

News Release

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*Experience the Working Waterfront
on a Port Tour in downtown Olympia.*

Port Offers Free Tours of the Working Waterfront

Nearly every month, Port of Olympia offers free, educational and fun tours of its Marine Terminal operations in downtown Olympia. Tours offer the opportunity to watch and learn the workings of Thurston County's international shipping terminal.

See various stages of the log cargo operations. Learn how Thurston County is connected with the global trade network, and how various modes of transportation move goods to their final destination. See the mobile harbor crane and other operational equipment, which are impressive by size alone.

You will leave with a basic knowledge about global trade, the operations of a working waterfront and the economic value that ports provide their communities.

Also included are stories about the Port's Swantown Marina & Boatworks, Olympia Regional Airport and the Real Estate Development program.

Tour Details

- **Reservations Required.** Space is limited. Reserve at <http://www.portolympia.com/98/Port-Tours>.
- **Photo ID Required for 17+.** Due to Federal regulations, the secured Marine Terminal requires photo identification for everyone over 17 years of age.
- **Location and Duration.** The outdoor walking tours begin at Port offices, 626 Columbia Street NW STE 1-B (Olympics Room) in Olympia. Tours last approximately two hours.
- **Attire.** Because tours are out of doors, participants are advised to wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather.
- **Children of all ages are welcome.** Tours are stroller and wheelchair accessible.
- **A vessel in port is not guaranteed.**

2017 Tour Schedule

- Thursday, April 27, 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, May 9, 1:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 22, 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, July 19, 10:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, August 16, 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, September 12, 1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 10, 1:00 p.m.

School and Group Tours

In addition to the monthly scheduled tours, the Port also welcomes tour groups from schools or other organizations. School and group tours are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis and according to Port availability. Bus funding is available to Thurston County schools upon request.

To schedule your group tour, or if you have questions, please contact jennief@portolympia.com or by calling 360.528.8005.

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About the Port of Olympia

The southernmost deepwater port on Puget Sound, the Port of Olympia owns and operates an international shipping terminal that handles a range of breakbulk and project cargoes. The Port also owns and operates Swantown Marina & Boatworks, a 733-slip recreational marina and boat haulout/repair facility, a regional airport and a real estate division.

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