

Visitor Center Updates

We recently worked with Sea Grant Summer Scholar Alex Ang on an exhibit project focused on the Newport Hydrographic Line research. Scientists have been monitoring this line of water stretching 250 nautical miles out from Yaquina Head for over 60 years now.

Alex created an informative exhibit panel and web application highlighting past and current sampling research. This was installed and placed as a fitting addition to the NOAA History Timeline. Here is a link for more information on the Newport Hydrographic Line.

[Towing the Line](#)



We have new additions in the aquaria tanks as well! Two of our male pipefish have successfully had babies! The babies are in the back animal west wing holding area for assessment. It is not easy to capture photos of these little guys. However, VC Aquarist Jaimie Hart was able to capture a photo for us. If you look closely at the image below, you will see a male adult and a baby in the top right corner.



Here is our AAHP Intern, Jenn Walker, cleaning the estuary tank exhibit that features the adult pipefish. Jenn will be speaking with us at our volunteer meeting about her internship as a recent graduate of the Aquarium Science Program.

Octo News

We have a new octopus on exhibit. He was caught hook and line by a local fisherman. He came to us on March 28th in great condition and has been close cared for in the west wing animal husbandry holding area. He was moved on exhibit August 24th with a weight of 7.7 lbs. Following his move on exhibit, he enjoyed a meal of clams and then rested for days acclimating. He is adjusting to his new environment and is doing well!



Check out the awesome photo of our male GPO #22-01's suckers.

(Photo credit Jenn Walker)

Learn more about octopus research and our detailed matrix assessment during our volunteer meeting on September 13th.

In other octopus news, we started our octopus presentations back up! They are now scheduled at 2:00 p.m. This has always been a highlight for visitors. Athena, Emilee and Bailie have stepped in to provide engaging, informative public presentations. Here is Bailie pictured during a recent presentation. She is a wealth of knowledge! (photo credit Annie Thorp) Stay tuned for a brief summary on Bailie's recent research cruise out to sea with the Plankton Ecology Lab. She's doing all sorts of great things!



Volunteer Highlight with Penny Korte

My name is Penny Korte, I live in Waldport with my husband of 32 years. We have two grown sons and three grand doggies. I grew up in, on or near the water and ocean. In my professional life I am a self-employed Structural AutoCAD drafter for over 22 years.



I am currently enrolled in general education courses at the Oregon Coast Community College. My love of the ocean and all things water has led me currently to applying to transfer my studies into the Aquarium Science courses to graduate as an aquarist. Favorite activities include kayaking, fishing, clamming, crabbing, hunting, hiking, foraging, cooking and mycology. I look forward to meeting you all and learning as much as I can from your knowledge and experiences. Thanks for the opportunity to volunteer in such a wonderful place.

Thank you to Penny for volunteering with us! We would also like to welcome new volunteers Paul Banas, Julie Bourgeois, and Devon Mann.

What's Next?

As we come to the close of a busy summer, let's get together and celebrate! Join staff and students for the HMSC Summer Celebration this Saturday, September 10th. The festivities will take place at the Gladys Valley Marine Studies Building alcove.



Party-at-a-Glance

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| 4:00 p.m. | Social hour and annual volleyball game |
| 5:00 p.m. | Dinner |
| 6:00 p.m. | Live music from the Sons of Beaches! |
| 6:30 p.m. | S'mores station opens |
| 9:00 p.m. | Event ends |

Monthly Volunteer Meeting: September 13th at 10:00 a.m. meet in the Visitor Center

There is a Zoom option for the presentation portion of the meeting. Here is the meeting Link:
<https://oregonstate.zoom.us/j/98031033535?pwd=SHJKREdXZHOxWllmMGdFN115SHljZz09>