

OBMP's EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S (CAPT Len Tumbarello) SHIP RIDE WITH THE **COLUMBIA RIVER PILOTS (COLRIP) ON 10 FEBRUARY 2026**

From start to finish, the experience was outstanding. The launch crews demonstrated exceptional professionalism and seamanship, safely and efficiently getting us to and from the ship—both crews were incredibly impressive in their own right. Once aboard, I had the opportunity to observe Pilots Capt. Cory Williams and Capt. Kyle Burkhalter in action. Their expertise, calm command presence, and deep knowledge of the river system were on full display and reinforced the high professional standards upheld by COLRIP pilots.

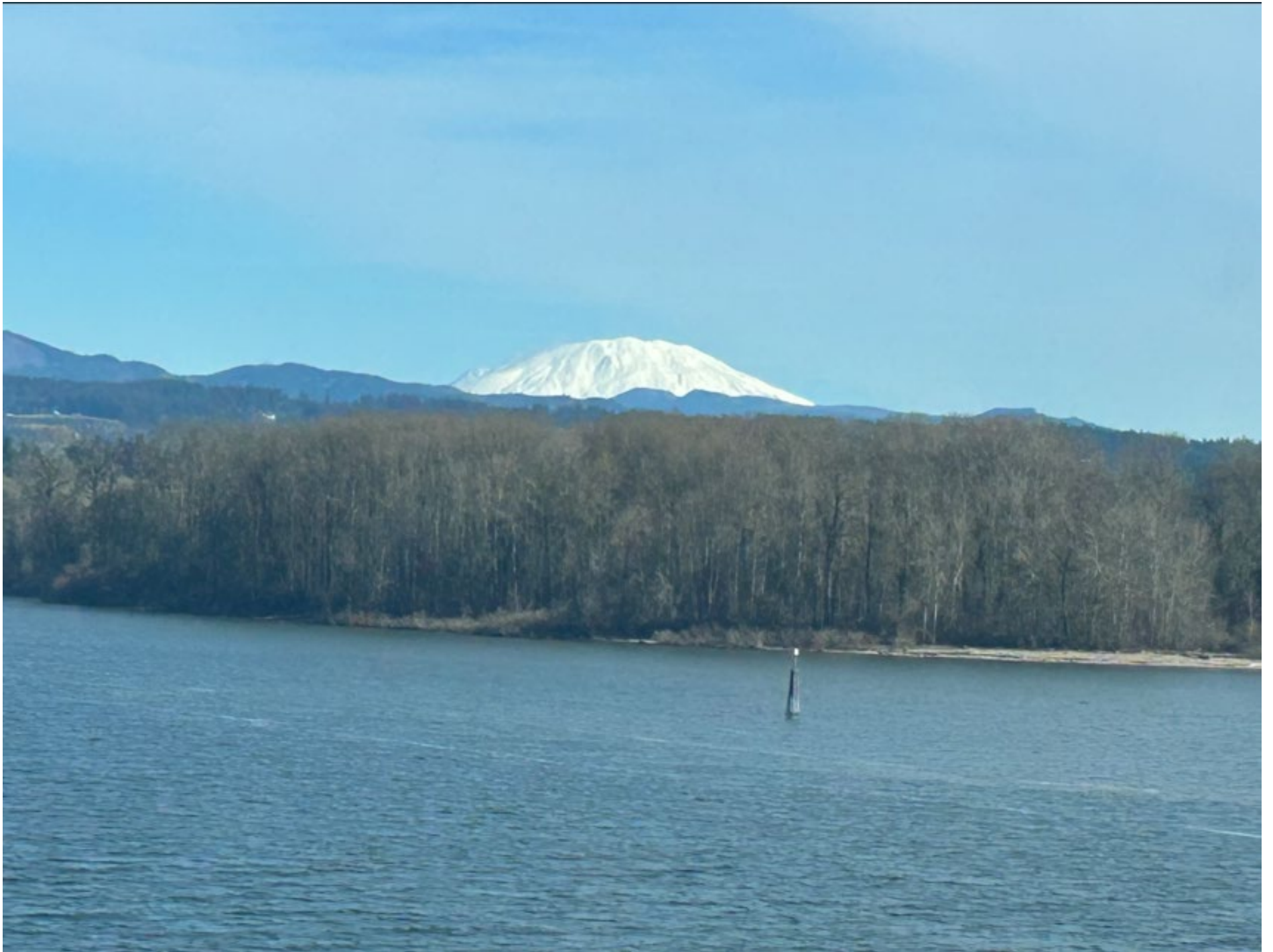
We were also warmly welcomed by the Captain and crew of the 600-foot tanker CHAMPION POLAR, whose hospitality was first-class. The onboard lunch was excellent, and the entire transit was complemented by absolutely gorgeous weather—one of those rare, picture-perfect days on the river. Take a look at the pictures below!!

























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