

Sunset Oceanfront Lodging

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Family Owned & Operated since 1936

Sunset Oceanfront Lodging, family owned & operated motel located on the bluff above Bandon Beach. Established by Herbert and Clara Brown with their son and daughter-in-law, Vern and Mabel Brown, the motel has grown from a modest pair of duplexes to a 66-unit complex.



Herbert & Clara Brown

The Great Bandon Fire of 1936 destroyed most of Bandon, including both Brown residences. After the fire, the family relocated to a site with a great



view of Face Rock and other sea stacks.

Herbert and Vern were experienced contractors who helped rebuild the town before erecting two small duplexes side by side on their new property. Herbert and Clara lived in one building, Vern and Mabel lived in another, and the other two units were rented. Herbert and Clara eventually moved away, but Vern and Mabel stayed.

As a member of the PTA, Mabel was aware of a need for housing for teachers and convinced Vern to help out by building additional rooms. After WWII, Vern connected the two buildings with a row of six small apartments and eight rooms, which formed a U-shape, to provide affordable housing for teachers in the Bandon School District September to June and then to travelers during the summer.



April 14, 1960, a fire claimed 2/3 of the structure.



For a while, only two apartments and four sleeping rooms remained. Vern Brown rebuilt and enlarged the motel, in honor of Mabel, building 12 more Units (18 total with one apartment for his family).

Vern believed in expanding the motel to allow quality access to what he believed was the best view of the Pacific Ocean.

Vern began building the Original Oceanfront, adding **1970's**



six more units with the help of his son-in-law, Harold Longland, 1969 - 1971.

In 1985, Vern's daughter Judy & Carl Densmore took over operations, and in **1988, Vern H. Brown Addition** honoring Vern himself was built. All Units in this 3-story building on the sea-bluff has a balcony providing unsurpassed ocean view.



Vern H. Brown

In 1989, Judy and Carl sold an adjacent lot to the Iverson's, who built Lord Bennett's. Vern's grandsons, Bryan and Jeff Longland, grew up helping their grandfather at the beach resort.



After college, they returned with their families to help manage the business and design the OV Studios.

The motel's name was changed from "Sunset Motel" to "Sunset Oceanfront Lodging" acknowledging its beachfront location and the wide variety of Rooms.



2000, Ocean View Studios opened. The 2-story addition has spacious rooms with fireplaces, private patios or balconies, along with a spacious new lobby, Pool and Spa.

Bryan and Jeff Longland, overtook operation of the motel in 2002, to continue the tradition of improving the Units and property by making all rooms smoke-free, adding free Wi-Fi in all room types, free breakfast, and private access to the beach.



1988

In 2017, the Vern Brown was fully remodeled.



2017

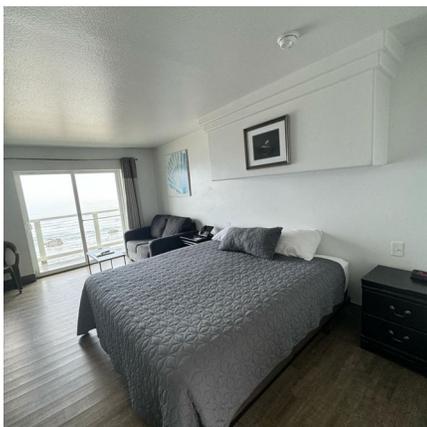


2019

Jan-April 2026:

Original Oceanfront Units 231-236 were fully remodeled and are now all equipped with microwaves, small fridges, and in-room coffee (4-Cup). Original Oceanfront Staircase Overlook also received a remodel to provide excellent ocean views to our Guests.

Thanks for staying with us and keeping Vern's Dream alive all these years!



Vern Brown King Deluxe



Oceanview Studio (King)



Original Oceanfront (2 Double Beds)