



Station Coos Bay

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Civilian Personnel: 0

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Established: In 1878, the first life-saving station, later to become a Coast Guard station, was located at Cape Arago below the lighthouse on a small sandy beach. It was a simple structure manned by a single keeper and sparsely equipped. In case of an emergency, the keeper had to rouse a volunteer crew before any rescue attempt. In 1892, Station Coos Bay was moved from the lighthouse to the North Spit of Coos Bay and was a fully manned station. The station moved again in 1915. This time it moved from the North Spit to the lee side of Coos Head promontory.

A larger station was built consisting of a main administration building and quarters, a boathouse, a workshop and one house reserved for the officer-in-charge. The last move for Station Coos Bay was in 1968, to its present location at Charleston Boat Basin.

What we do: Station Coos Bay is in the mouth of Coos Bay, Ore. This port is the seventh largest port on the West Coast. The bar, when breaking, is narrow and dangerous, but is a short transit before entering the sheltered area of the jetties. The port accommodates large bulk carriers and Charleston hosts a large commercial fishing fleet. Station Coos Bay conducts search and rescue operations from the Coos River to Cape Blanco.

Accomplished Operations: Station Coos Bay responded to a grounded 600-foot bulk freighter one mile off the North Point Jetty at Coos Bay on Feb. 4, 1999. The crew on the New Carissa sustained no injuries. The New Carissa was broadside to the beach and was experiencing 20 to 25-knot winds and 20-foot waves.

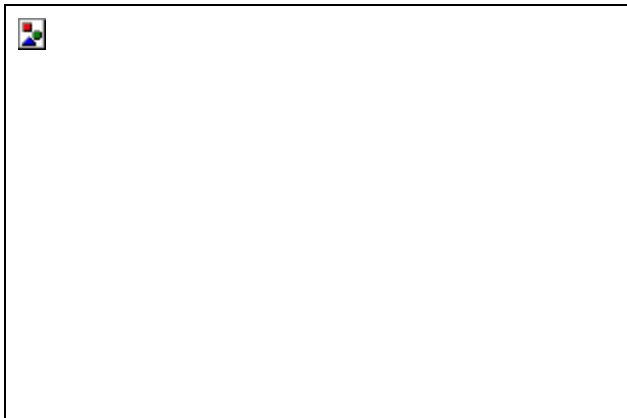


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