



USCGC Henry Blake (WLM 563)

Active Duty Personnel: 28
Reserve Personnel: 0
Civilian Personnel: 0
Payroll: \$840,000
Annual Budget: \$261,000

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Established: The Coast Guard Cutter Henry Blake is one of the newest cutters to the Pacific Northwest. Henry Blake was [commissioned Oct. 27, 2000](#) at the U.S. Naval Station Everett, Wash. Henry Blake's first commanding officer is Lt. Michael W. Glander. The state-of-the-art, [175-foot buoy tender](#) replaced the 180-foot Coast Guard Cutter Mariposa (WLB 397), which was decommissioned March 31, 2000. The Henry Blake was named for the New Dungeness Spit Lighthouse keeper. New Dungeness Spit Light, located on Washington's Olympic Peninsula, was first lit Dec. 14, 1857, making it the first active lighthouse in the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

Accomplished Operations: After the commissioning ceremony, the Henry Blake wasted no time servicing the Pacific Northwest. Capt. Niels P. Thomsen (ret.) was formally recognized during the commissioning ceremony. Capt. Thomsen designed and created the mechanical chain stopper, a device which improved the efficiency of buoy handling. His invention, which was motivated by the safety of his crew, has been employed by the U.S. Coast Guard since 1949.



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What we do: The Henry Blake has an area of responsibility that includes the Puget Sound, Strait of Juan de Fuca, and the northern coastal portion of the 13th District. Henry Blake's primary mission is servicing navigational aids, but it also provides marine environmental protection and search and rescue.