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While I am sure there may have been campers at this site before us, I am pretty confident we were the first boaters to overnight at Clatsop County's new Westport Slough docks.



We brought Mucho Gusto, our 50' Ocean Alexander, from Scappoose to Westport to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony to mark the opening of the new launch ramp and docks for the county's Westport Park.





Constructed with funding from the Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife, Oregon State Marine Board, Clatsop County Parks Dept., U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Columbia River Yachting Association and Georgia Pacific Corp., the new docks are a great example of what can be achieved when multiple agencies and the private sector work together towards a common goal.



And what a goal it is! From the paved parking lot with spaces for 46 vehicle and trailers as well as 33 car spaces, to the indoor restrooms and a full time host space, the project was well thought out and constructed from quality materials.



Constructed of all aluminium and built to last, the docks are a dream to tie up to. All metal bull rails make for a secure tie up for even the largest boats.



Paddlers will find a dock just for non motorized craft which features an inovative ADA compliant “cradle-type” launching platform.



Along with a new launch ramp and adjacent boarding dock, this facility is the complete package.



For those of you who are unfamiliar with where Westport Slough is located, the opening to the slough is on the Oregon side of the Columbia River just down stream from river mile 45 and just up stream from the Wauna mill. (46.08.9N by 123.22.9W) The Westport Ferry, Ferry Oscar B, runs between Westport and Puget Island Washington and operates seven days a week. The ferry departs Puget Island on the hour and departs Westport on the quarter past hour from 5:15 am to 10:15 pm. Keep an eye out for them. Like other commercial vessels, they monitor VHF channels 13 and 16. I would suggest giving a security call before entering or leaving the slough just in case.

Here is our track going in in early February. Yours may be different. Watch your depth and keep an eye out for other traffic. Note the shoaling on the point under the shore side rangeboard.

