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of the
**CAPE BLANCO
 HERITAGE SOCIETY**



CBHS BOARD MEETINGS: Currently held at Point.B Studio at 10:00 AM on the 2nd Tuesday of every month.
PLEASE NOTE: Our meetings are open to everyone who would like to attend. We invite and encourage anyone interested in CBHS to participate!

The 23rd Annual Jerry Can Race Winners

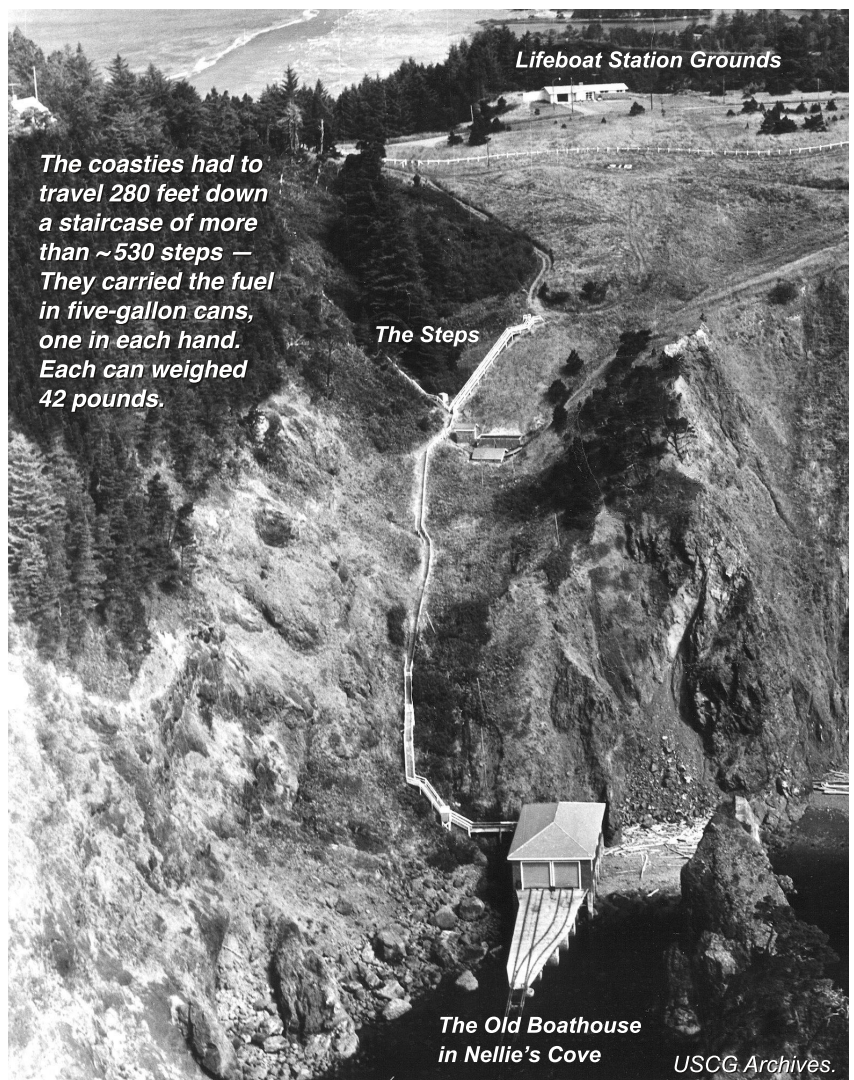


THE 23RD ANNUAL JERRY CAN RACES are held every year on July 4th at 2PM at the Port Orford Lifeboat Station. This annual event takes place in the stunning surroundings of Port Orford Heads State Park during the Port Orford Jubilee. This year, “Young Guys”, Dave Sannerud and Anna Hosford, were our overall winners with the fastest time of 11.4 seconds, winning the grand prize of the Jerry Rogue Jets digital \$350 certificate. Congratulations to all:

Women’s Division Winners: *Surfman Class:* “Chicken Nuggets”, Hadleigh McKillop & Kendall Schmidt, 13.40 seconds; *Commander Class:* “Rescue Rangers”, Sam Ross & Chris Speed, 15.84 seconds; “UFFDA”, Kim Sannerud and Diane Hosford, 22.21 seconds.

Men’s Division Winners: *Commander Class:* “Old Guys”, Bob S. & David H., 20.28 seconds.

Couple’s Division Winners: *Petty Officer Class:* “Purple People Eaters”, Luke Lillie & Sarah Knoll, 13.84 seconds; “Young Guys”, Dave Sannerud & Anna Hosford, 11.4 seconds; *Chief Class:* “Gonna Hurt Tomorrow”, Justin & Gina Helberg, 13.31 seconds. *Commander Class:* “Desert Rats”, Steve Nisser & Mary Johns, 26.75 seconds. This time-honored tradition reflects a tough task of the U.S. Coast Guard men who served at this rescue station from 1934-1970. During the early days of the Lifeboat Station, these heroes carried fuel from the main station to the boathouse in Nellie’s Cove (at right). ✨



The coasties had to travel 280 feet down a staircase of more than ~530 steps — They carried the fuel in five-gallon cans, one in each hand. Each can weighed 42 pounds.

The Old Boathouse in Nellie’s Cove

USCG Archives.

UofO's Oregon Digital Newspaper Program Shares History



Port Orford History dating back 100 years is now available online through the University of Oregon's Digital Newspaper Program. CBHS has been working with UofO and the Port Orford News to make history available. The collection is fully searchable and organized by date and by front cover. This project is supported in part by a grant from the Oregon Community Foundation (*Alan & Brenda Mitchell Port Orford Community Fund*) and Oregon Heritage Commission (*OPRD*).

The best way to access this content is through the [Advanced Search tool](#) which will search the full text of the newspapers. The photo above was found by typing 'Jerry Can Races' in the third "*With the phrase*" field. The Port Orford newspaper initiative first launched in 2022 with the

University of Oregon scanning their pre-1976 collection of microfilm and the archive continues to grow. CBHS recently added to the archive (*on behalf of Port Orford News*) a digital donation of over 10GB of newer newspapers from post-1976 ... 114 issues! This most recent contribution revealed the classic 2009 Jerry Can Races photo.

This project is such an invaluable tool for research. Our group uses it often in our publications and projects such as "[Living History Movies](#)". Projects such as the [Port Orford Historic Sites Database](#) and [Port Orford Historical Photos](#) also make use of the database. Thanks to everyone who helped make this incredible resource possible and to those who continually add value through research. ✨

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OUR MISSION: To provide interpretative and educational services for the Cape Blanco Light Station, Historic Hughes House and Ranch and the Port Orford Lifeboat Station. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your donation is tax-deductible.

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