

JUN 12 - FORT STEVENS STATE PARK, ASTORIA, OR

Well, I must admit I was hoping that Ali would be repaired and good to go for another few thousand miles, but such is not the case.

Tillamook RV Repair replaced both rear springs, so we're safe to head home. But when we get home we'll have to have Ali looked at further as Tillamook RV indicated that the rear axle appears bent (upwards), compared to the front axle. So...they suggested that the whole assembly should be replaced. I'll have to get in touch with ICBC to see how much of the repair/replacement is covered with our policy.




On our drive north on Hwy 101, we stopped at Mo's in Cannon Beach for lunch on the way. The weather was okay and the view from our table was nice.

We arrived at Fort Stevens State Park just west of Astoria, OR and decided to stay for 2 nights to do a bit of sightseeing.

While Jen rested, I went looking for the ship wreck in the park.



The Peter Iredale




Technology in Transition


The *Peter Iredale* was built in 1890 during the transitional period before wooden sail-powered vessels were replaced with all metal steamships. Advances in iron and steel forging marked the start of the Industrial Revolution, and the end of the era of wooden sailing ships. Constructed of steel plates over iron frames, steel masts, and a partial iron deck, the *Peter Iredale* was a typical example of technology in transition.

Many steel hulled sailing ships built in the early 1900s were converted to steam-powered vessels. However, the *Peter Iredale*, already in service for 16 years, would soon have been retired had she not run aground.


The *Peter Iredale* was 287 feet long, 30 feet wide, and 23 feet deep. She was a 4 masted bark - 3 fore masts with square sails and 1 aft mast with triangular sails. Built by Riston of Mayport, England and christened in 1890, she transported grain from the Pacific Northwest to Australia.



Descendants of John Porter display a company flag in front of the wreck's diminishing skeleton. The white flag with a blue cross was nicknamed by sailors as the Pens, Ink and Paper Line.



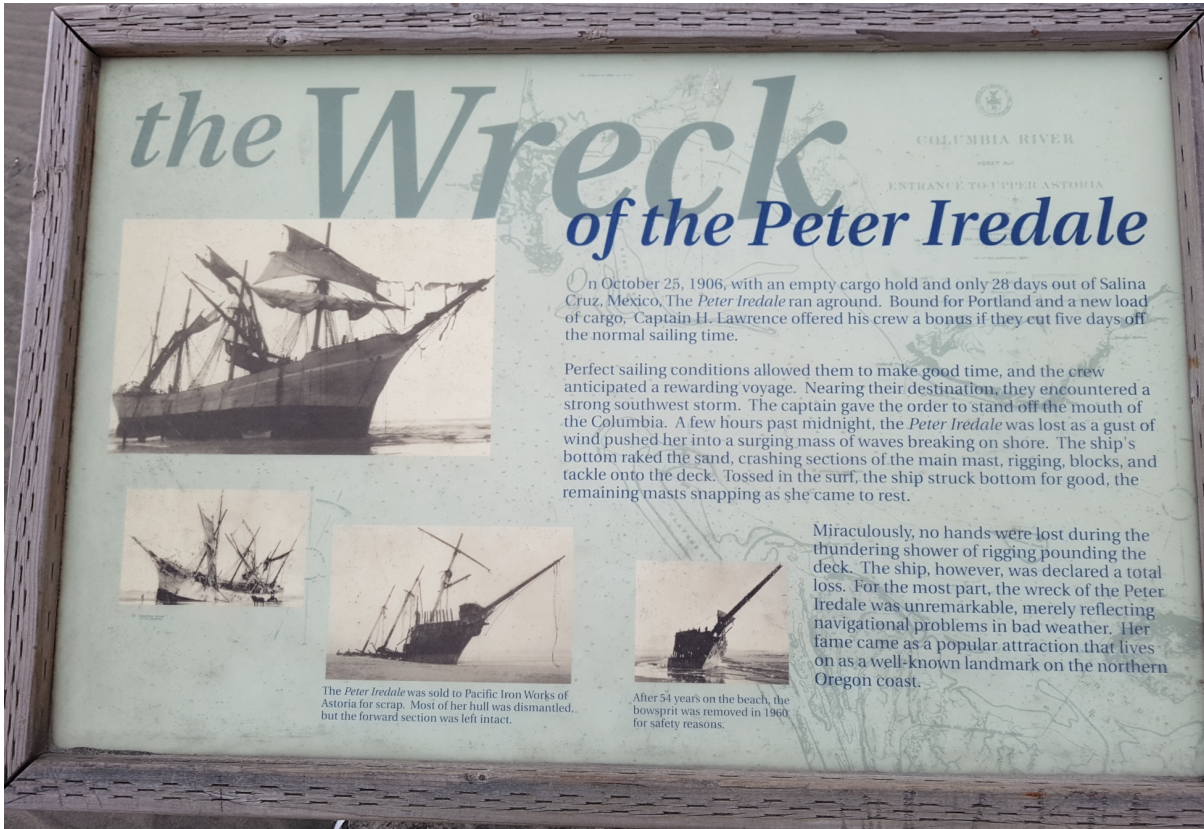
Peter Iredale



John Porter

PI & P

The Peter Iredale & John Porter Line was part of the Pacific Coast Wheat Fleet, transporting grain from the Pacific Northwest to Australia, and coal and wool to England. Peter Iredale and John Porter owned 24 ships similar to the *Peter Iredale*, including the *Astoria*. After the wreck of the *Peter Iredale*, the PI & P Line diminished. Sea losses, low sales, and the advent of modern steamships all took their toll.



I then drove to the end of the spit of land in the park and found this beach on the Columbia River.



On the way back to the campsite, I saw some elk in Trestle Bay.



Join us tomorrow to see where we go.