



CAMANO PREPAREDNESS GROUP DECEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



Upcoming Meetings

Board Meetings –

1st Tuesday of the month; Vista Madrona Fire Station unless otherwise indicated; 1-3 pm.

General Meetings – 2nd Thursday of the month; Vista Madrona Fire Station; 7-9 pm.

The Tuesday, December 3rd board meeting will be held at 1 pm, at the Vista Madrona Fire Station, 273 N West Camano Dr.

Thursday, December 12th will be our CPG Christmas Party in place of the general meeting. Time: 5-8 pm; Location: Camano Yacht Club, 129 North Sunset Dr., Camano Island WA. The party is a potluck dinner with the CPG providing the main dish along with coffee, tea, and punch. Alcohol is permissible – BYOB. There will also be drawings for a couple of prizes. Bring your favorite potluck dish and join us for an evening of good food and good friendship. If you plan to attend and have not already done so, please contact Rhonda Paulson – rspaulson,rp@gmail.com.

Looking Back on November

Sue Ryan's informative Volcanoes in Our Backyard presentation at our November general meeting was well attended and greatly appreciated. If you were unable to make the meeting, watch for her to make the presentation again in the future.

Aside from our general meeting, November was a remarkably quiet month activity-wise, in part due to the bomb cyclone that hit the area. Our hope is that all survived the event with a minimum of damage and inconvenience. It is that time of year, however. So, stay prepared!

Making Plans – Weather

Camano's greatest risk concerning disasters is severe weather. Understanding weather can help you become better prepared.

Information for this portion of our newsletter comes from NW Meteorologist Ted Buehner; from NOAA; from the National Weather Service; and from Island County Dept. of Emergency Management.



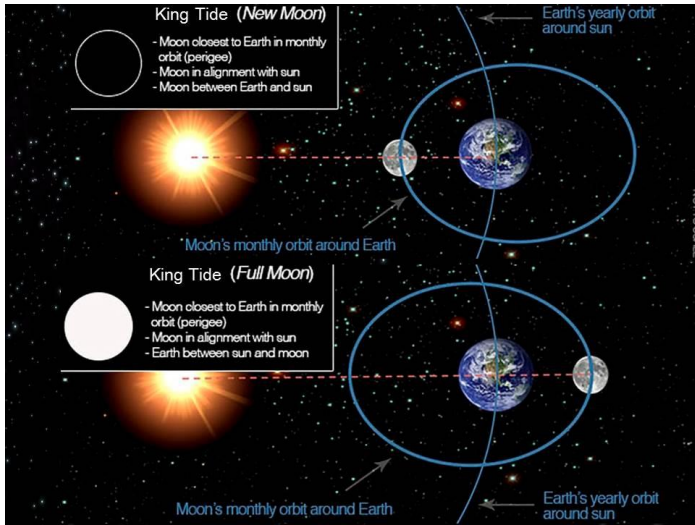
Photo from unknown source – taken during king tide on Washington Coast five years ago.

November marks the beginning of Winter King Tide Season. King tides are the highest of tides and occur twice a year. They are the result of the gravitational dance between the earth, moon, and sun, with increased gravitational pull on our oceans when the moon is at its closest approach to earth. Winter adds more prominence to king tides, as that is when earth is also at its closest approach to the sun. While the gravitational dance with the sun provides less pull due to the greater distance, that pull still increases with earth's closest approach. Highest tides occur when the earth, sun, and moon are aligned in syzygy – that is when they are aligned in a nearly straight-line configuration.





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Common effects of king tides are coastal flooding, coastal erosion, saltwater intrusion into freshwater systems, infrastructure damage, and increased debris washed ashore. With sea levels rising, these effects are becoming more pronounced. Global warming and rising sea levels are also creating more intense storm systems, which can create dangerous storm surges. If such surges occur during a king tide, the damage can be even more severe.



Photo from Sound Water Stewards January 2, 2023 article.

Be sure to check tide charts. If you live on the waterfront, prepare your property and get to higher ground prior to king tides, particularly if it is accompanied by storm surges. If you are traveling along the island, know which roads are likely to be affected. Do not drive into flooded areas.

Stay safe. Stay dry. Be prepared!

Upcoming Events

The Ever-Present Issue of Weather

The 2024 4th Quarter CERT Workshop was cancelled due to the high wind damage and power outages. Watch for a rescheduling of the event. The topic will be Weather – understanding what drives our weather; learning to be your own weather watcher; and basic preparedness and response measures for severe weather.

Shelter Management

A virtual Shelter Management course will be offered on February 13th and 14th from 1-6pm. If you are interested in taking this online course, please contact Rhonda Paulson – rspaulson.rp@gmail.com.

Planning Ahead for December

An ongoing look at spreading the cost of preparedness over the months. Also included are other measures you can take to prepare for any emergency/disaster.

Items to locate or purchase

Rubbing alcohol

Hydrogen peroxide

Cotton swabs

Antiseptic





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Actions to take:

Re-inventory your supplies and replenish what is needed. Check out the FEMA Individual Studies for online courses. These are free!

Useful Websites:

*Should any of these links fail to work, try doing a copy and paste to your browser.

CPG – www.camanopreparednessgroup.org

CPG Facebook –

www.facebook.com/CamanoPreparednessGroup

FEMA – <https://training.fema.gov/is/>

CIFR – <https://camanofire.com>

ICDEM (Island County Dept. of Emergency Management) –

<https://www.islandcountywa.gov/170/Departmentof-Emergency-Management>

Earthquake Country Alliance –

www.earthquakecountry.org/prepare/

Stanwood Camano Amateur Radio Club –

www.scarcwa.org

Robert Mitchell, MD, FACOG – Disaster Medicine Project –

<https://www.facebook.com/DisasterMedicineProject>

US Coast Guard –

<https://uscgboating.org/mobile/>

How to make a Crisco Emergency Light –

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=xnNHM4OLkvE>

Disability Related Preparedness Resources –

****Google:** [Inclusive Preparedness Resources](#) | [American Red Cross](#)

WSDOT –

<https://wsdot.com/travel/real-time/map>

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**We will never be
Disaster Proof, but we can be Disaster
Ready!**

**Remember – preparedness is not a
mindset of doom and gloom. It is your
insurance to help you manage and
recover from a crisis.**

Preparedness Is –

A State of Mind!



**May Your Holidays be Safe and
Joyful!**

