



Station Chetco River

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Civilian Personnel: 0

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Established: Station Chetco River is located approximately seven miles north of the Oregon-California border. The station was originally established in 1961, and is within sight (only 1/4 mile) of the bar and river mouth. The port area maintains approximately 900 moorings for commercial and sport fishing. Chetco River is oriented north/south with the mouth facing almost due south and protected by Chetco Point from most westerly seas and storms. The entrance is calm and safe to cross more days out of the year than any other 13th District river or harbor entrance. The station includes a main building with administration, operations, galley/messing, and a lookout tower. The unaccompanied personnel housing building has berthing for duty crews, both male and female, and five rooms for ten persons who live aboard. The station maintains 14 housing units in the city of Brookings.

What we do: Station Chetco River has an area of responsibility from Cape Blanco south to more than 20 miles below the California-Oregon border, including Crescent City, Calif. Their duties include rough water rescues, maritime environmental protection, maritime law enforcement, boating safety and implementation of commercial fishing vessel safety regulations.

Accomplished operations: On Jan. 2, 2001, Station Chetco River responded to a mayday call from the fishing vessel Charabi. The vessel was four miles south of Chetco River when they realized their engine room was engulfed in flames. Two rescue boats were launched. One vessel recovered the three crewmembers, while the other fought the fire. The vessel suffered too much damage and sank. Fortunately all crewmembers were recovered with no injuries.



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