

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 Friday, June 7th, 2024.

Well, let's take a look at our marine weather forecast because it's kind of nice. We have high pressure building over our waters with northerly winds through the weekend and a very weak front will approach Saturday night into Sunday, but will be, according to the National Weather Service, non impactful, which means that we're going to keep having sunshine, I think.

So in our forecast, we can expect today north winds 10 to 15 knots, gusting to 20 seas, 5 to 7 feet subsiding to about 3 to 5 in the afternoon. What's happening with waves out there in the ocean, where we'll have waves from the north three feet high at 4 seconds apart and waves from the west six feet high and 11 seconds apart. And also from the southwest, two feet high and 15 seconds apart. So we always have at least two sets of waves out there.

And the National Weather Service tends to call one set of them swells because they tend to be coming from further out to sea. But basically, they're all these different sources of energy being poured into the ocean in the form of wind. So wind blows across the top of the ocean, creates waves, and sometimes they travel as far away as all the way across the Pacific to get here.

And then we have the local wind waves that are caused by whatever winds we have happening here. And today it looks like we're going to be having northerly winds through the weekend. So those north north winds that are in our wave forecast are the wind waves and the others are swells. But it's looking pretty good for weather for the weekend. So get out there and enjoy it.

Let's take a look at our ship schedule for the day. We have a good number of ships to talk about today, especially in our outbound hours. But we have the MSC Nairobi X. She is a container ship arriving from Seattle, headed for Portland, passing Astoria around 7:30 a.m. in Portland by about 1:30 p.m.. The Global Aglaia is arriving from Japan, headed for Portland. Her cargo is cement. She'll pass Astoria around 12:30 p.m. and be in Portland by about 6:30 p.m..

And so the Global Global Aglaia is a ship that recently appeared on the schedule and keeps showing up regularly. And that happens with ships sometimes you'll know a ship will just show up in the line up and be around for months or even years and then disappear. And that's because the ship is no longer doing business here. And sometimes ships will come for a specified period with their company and handle cargo and then go off to some other part of the world. But sometimes we do hear those ship names repeating in the ship schedule. And right now the Global Aglaia seems to be one of those.

Next inbound is the African oasis arriving from China, headed for the Kalama Anchorage. She'll be picking up soda ash up river. Eventually she'll pass Astoria around 1:30 p.m. and being Kalama by about 6:30 p.m.. The Grand Orion is arriving from Japan heading for Vancouver, brand new Subarus on board there. So she is one of those high sided car carriers passing Astoria around 10:30 p.m.. She'll be in Vancouver by about 4:30 a.m. on Saturday.

And our outbounders, the Lauora is leaving Portland, soda ash on board, leaving the port of Portland around 5 a.m. passing Astoria outbound around 11 a.m..

The Lowlands Angel is a ship that was in the Astoria Anchorage recently is now leaving Portland with potash on board, leaving around noon time, passing Astoria outbound around 6 p.m.. And if you saw her in the anchorage, you would have seen that she was sitting pretty high in the water, a lot of that dull red bottom paint showing, but coming down river with potash on board, she'll be hunkered down in the water quite a bit and will look a bit different than she did when she came in and when she was sitting in the anchorage. And ships ride a lot better at sea when they have cargo on board. So it's good for them to have, to be as full as is safely possible.

Next outbound is the Hakata Queen leaving Vancouver wheat on board, leaving around noon time, passing Astoria outbound around 6 p.m.. We have two ships that are leaving ports near each other around the same time. They will keep a couple of miles between them on the river just for safety purposes. Then we have the Federal Impact leaving Longview carrying wheat, leaving around noontime. She could pass Astoria outbound around 3:30 p.m.. The Chem Sol is a ship leaving Kalama. She's a tanker ship leaving Kalama Chemical. Toluene was her cargo, leaving around 1 p.m., passing Astoria outbound around 6 p.m..

What is toluene, well toluene is a chemical added to gasoline used to produce benzene and used as a solvent. A major use of toluene is as a mixture added to gasoline to approve octane readings. Toluene is also used, as I said, to produce benzene and as a solvent in paints, coatings, synthetic fragrances, adhesives, inks and cleaning agents.

Toluene is also used in the production of polymers to make nylon plastic soda bottles and polyurethanes. And for pharmaceuticals, dyes, cosmetic nail products and the synthesis of organic chemicals. So there you go. Probably more than you ever wanted to know about toluene.

Next outbound is the Minousa P, leaving Kalama with corn, soy or wheat on board. They're leaving around 6 p.m., passing Astoria outbound around 11 p.m.. The African Kite is leaving Kalama carrying wheat, leaving around 11 p.m., passing Astoria outbound around 4 a.m. on Saturday.

The Victoria is leaving Vancouver carrying wheat, leaving around 11 p.m., passing Astoria outbound around 5 a.m. on Saturday.

And in our Astoria anchorages, we have the Atlantic Samurai headed to Portland to pick up potash. Potash is an ingredient in fertilizer, leaving around 11:30 p.m., passing Astoria outbound around 5:30 a.m. on Saturday and the Cape Kennedy is and the Proteas are both awaiting orders in the Astoria Anchorage.

So it's going to be a beautiful weekend. If you happen to be in Portland, you might want to go down to the seawall and take a tour of some of those ships that were in Astoria. We have a complement of Navy and Coast Guard vessels. And a couple of Canadian vessels that are here also for Fleet Week.

They're on the seawall in the Tom McCall Waterfront Park there in Portland. And so it's a great opportunity to go and take a tour if you didn't get to do it while they were out here and all those ships that came into the river past Astoria will be heading downriver and out to sea on Monday. And I'll be talking about that on the ship report then. So another fun round of the Rose Festival fleet heading

downriver and out to sea. Photo opportunities and just an opportunity to see a really cool ship go by. Will be happening again on Monday.

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