The first lighthouse was commissioned on April 1, 1865. The air station was commissioned by the first commanding officer, Lt. Carl G. Bowman on June 1, 1935, becoming the first Coast Guard air station on the Pacific Coast. Its location was chosen for its strategic position for coastal defense of the Northwest. Today's Group/Air Station Port Angeles is responsible for their operational units throughout the Straits and Puget Sound area, to include:

Four Small Boat Stations at Port Angeles, Neah Bay, Quillayute River, and Bellingham; the 110-foot Patrol Boat USCGC Cuttyhunk; and the seven 87-foot Patrol Boats USCGC's Osprey, Adelie, Swordfish, Blue Shark, Sea Lion, Terrapin, and Wahoo; additionally, the Air Station maintains three MH-65C Dolphin short-range rescue helicopters.



**What we do:** The varied geography and challenging weather around Group/Air Station Port Angeles allow for a wide variety of missions, to include: homeland security, search and rescue, law enforcement, aids to navigation, marine environmental protection, and enforcement of laws and treaties. Because of the range of the MH-65C, the helicopters often respond to missions as far north as Vancouver, BC and as far south as Chehalis, WA. In addition, the air station frequently responds to calls for assistance in logging and other inland accidents. The Group provides personnel, supply, administration, naval and civil engineering, communications and other support functions for group units. Existing facilities include the hangar, administrative and support facilities, exchange, medical, and dental clinic. The docks serve as pier facilities for four Patrol Boats, the 210-foot Cutter USCGC Active, and Station Port Angeles' 41' utility boat and 25' response boats. The pier can accommodate vessels up to 400 feet long.

**Accomplished Operations:** Group/Air Station Port Angeles was mission coordinator for a two and half ton cocaine seizure Feb. 22, 2001, aboard the fishing vessel Western Wind. The Coast Guard cutters Osprey, Cowslip and Orcas intercepted the vessel off the Washington coast after a tip from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. This is the largest maritime seizure of cocaine in Washington state

**COMREL:** N/A

**Unit Website:** <http://www.uscg.mil/d13/portangeles/>