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Black Cod Season Ends by Evan Kramer

The special black cod season or "derby" as some refer to it came to an end at the Port of Port Orford on Wednesday at noon. The special 10 day long season started on Monday, August 25, and ran through September 3. On Friday afternoon fishing boats laden with thousands of pounds of black cod arrived to have their catch hoisted up to the dock and weighed. There are twelve boats participating in the black cod season this year including seven with permits, four with leased permits and one from outside the area. Each one has a limit of 34,100 pounds that they can catch during the ten-day season. The two boats that brought in black cod while we were at the dock carried 5,500 pounds and 4,000 pounds of the oily fish. On Tuesday afternoon, September 2, with less than 24 hours left in the special season three out of the eight boats had caught their limit.

The black cod season creates a lot of employment for the fishermen who go out to sea in what turned out to be calm weather after a very windy start. Each boat averages three people aboard and each employs from six to twelve people baiting the tubs. I spoke with one of the

people baiting hooks, Debbie Peabody, and she told me that black cod are known as "sewer" trout because they are found in murky, deep, cold waters. She baited the hooks with squid that are brought in from Southern California that are then coiled in tubs. While my friend Ron and I were walking around the dock we stopped in for a look at Merle and Judy Hassett's aquarium at the Cal-Shell office. We even got to pet a sea cucumber.

Larry Dell told me that this past Saturday and Sunday the Port of Port Orford saw one of the largest amounts of sport and commercial activity at any one time he can remember. Larry is an employee of the Port and one of his many jobs is operating the boat hoist. He also does his best making repairs to the aging dock structure. Everything ran extremely smoothly according to Dell. The Port has been running 24 hours a day to accommodate the black cod season. Larry said a lot of tuna came in as well as a quantity of "good quality bottom fish".

Port of Port Orford manager Gayle Paige told me there are a total of 72 fishing boats along the Oregon Coast with permits for this special season. Port Commissioner Bill Oleson mentioned to me that the El Nino conditions have led to warmer water and there have been blue sharks in the water. Merle Hassett told me the blue

sharks had created a problem in the first days of the black cod season, biting and damaging the fishing lines.

Blue Water Harvester-Premium Pacific Seafoods general manager Travis Mecham explained his company's involvement in the black cod fishery. Premium Pacific Seafoods, which he explained is a wholly owned subsidiary of Blue Water Harvesters, is buying black cod from five of the boats for processing locally at their plant on the dock at the Port. By the time the season is over they will handle approximately 135,000 pounds of black cod. Mecham said this is the second year the company has processed black cod. The fish have their heads cut off and are cleaned and then refrigerated at 32 degrees. They are then shipped to a company in Albany for final freezing since Premium Pacific doesn't have enough deep freezing capacity for that job. Mecham said the fishermen are paid an average of \$2.00 a pound for the black cod with larger fish bringing in more money. He said the company has hired extra people to process the black cod and is currently employing 25-30 people.

Mecham said black cod are sold to markets in Japan, China and Korea. He said

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Date	Midnight to Noon				Noon to Midnight				Sun		Moon		Phase
	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set	Rise	Set			
Thu Sep 4	1:40a	6.8	7:52a	1.1	2:08p	6.8	8:15p	1.6	6:45a	7:47p	9:44a	9:12p	
Fri Sep 5	2:19a	6.5	8:22a	1.5	2:37p	6.8	8:54p	1.5	6:46a	7:45p	10:39a	9:41p	
Sat Sep 6	3:00a	6.1	8:54a	2.0	3:09p	6.8	9:37p	1.5	6:47a	7:43p	11:35a	10:12p	
Sun Sep 7	3:47a	5.7	9:28a	2.4	3:44p	6.7	10:27p	1.5	6:48a	7:42p	12:31p	10:46p	
Mon Sep 8	4:43a	5.3	10:08a	2.9	4:26p	6.6	11:24p	1.4	6:49a	7:40p	1:27p	11:24p	
Tue Sep 9	5:51a	5.1	10:59a	3.3	5:18p	6.6			6:50a	7:38p	2:23p	12:07a	1Q
Wed Sep 10	12:30a	1.3	7:10a	5.1	12:07p	3.6	6:21p	6.6	6:51a	7:36p	3:16p	12:57a	
Thu Sep 11	1:39a	1.0	8:24a	5.3	1:24p	3.6	7:31p	6.8	6:52a	7:35p	4:07p	1:52a	

Official Weather

Provided by the City of Port Orford
Public Utilities Department

Date	High	Low	Rain
Fri Aug 22	68	53	---
Sat Aug 23	70	54	.08
Sun Aug 24	69	60	---
Mon Aug 25	69	59	1.21
Tue Aug 26	66	59	.01
Wed Aug 27	69	59	Trace
Thu Aug 28	68	54	.18

Desperado Roundup Days

This function is sponsored by the Epsilon Sigma Alpha (ESA) Sorority. The funds raised by this event are donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. St. Jude gives medical help to all ages of children in every walk of life regardless of race or creed, poor or rich. They are constantly trying to find ways to cure all diseases in our kids today.

Last year a total of \$1,526 was collected from the local community and after expenses \$1,321.16 was mailed directly to the hospital. A lot of hard work goes into this event but good feelings surface when your town is behind you to make a difference for the kids at St. Judes. Last year Hodge Distributor paid extra to have two of the ESA members (Sheriffs) arrested and then they had to find someone to bail them out of jail. When you get arrested you are taken by an "ESA Sheriff" to the "ESA Jail", booked, picture taken for your wanted poster and then fed from a variety of goodies provided by the members.

It is a lot of fun for a very worthy cause so when an "ESA Sheriff" stops by to take you to jail be a good sport, join in, and have fun. Remember you can have anyone arrested and taken to jail - just tell one of the following members that will be participating in the roundup Thelma Belcher, Patsy Campbell, Jackie Hines,

Pricilla Lang, Jean Lewison, Mary Loan, Dotti Myers, Millie North, Mary Anne Puhl, Juanita Redding, Brandy Richardson, Darci Sherman, Michelle Wagner, Linda Houck, Bobby Litterell, Helen Smith, Shelly Sweet, and Paula Dearing.

P. O. Planning Commission

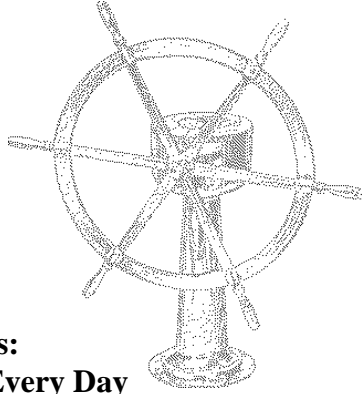
Port Orford Planning Commission will meet on Tuesday, September 9, 1997, at 7pm, in the Gable Chambers at City Hall.

- Port Orford Public Water Supply - Richard Nordi, H.G.E. Engineering
- Conditional Use POC 97-03 Muchawar Manufactured Home Park in Residential Zone R-1 (Planning Commission Discussion)
- Conditional Use POC 97-05 Buffington Commercial Communications Tower in Residential Zone R-1.

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Thoughts on Port Orford By Jason A. Seivers Parks and Recreation Planner

Last November, a broken fuel pump cut short my weekend backpacking trip and landed me in Port Orford. While Joe Culley fixed my van I wandered the town, and by the time I left I had been offered a job as Parks and Recreation Planner for the City. Serendipity, I guess? Ten months later, my contract is coming to a close -- I'll be leaving Port Orford in a few days to finish my graduate studies. Before I leave though, some closing thoughts and thank yous.

Memorable events: Linda Grantland letting me take a free shower while I waited for my van to get fixed; Jim convincing Dottie we should buy organic coffee for the office; John, Sharon and the kids -- my first neighbors; Hippo Lips at the Crazy Norwegians; green chili cheese sandwiches at the Dowdy's; making play-dough models with the skateboarders; the new trail at the Heads; Sisters; Friday nights with Jon and Tobe; RAD Jobs for Teens...

It's been good for me here -- really good. What I'll remember about a good day in

Port Orford: Humbug Mountain isn't fogged in, or maybe it is. The wind has just begun blowing from the North, or the South if it's winter. Rick Cook waves from the porch as I pass. Breakfast with Ernie and the guys at Bartletts. Jim and Dan greet me at the office. Before noon, I write a grant for this or that -- it gets funded. A liquor store meeting with Viola. I drop a news article off for the paper.

For lunch, Debbie cooks up some good burritos at Sisters, and some stranger invariably joins me for conversation- or I join him, or her -- and before 1pm I have a new friend. Afternoon meetings with Jim or Martha, or Frank Smith, or State Parks, or Bonnie and Michael, or Al and Joan, or Larry, or Malcolm, or someone else. A single-tall-mocha from Katz or Rise N' Shine. Jerry and I walk through Buffington to pick out projects for a Parks Clean-up. I prepare for the night's meetings.

In the evening, I make some presentation to the City Council, Planning Commission, Watershed Council, CRT, Parks Commission, NCFCC. Before I head home, I watch the sunset from up at the Heads, imagining those rocks way out off Agate Beach are the backbone of some

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ancient dinosaur sleeping below the surf.
I am happy.

Thanks to everyone who welcomed me in and shared a little piece of their lives with me (and thanks for the gifts last weekend). I wish you the best, and I hope the work I've done here becomes a positive addition to your community. It has truly been a rare experience.

P. O. Community Theater

Port Orford Community Theater is in the "Act" again!

Act I takes place on Thursday, September 4 at Spaghetti West at 7:00pm. This is an organizational meeting.

Scene I Needed: new officers, production, lighting, sound, back stage, props, etc.

Scene 2: Plans for a Nov. production.

Act II Auditions September 9 and 11 at 1810 Jackson St. in Port Orford at 7:00pm. We need 5 men and 6 women for the production ages 20ish to ???

Act III "Murder at Rutherford House", a mystery dinner theater to take place at the Port Orford Senior Center on November 7, 8, 14 and 15 at 7:00pm.

For more information call Donna Lindberg at 332-5006 or Sonja Mason at 332-8630. Please leave your name and number and what your interest is in theater and we'll get back to you.

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Watershed Council Slows Flow By David Wilken, Chairman

The long planned installation of a system of weirs in the Garrison Lake wetlands began on Saturday, August 23rd, when three members of the Port Orford Watershed Council, with the help of another local resident, attached a prefabricated steel box to the upstream end of a culvert under Mill Pond Road. The four "two legged, tail less beavers included Watershed Council members Rick Hazard and Mike Hewitt, chairman Dave Wilken, and good-natured volunteer Ken Fliszar. Ordinarily the last thing anyone wants to see is a plugged up culvert, especially a four footer on the lake's main feeder, but in this case the landowner stood on the road beaming as the four wet fellows made it possible to hold a stretch of Mill Creek at the average winter high water level throughout the year.

The weir, first of ten planned around the lake watershed, is on the private drive of L.A. And Adria Merryman, who have also been cooperating in the Watershed Council's water quality testing program. Students from the 2CJ schools, as well as Council members, have been drawing water from the Merrymans' wetland pond

since the project's inception, testing it for such factors as pH, turbidity, temperature, dissolved oxygen and nutrients. The Merrymans agreed to the installation of the weir, funded by a grant from the State of Oregon's "Watershed Health Program." Although the property owner gets a great deal of credit for his willingness to accept the weir, he admitted he would gain a benefit, as well. The culvert had once been plugged with a huge chunk of bark, and he nearly got sucked into the four foot tube when he unclogged the intake. Mr. Merryman has said that interested members of the public are welcome to come take a look. The Watershed Council, however, urges visitors to go at reasonable

times and to mind their manners. The entire watershed protection/enhancement process, vital to the recovery of Coho Salmon (now listed under the Endangered Species Act) depends on the good will and cooperation of private landowners.

The purpose of holding the water level high throughout the year is to allow the wetlands' vegetation and animal residents to work their wonders of purifying the water before it flows into the lake, as well as slowing the sedimentation of the lake itself. The plants and bacteria absorb and digest a wide variety of chemicals and

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toxins, both natural and man caused pollution. (The City of Arcata, CA, uses a wetland to purify its sewer water – a nationally recognized low-tech pollution solution.) The weirs have slots on the open end, used for stacking boards to the appropriate height. The boards will be removed in the winter, allowing the water to run freely during the rainy season, then put back in place in the Spring. Two more weirs will be placed this year, one on Arizona Street, and the other on a two foot culvert on a different feeder wetland. The Watershed Council is seeking fund-

ing for the other seven weirs, and toward this end Wilken took Wayne Kreiger, of Ophir, to take a look at the Mill Pond Road weir a few days after its installation. Kreiger is a member of the Governor's Watershed Enhancement Board, the agency responsible for allocating the funds committed to Coho (and eventually Steelhead) recovery efforts under the Oregon Salmon Recovery Plan. He was suitably impressed, saying that the Legislature has made it clear that it wants to see the money spent on sensible, on-the-ground local efforts such as this.

"An insult is like poison. It affects one only if taken."

Property To Be Released

The Gold Beach Police Department announced that property which had been seized as evidence from "Dancin' Frog Enterprises" is now ready to be released to property owners.

Those persons who had property on consignment with "Dancin' Frog Enterprises" may contact the Police Department to obtain information regarding claiming their property. The deadline for claiming property is September 24, 1997.

Person(s) who believe their property may be among that which was seized by police as evidence should be prepared to provide a detailed description of the property when contacting police.

Photos of the property, serial numbers, or any other means, which can be used to identify property items, will be especially helpful.

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Bird Watching on the River **By Evan Kramer**

Ron, Valerie and I took one of Jerry's Rogue Jets up to Paradise Lodge on Labor Day. We rode the early boat and left Gold Beach for our trip up the Rogue River a little before 8:00am. We hit the jackpot in the bird watching department. As we left the Port of Gold Beach we saw three brown pelicans circling around before landing on a gravel bar. Cormorants stood sentinel on pier pilings. We saw dozens of Common Mergansers along and in the river. The fish eating bird-of-prey ospreys were out in full force. We saw a couple of dozen of them along the 52 miles of the trip to Blossom Bar. The ospreys build their nests in the top of tall dead trees known as snags, where they have no leaves or twig laden branches obstructing their view of the river.

We were fortunate to see two bald eagles. Our jet boat driver said about a dozen now make their home along the Rogue River.

We saw a large number of turkey vultures, most of which turned out to be young. The mature turkey vultures have a red head while the younger ones have a grayish head. The vultures flocked together but seemed they were out of luck as far as finding a carcass to chew on.

We also saw numerous herons, egrets and a domestic goose to boot. The goose was several miles up river and had already learned to swim out to the Jet Boats and beg for something to eat. It was not disappointed.

We saw three river otters cavorting for their and our amusement. I think every trip on a Rogue Jet Boat features a stop for otters watching.

The group of us on the boat spotted many does and fawns noshing in the vegetation along the river. Last year we were treated to the sight of a brown bear eating blackberries but this year didn't see any bear.

The most numerous sightings along the

river were other people enjoying our beautiful outdoor environment in a multitude of ways. The majority were fishing and camping. Many fished from boats but others tried their skill from either the banks of the river or stood in the cold water. Some people hiked the Rogue River trail and stopped to wave. A large number of people in inflatable rafts, kayaks and a canoe or two floated downstream from Merlin and Galice passed us on their way to an end of three-day holiday at Foster Bar.

Gold Beach Chamber

The Gold Beach Chamber of Commerce luncheon will be held at the Golden Egg Restaurant in Gold Beach this month. Speakers for the no-host lunch are a representative from Oregon Fish and Wildlife presenting information on the black bear situation in the Rogue River area and Randy Scholten, Curry General Hospital Administrator speaking on New Directions at Your Hospital.

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Along with the heat races, semis and main events will be the all women’s “Powder Puff” class, vying for the Ladies’ inaugural run on the winding one-mile course.

The Gib’s RV’s event is just one of a series of seven scheduled for 1997, with four to go.

For advance discount tickets, call the box office at 1-800-676-7563; tickets will also be sold at the gate, the day of the races.

Come early to see all the practice, starting at 11:30am and the qualifying time trials at 1pm, with the first race at 2pm.

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Salmon Barbecue

The Beachcombers Square Dance Club will hold a Salmon barbecue and fun day on Saturday, September 6. The barbecue will be from 11am to 3pm. Served with the salmon will be cole slaw, corn on the cob, bread and coffee or punch. If salmon is unavailable, halibut or albacore will be served. Cost is \$6.50 for adults and \$3.50 for kids 11 and under.

That afternoon there will be demonstration dances and workshops. Later, you can dance the night away with Rounds at 8pm and Squares beginning at 8:30pm. Everyone is welcome to observe.

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Scenic Byway Plan
By Al and Joan Geiser

It's time to look at the Scenic Byway Management Draft Plan for the South Coos and Siskiyou Regions (Curry County) of the U.S. 101 Corridor in Oregon.

Members of the Port Orford CRT, along with our local CPACT (Coastal Policy Advisory Committee on Transportation) representative, have been working throughout the past year to insure our communities ideas and comments are included in the visions outlined in this important document. Come to the City Council Room for any final comments Saturday September 6th from 9am to noon.

Note: On September 8th, this draft plan will be presented to the City Council for Council's comments, after which, they will be asked if members will endorse the plan.

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"Service with a Smile"

You are invited to the next meeting of the Langlois/Port Orford Christian Women's Club at their luncheon on Wednesday, September 10, noon, at the Port Orford Senior Citizen's Center. The cost of the luncheon is \$6 and women of all ages are welcome!

The special feature of the luncheon this month is "Service with a Smile" presented by Mary Lou Wilcox of "The Flying Doctors". The entertainment is "Happy Tunes" with Tammy Wickstrom of Bandon.

The speaker is Betty Beckwith. Her topic is "Smiling Through..." Ms. Beckwith is from Clackamas, Oregon. She has traveled around the world and is a family counselor with a public school background. She enjoys island hopping and RV travel.

Reservations are essential and cancellations necessary and may be made by calling 332-5402, 332-2765 or 348-2466.

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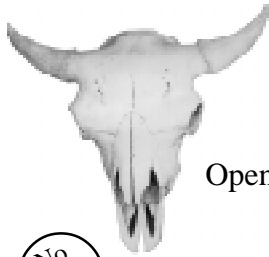
The event is set from noon to 3pm at the Wedderburn Ranch, site of a historic race track and the current home of the Dr. and Kris Williams family.

"The phone plays Elvis tunes and wiggles," according to Bob Hunter of GTE.

Other auction items include collections of fine wines, prints, crafts, a Rogue River fishing trip, a Chetco River float trip, a stay for up to four at a Rogue River area bed and breakfast, locally butchered lamb, a guided nature walk, massage, an office desk, a load of gravel, a string of pearls and much more.

Tickets will be sold through Saturday, Sept. 6, at the following locations: One Horse Coffee, Corner Drug and Curry General Hospital in Gold Beach; Mory's and Driftwood Tack and Western Wear in Brookings; and the Downtown Fun Zone and Curry Family Medical in Port Orford.

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The Gondoliers

Actors from Bandon, Coos Bay, North Bend, Coquille and Myrtle Point comprise the cast of Bandon Playhouse's latest production, Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Gondoliers."

"The Gondoliers," a comic opera full of hilarity and absurdity, is directed by playhouse veteran Harriett Orris and is scheduled to open Friday, Sept. 19 on the Ocean Crest Stage in Bandon. The show plays Sept. 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28 and Oct. 3 and 4. Friday and Saturday shows are at 8pm, and Sunday performances are at 2pm and discounted for senior citizens and children 12 and under.

The opening night gala will feature desserts and goodies with an Italian theme prepared by Margie Kelley, with tickets at \$10 each. Other performances are \$8 each.

"The Gondolier's" was hailed as Gilbert and Sullivan's greatest triumph since "The Mikado," and was also, for all intents and purposes, the last production of the famous and prolific partnership.

Tickets to "The Gondoliers" will be available at The Country Merchant and Coast to Coast stores in Bandon, and through The Box Office in Coos Bay.

For more information contact Orris at 347-9881.

Public Meetings

Port Orford/Langlois 2CJ school district students begin the 1997-98 school year on Monday, September 8. Students, remember to set your alarms for the first day of school!

Port Orford Chamber of Commerce board of directors meeting on Monday, September 8, noon, at the Port and Starboard Restaurant.

Port Orford City Council meets on Monday, September 8, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

Port Orford Planning Commission meets on Tuesday, September 9, 7:00pm, in the city hall council chambers.

Port Orford Rural Fire District board of directors meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 7:00pm, at the city hall fire station.

Port Orford/Langlois 2CJ School District board meets on Tuesday, September 9, 7:00pm, in the library room at Pacific High School.

Community Response Team meets on Thursday, September 11, 7:00pm, at the Port Orford Senior Center. Special guest for this meeting is Philip Johnson, Coordinator of CoastWatch, discussing beach access.

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Women's Luncheon

Democratic Women in Curry County are meeting for a no-host luncheon at noon at Paul's Pizza, 29513 S. Ellensberg Ave. in Gold Beach.

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Letter to the Editor,

I would like to comment on the letter from Jim Poland that was in the Thursday, August 28, 1997 issue of the Port Orford Today.

I was aware that there was supposed to be a meeting sometime in the future regarding the Water/Sewer rates, but to my knowledge, there was NOTHING about an exact date until I saw it in the Port Orford Today issue of August 21, 1997. The meeting was to be that day, August 21, at 6pm.

I can't always pick up this publication on the day that it is published, and as it happened that week, I did not get a chance to pick up Port Orford Today until Friday, August 22, 1997, then it was too late to attend this so called meeting.

It seems that if the Water/Sewer department really wanted the citizens of Port Orford to attend, and offer comments,

they would have given a few days notice so that the citizens could attend.

The best way not to have to listen to the people here in Port Orford, was to announce the meeting on the day it was to be held.

Louise McCumber
Port Orford

Letter to the Editor,

To the Team Continental and Port Orford Chamber of Commerce BRAVO! Good job! We are very lucky to have an event such as this in Port Orford. It is truly international in scope. We who are supportive of the races need to let the Department of Transportation (ODOT-Bureau of Aeronautics) know that this is a perfectly acceptable use of the Cape Blanco Airport for Labor Day weekend.

Tim McCoy
Port Orford

Cape Blanco State Park

On Saturday, September 13, 1997, there will be an Audubon hike from Sixes River to Cape Blanco. Meet Jane and Frank Cramer at the Historic Hughes House picnic area which is down by the river at 1:30pm. The hike happens rain or shine! Plan on 2 to 3 hours, bring water and snacks.

Audubon Meeting

The Kalmiopsis Audubon Society Annual Meeting and Potluck are scheduled for . Friday September 12, 1997 6:30pm at the Pistol River Friendship Hall in Pistol River. Friends and members of Audubon are invited. Please bring your favorite dish, and beverage, table service provided. For information call Chapter President Jim Britell at (541) 332-9775.

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"Don't pick, it'll get infected."

"I would have never talked to MY mother like that!"

"Who do you think you are?"

"I don't care what "everyone" is doing, I care what YOU are doing!"

"If I catch you doing that one more time, I'll..."

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"You had better wipe that smile off your face before I do it for you."

"Don't use that tone with me!"

"Someday your face will freeze like that!"

"What if everyone jumped off a cliff? Would you do it, too?"

"Look at me when I'm talking to you."

"You're going to put your eye out with



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"Your father is going to hear about this when HE gets home!"

"How many times do I have to tell you...don't throw things in the house!"

"No, you can't go steady! You KNOW what that leads to."

"Were you born in a barn? Close the door -- and DON'T slam it!"

"Don't EVER let me catch you doing that again!"

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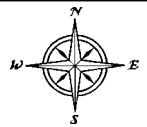
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What About 56kbps Modems? by Valerie Jean Kramer

I've had several people ask me about 56k bps modems recently so I thought it was time for a bit of explanation.

First, one has to understand that the POTS (Plain Old Telephone Service) phone lines were designed for voice and have a bandwidth of only about 3-4khz. I've read that this means a theoretical maximum of about 35kbps thruput which is just about where our present 33.6kbps modems operate. Thus there would seem to be no room for improvement.

There are several tricks one can play to

side-step this limit BUT, for any trick to work BOTH ends of the communication must use similar modems. For most of us today, that means that we can only use whatever @Harborside supports in our town. In Port Orford today, that means 33.6kbps modems. @Harborside has a good track record of upgrading their equipment to stay current so its only a matter of time until new techniques are supported so here's a bit about some of the possibilities.

One trick is to use asymmetrical transmissions. In other words, when you click on a link on the web, you send only a few bytes to the other computer but it might send many tens of thousands of bytes

back to you. The modem can be designed to be faster in one direction (data sent to you) at the expense of speed in the other direction (data sent from you to the other computer.) In most cases this will give you a gain in actual performance.

Another trick that is seen in the new 67kbps modems is to use two telephone lines simultaneously, each with a 33.6kbps capacity.

The trick that is most often advertised is the 56kbps modem. It works only if the Phone company uses all digital signals from their local switching site to your ISP. U.S. Robotics Corp offers a test you

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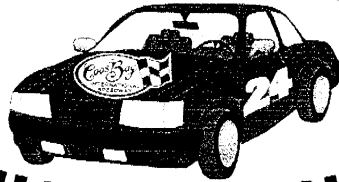
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What About 56kbps Modems? Continued

can perform to find out if your phone company is capable of this service. Just use your existing modem and any terminal program (such as Win95 Hyper-Terminal) and dial 1-888-877-9248 then follow the instructions. It will test your line and tell you if it is "X2" (ie. 56kbps) capable or not.

There are lots of concerns about 56k modems. First, there is no standard yet. It's expected this winter. Thus you may find yourself with a modem that can't talk to anyone else once the standard is released. Second, many 33.6k modems can be upgraded but the cost is often 2/3 or more of the price of a new modem! Finally, even if you get a 56k modem, your ISP supports 56k and you get it to work with your telephone lines, you are still subject to all the delays inherent in today's Internet. As Brad Baldwin, director of remote access research with IDC says,

"It's like giving everyone a Ferrari, then asking them to sit in rush hour traffic."

A lot of 33.6kbps modems advertise themselves as being upgradable to 56k. This may be a benefit but read the fine print. US Robotics charges \$60 for such an upgrade on many models. I've heard of other brands that charge even more. Some can be upgraded using just a free download of software but some of these place a heavy burden on the CPU and may not work well on underpowered computers. Buyer beware!

Coos Bay and Bandon @Harborside customers already have 56k available to them. I spoke with Tim Patterson of @Harborside. He told me that the best connection they've actually seen in practice has been about 44kbps which is still an improvement over 33k. He said that Brookings will probably get 56k soon and that Gold Beach may be next but Port Orford would probably not get 56k for the foreseeable future. The problem is that

they have to install support for about 40 phone lines at a time and Port Orford currently only has subscribers to support about 20. Since most subscribers wouldn't want to double their monthly cost, 56k here will have to wait a while.

Meanwhile it seems like new connection types are invented every week. Tim is keeping up with, and testing, some of the latest which may bypass 56k altogether.

I've worked on computers with 14.4k modems that were faster than some with 33.6k, so modem speed isn't everything. From my experience, I'd rather have a 33.6kbps connection that was permanently present (no dial-up procedure) than a 56k dialup connection!

This whole area of modems, Internet, and computer communications is the fastest moving part of a very fast moving industry. No matter what you buy, I predict that it's going to be obsolete very, very quickly! It's only going to get faster and better!

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the Japanese prefer the larger black cod. Mecham proudly displayed one of the Premium Pacific Seafood black cod cardboard shipping boxes that the company uses with their name, street address and e-mail address printed on them. He said the company is seeking a niche market with the high quality Port Orford black cod. Mecham noted that the amount of kelp in the waters off Port Orford has dramatically increased and this would bode well for the urchin population. The mainstay product of Blue Water-Premium Pacific has been urchin roe shipped to Japan.

Another business in which Premium Pacific Seafoods is now involved is the buying and selling of live fish. Cindy Lawson manages the live fish tanks for PPS. She gave me a tour of the small building which houses the live fish tanks. *The Instigator*, a boat from Gold Beach, docked at the Port just before I went to speak with her. It brought in a good catch of live fish which was delivered to the live fish tanks. Lawson said the demand for live fish is increasing and that two of the most popular are Sea Trout and China Rock. She said it is important that the fish

be the size of a dinner platter. The live fish market is a way of enhancing the value of fish, as the fishermen are paid a lot more money for live than dead fish.

Port Commissioner Leesa Wagner-Cobb told me the economic benefits of the Port are worth more than three million dollars a year to the Port Orford area. She emphasized the importance of the black cod fishery to Port Orford and the quality of black cod that are brought in to our Dock.

Momilies - Continued

"Be good -- and don't do ANYTHING to embarrass your parents."

"No child of MINE would do something like that."

"I don't know" is NOT an answer."

"Don't put that in your mouth, you don't know where it's been."

"If you don't do it NOW, then when are you going to do it?"

"No. Beauty is as beauty does!"

"What do you mean you aren't going to eat everything on your plate? Think of those poor starving children in India."

"You can't find it? Well, where did you leave it last?"

"Money does NOT grow on trees."

"I'm not everyone else's parents and you're not everyone else!"

"Five minutes of pleasure is not worth a lifetime of hell."

"You made your bed, now lie in it."

"This hurts me more than it hurts you."

"Don't make me tell you again."

"Stop your crying before I give you something to cry about."

"Don't go out with a wet head, you'll catch cold."

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