



## **WATERFRONT ORGANIZATIONS OF OREGON-February 7, 2024**

Noon WOOO Board Zoom/Live/Hybrid Meeting Minutes –APPROVED

<https://waterfrontoregon.com/>

### **Call to Order / Ron Schmidt**

Thanks and recognition of PYC for their Support - Asia Von Sonn  
(Consider booking your next event at PYC)

Thanks to VP Kelly Butler Holtz and PYC Gen Manager Daniel Wilkins  
for taking on the Zoom/IT operations.

### **Introduction & Roll Call of the 2024 Board**

Secretary Maura Hayes

#### **2024 Board**

##### **PRESIDENT**

X Ron Schmidt (The Planning Group/Oarboard)

##### **VICE PRESIDENT**

X Kelly Butler Holtz (Oregon Yacht Club)

##### **SECRETARY**

X Maura Alice Hayes (Macadam Bay)

##### **TREASURER**

X Stan Tonneson (Rocky Pointe Marina)

##### **TECHNOLOGY OFFICER**

Kellyn Gorman (Bridgeton Harbour)

#### **DIRECTORS**

X Doug Romjue (Executive Director CRYA)

X Harry Braunstein (Portland Yacht Club)

Marlon Bump (Riverplace Harbormaster)

Mark McCuddy (McCuddy's Marinas)

- X Pascal Le Guilly (Schooner Creek Boat Works)
- Justin Teutsch (Columbia Crossings, Inc.)
- Don Gire (Tomahawk Destiny)
- X Randy Phillips (CRYC)
- X Ron Bergmann (2024 President CRYA)
- X Dan Comfort (JBMI)
- X Bob Wilson (Tyee)

### **Welcome & Introductions / Ron Schmidt**

(Those Zoom participants not identified will be removed from meeting)

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Ron Schmidt made a motion to accept January 2024 meeting minutes.  
Kelly Butler Holtz seconded the motion. Minutes approved unanimously.

### **NEWS AND INFO FROM OUR GOVERNMENTAL ALLIES**

#### **Alan Hanson, Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB)**

20 ADVs, 17 out of the water. 2 more need removal, one is missing. They should be removed this week, so funds can be used by the end of the year. Primary focus for ADV removal is the Willamette River through downtown and Multnomah Channel. Sgt Dangler will continue to help identify priority vessels. SB 1590 revokes the Newberg Pool wake surfing rules. The legislative session is underway.

#### **Sean Whalen, Harbormaster, Portland Fire Dept (PFD):**

(Technical issues, Inaudible content 12:20-12:23. No recording.)

A question about the automatic water systems in the condos.

Dry stand-pipes are hard to know if they are cracked.

Do Standpipes use air or water? Both. A lot of time they use water, especially for the blowouts. System low spots have drains that are angled for water drainage.

Winterizing blows out the residual water to minimize freezing and pipe damage.

**Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)**

**Sergeant Steve Dangler, Sergeant Matt Adams, River Patrol Unit (RPU)**

The Polar Plunge Fundraiser for Special Olympics is scheduled for February 24.

Dock walks for vessel registration are imminent. RPU deputies will visit all of the moorages and marinas, checking for current boat registrations which are an integral funding source for OSMB.

Seventeen of twenty boats have now been removed from the Willamette River. DSL is currently posting removal notices on more vessels. Rick Chatman's vessel sunk as did another boat near the Marquam Bridge. They can run vessel reports in the Washington system and some other states. An RPU river office is located at 2200 NW Front near the Fremont Bridge and also functions as a patrol base. Several hundred boats have been removed in the last couple of years. Collaborative efforts are underway to clean up the North Portland Harbor.

**Sergeant Matt Adams, Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)  
503-988-6788 MCSO River Patrol**

He worked as patrol for 5-6 years. Water Patrol 2016-2019 then came to internal operations. He has a lot of water experience. He is a Gresham native, attended Oregon State University, currently lives in Battleground.

**River Community Advisory Committee,(RCAC)**

Kelly Butler Holtz reports that changes to Title 28 have been submitted to the City Council. A new brochure is being developed to help Title 28 for floating structures to be more user-friendly. RCAC is always recruiting new members. Applicants with floating home and construction backgrounds are invited to join this committee. Meetings are held via ZOOM. The Bureau of Development Services (BDS) is responsible for floating home rules.

**Doug Romjue, Columbia River Yacht Club, (CRYA)**

**Ron Bergman, CRYA-** Club parties are beginning soon for the yacht clubs, check their website for events and classes, especially for upcoming Opening Day activities, which is their big annual event. CRYA will be moving Opening Day to the Vancouver Waterfront; the event will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024.

### **Legislative Update**

**Stan Tonneson:** SB1590, sponsored by several legislators, is trying to revoke wake restrictions established by SB1589 in 2022. Wake board enthusiasts and wake boat retailers support this bill. In addition, **Boaters Rights Association** is suing the OSMB and other individuals. In 2022, wakeboarding was banned in the Newberg Pool after a prolonged initiative to change the boating rules.

The marine patrols cannot provide safety for these wake sports. WOOO may want to take a position; a discussion about our position was tabled.

Go online to **Oregon OLIS Session 2024 SB1590** to sign up for email updates and to testify on this issue. <https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2024R1/Measures/Overview/SB1590> (Click on e-subscribe)

A public hearing will be held on February 13 at the State Capitol. Members are asked to submit testimony in opposition of SB1590.

**Renee Morgan - Calmwater Coalition** will guide us and include some talking points.

She says the bill must be amended to prevent wake rule reversal in other river areas, too. If new rules are established in an area, existing rules are repealed. ORS is different from legislative law. State-wide laws are needed to protect environmentally sensitive areas.

**Alan Hanson - OSMB:** The Newberg Pool is a narrow, congested river area. Wake-surfing is banned in several areas. Boats with over 5,000# of ballast are prohibited from wake surfing in this area. SB1590 would remove this restriction and allow boats of 10,000# ballasted weight. OSMB is being sued by **Boaters Rights Association**; they want to go back to the pre-2022 rules.

## **ADVAC-Abandoned Derelict Vessel Work Group**

**Stan Tonneson:** The deep freeze caused a lot of boats to sink. In temperatures below 10 degrees, the sea strainer freezes and cracks the plastic pipe. When the pipe thaws, boats could sink within an hour. Some insurance companies no longer cover salvage (raising from the river bottom). These boats later become “floating hotels”, which add more ADV’s to the waterways.

State Farm abandons any connection to the sunken boat.

Check your policy to see if they cover salvage costs.

If the boat is leaking, there can be insurance coverage for environmental damage. These incomplete policies cost the state hundreds of thousands of dollars. Stan says his marina will not accept boats covered by State Farm Insurance. He says that Progressive Insurance has been the easiest to work with.

## **Stormwater Committee**

**Ron Schmidt:** Monies have been coming in to help reimburse the Buck Family for the Storm Water Fund.

BES sent out an email, asking how to bill over water structures. They still haven’t changed the current wording to reflect any tax on over-water structures. BES Director Dawn Uchiyama assured Ron and acknowledged the change by email.

## **Insurance**

**Ron Schmidt:** United Heritage/Sublimity is not able or willing to write full coverage policies; just limited coverage that resembles standard homeowner policies without Perils Of The Sea coverage.

## **Administrative**

WOOO plans to create a Board Duty Calendar to schedule project and task reminders throughout the year.

## **WOOO Outreach**

To increase scope and funding for WOOO, consider adding a **Sponsorship Program** by large companies that have benefitted from our initiatives.

Ron Schmidt made a **MOTION** to create three levels of sponsorship:

**Platinum \$25,000**

**Silver \$1000**

**Bronze \$500**

Motion was seconded by Kelly Butler Holtz. **MOTION PASSED unanimously.**

This will include WOOO membership and promotional options.

Membership dues are quite low.

Prompt payment of delinquent dues would surely help.

### Current Dues:

Voting Membership \$125 year

Associate \$75 year

**Meeting Adjourned at 1:40 PM**

**Next Board Meeting first Wednesday of the Month March 6, 2024**

**Moorage Leaders Best Practices discussion precedes Board Meeting at 11 AM**

**Submitted by Secretary Maura Hayes**