



Station Grays Harbor

Active Duty Personnel: 35
Reserve Personnel: 0
Civilian Personnel: 0

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Established: The first Coast Guard presence in the area came with the establishment of a lighthouse at the entrance to Willapa Bay in 1858. In 1898, another lighthouse was built near Westport. About the same time, a station was built near-by. The original boats were on horse drawn carriages and launched through the surf and rowed to the scene of the distress. In 1914, the first motorized lifeboats arrived, and the station was moved to a newly-built pier inside of Grays Harbor. After several more reconstructions in the 1930s and 1940s, the current station was built on the east end of the Westhaven Marina in 1973. Today their assets consist of three 47-foot motor lifeboats and one 29-foot response boat small.

Accomplished Operations: Washington's diverse coastal environment offers a broad range of commercial and recreational activities 12 months out of the year, ultimately keeping the small but motivated crew at Station Grays Harbor busy. Operating in seas up to 30' and breaking waves of 20', the highly skilled sentinels stationed here are always ready to answer the call. Search and Rescue missions seen here commonly include PIW calls, Vessels taking on water and Vessels beset by heavy seas. Standing guard 24/7, 365 days a year, Station Grays Harbor can be reached by hailing the Coast Guard on VHF channel 16 or by contacting the Unit directly via phone at the number above.

What we do: Grays Harbor's area of responsibility extends more than 63 miles along the Washington coastline from the Queets River in the north, to Ocean Park in the south and 50 miles offshore. Seventy-five percent of the station's mission is search and rescue. The other 25 percent is law enforcement, marine environmental protection, and [recreational boating safety](#).



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