

Ship Report Transcript  
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It's time for the Ship Report, the show about all things maritime. I'm Joanne Rideout. It's Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

Well, it's Wednesday and this week that's the day when the Rose Festival fleet that's heading upriver for Portland leaves Astoria. We've been graced with a variety of military vessels in Astoria this week, two U.S. Navy ships and two Canadian Navy vessels and one more U.S. Coast Guard vessel that's docked in town as well. That is part of the fleet for military ships will be heading upriver today, making for some good ship watching.

So here's the rundown on what's happening. Let's start with the Port of Astoria. The USS Montgomery, one of two U.S. Navy ships docked at the port will be heading out of the Port of Astoria docks around 7 a.m. headed for Portland. You should be able to follow her on Vessel Finder or marinetraffic.com, but she's listed there as U.S. government vessel eight instead of by her name. It should take her about 8 hours to get to the sea wall in Portland, so look for her there in early afternoon.

In between Astoria and Portland, if you want to see any of these ships going by, follow their location on vessel Finder or marinetraffic.com. The Canadian Navy ships that are over by the Columbia River Maritime Museum anchored in the river, will head out later this morning. The H.M.C.S. Edmonton will leave Astoria around 8:30 a.m. and head up river and the H.M.S.C. Yellowknife will leave around 8:45 a.m.. They each show up on marine traffic and vessel Finder as CDN warship so Canadian warship with a number after their names instead of their ship names.

Now, this is pretty typical for military vessels and a nice if they show up at all because they're not required to have their air sun but generally do in confined areas like a river to let other vessels know their whereabouts for navigation purposes.

The USS Augusta also docked at the Port of Astoria for the past few days, will not be going upriver to the Rose Festival. So it's great that we got to see her here in Astoria. The bar pilot schedule has her here until this weekend when she heads out to sea. She may have had a change of plans, which sometimes happens if ships are needed elsewhere, since after all, they are active duty military vessels and another ship that will be in Portland for the Rose Festival that is in Astoria is the U.S. Coast Guard cutter John McCormick. I believe she's from Alaska.

So up in Portland, Rose Festival vessels will be tied up at the seawall at Tom McCall Park. Ships you can expect to see there today will be the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter John McCormick. She was yesterday evening at the dock by the Columbia River Maritime Museum. And she'll be heading up river sometime early in the morning so that she can be there in Portland in the mid-afternoon. The USS Montgomery will be there in the afternoon. The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Blue Bell will be there also. And she's a regular at the Rose Festival. She is a locally based U.S. Coast Guard buoy tender, the Blue Bell, that attends the festival every year. But we don't often see her down river here in Astoria.

But now the ships traveling upriver today will be in Portland through Sunday and head down river on Monday morning from all the information I have. So I'll give you the scoop on that on Sunday afternoon on Facebook. And on Monday's ship report.

Well, let's take a look at our marine weather forecast and see what's going on there. We've been experiencing a weather front pushing onshore. After that, high pressure will build over our waters by midweek for more settled weather and a return to northerly winds. So it's about midweek now. So maybe we can expect a little more pleasant weather. Today, we have northeast winds in the forecast around five knots, backing around to the northwest, 10 to 15 knots in the afternoon. Seas 7 to 10 feet. Wave detail, Northwest four feet at 5 seconds. West ten feet at 15 seconds. And southwest two feet at 17 seconds.

And in our regular ship schedule, we have the Victoria arriving from Long Beach, California, headed for the Crims Island Anchorage, a little bit downriver from Longview. She'll be picking up wheat eventually. She'll pass Astoria around 9:30 a.m. and be in the Christmas Island Anchorage at about 12:30 p.m.. The Brenton Reef arrives from offshore, headed for Portland. She's a petroleum tanker delivering petroleum to Portland, passing Astoria around 10 p.m.. So the gap between arriving ships today in Portland by about 4 a.m. on Thursday.

The SM Yantian is a container ship arriving from Long Beach, California, headed for the Port of Portland. She'll be delivering some containers there, passing Astoria around 10:30 p.m. in Portland by about 4:30 a.m. on Thursday. The Atlantic Samurai is arriving from South Korea, headed for the Astoria Anchorage.

In our outbounders, we have the ATB Innovation heading out of Portland Refined Petroleum there. She came in to deliver that, leaving about 3:30 a.m. in Astoria by about 9:30 a.m., passing by on her way to the Columbia River Bar. The Alexandra KPN is a dry bulk carrier headed out of Vancouver with potash on board. She, I think, is in the Vancouver Anchorage because the potash is was loaded at the Port of Portland, leaving at 6 a.m.. We could see her pass Astoria outbound around noontime.

The Hako is leaving Portland carrying wheat, leaving around 8 a.m., passing her story outbound around 2 p.m.. The Hakata Queen is leaving Vancouver. Anchorage. I think we are on board and she will be leaving around noontime and passing Astoria outbound around 6 p.m.. The Andromeda Leader is leaving Portland. Toyota is on board there. She's one of those high cited car carriers, another one leaving around 2 p.m., passing Astoria outbound around 8 p.m. and the C. S Olive is leaving Vancouver carrying wheat, leaving around 5 p.m., passing Astoria outbound around 11 p.m.. The Atlantic Glory is leaving Kalama carrying wheat, leaving around 6 p.m., passing Astoria outbound around midnight, and the MSC Illinois VII is a container ship leaving the port of Portland, leaving around 9 p.m.. She could pass Astoria outbound around 3 a.m. on Thursday morning.

And in our Astoria Anchorages, we have some information about the Rose Festival Fleet here. It's a little bit of a recap of what I said earlier, but it doesn't hurt to say it again. We have the federal impact headed to Longview from the Astoria Anchorage to pick up wheat, leaving around 2 a.m. in Longview by 5:30 a.m.. Then the USS Montgomery headed for Portland from the Port of Astoria. Part of the Rose Festival fleet, leaving at 7 a.m. in Portland by mid-afternoon. The HMCS Edmonton, another Rose Festival vessel headed from the Astoria Anchorage to Portland, leaving around 8:30 a.m. in Portland again by mid-afternoon. And the HMCS Yellowknife is headed to Portland, also a Rose Festival fleet vessel leaving around 8:45 a.m. in Portland again by mid-afternoon and those ships will all be on the seawall at the Tom McCall Park in Portland.

Then we have the African Kite headed to Kalama from the Astoria Anchorage. She'll be picking up a wheat leaving around 6 p.m. in Kalama by 11 p.m.. That leaves some vessels that are awaiting orders, and one of them is a U.S. Navy vessel.

At the Port of Astoria is the USS Augusta. She is another one of the two Navy ships that came into the port earlier this week. And she will be there till sometime during the weekend, maybe Sunday. And then she's going to head out to sea. So we will see her still at the Port of Astoria for another few days.

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