



## **WATERFRONT ORGANIZATIONS OF OREGON-March 6, 2024**

Noon WOOO Board Zoom/Live/Hybrid Meeting

<https://waterfrontoregon.com/>

### **Call to Order /Vice President, Kelly Butler Holtz**

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**

Doug Romjue (Executive Director CRYA)

X Harry Braunstein (Portland Yacht Club)

X Marlon Bump (Riverplace Harbormaster)

Mark McCuddy (McCuddy's Marinas)

Pascal Le Guilly (Schooner Creek Boat Works)

Justin Teutsch (Columbia Crossings, Inc.)

X Don Gire (Tomahawk Destiny)

X Randy Phillips (CRYC)

Ron Bergmann (2024 President CRYA)

Dan Comfort (JBMI)

Bob Wilson (Tyee)

## **Welcome & Introductions / Kelly Butler Holtz**

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

Stan Tonneson made a motion to accept previous meetings.

Minutes unanimously approved.

### **Treasurer Report, Stan Tonneson**

Previous Balance \$8697

\$109.98 bill for Constant Contact-3 years

Current Balance: \$12,877

He read a list of memberships that are still outstanding.

Re: Stormwater collection Project, he has had zero response from Sundance.

WOOO has attempted to collect this fee and they have not contributed or responded, nor are they paying WOOO membership thus far.

Elsewhere, the fund collected \$45,000 towards reimbursing the Stormwater fight expenses.

Marlin Bump: Would it be possible to send the billings by email?

Stan has tried it that way, it was unsuccessful.

Ron Schmidt asks What about Credit Card Payments with automatic renewal or Bank Routing Number? Perhaps look into that?

Stan : Almost everyone pays by organizational check.

## NEWS AND INFO FROM OUR GOVERNMENTAL ALLIES

### **Alan Hanson: ADVAC-Abandoned Derelict and Abandoned Vessels Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB)**

We finished the 17 of the 20 derelict vessels in this round of clean-up.

A Question was asked about the sporting wake rules in a particular section of the channel that is unclear, needs better signage.

Alan Hanson will look into it, as he is a new hire.

Kelly Holtz: The DSL launched a new website, please look at it. They have a questionnaire about Derelict Vessels, DV.

Stan Tonneson: The Task Force is drafting ideas for legislation and soliciting ideas by online survey, due this Friday. They are doing a very thorough job, it is not a small task.

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

May 24 is the Opening Day for the Rose Festival on the Willamette River. The Fleet Week is June 5th-9th. US Navy, US Coast Guard, Canadian Navy and other vessels are featured.

A recent South Bar Bay incident reveals some safety factors that they have been warning about. The PFD lost time responding to a boat fire in Hayden Bay whose location was not easily identifiable. It is important to have your moorage extremely well marked (**boat side**) for the Fire Boat to locate the location. Feature the names of the moorages, addresses, house or vessel number prominently displayed boat-side.

If using a space heater, secure it well to prevent slip-overs and create enough spacial allowances. Columbia River Yacht Club had a small electrical fire.

Vessel Sea Strainers- double check them on a monthly basis, they lost 9 vessels during the recent big freeze, several of which were big boats 45'+.

Stan Tonneson stresses having emergency response protocols in place for each moorage and marina. Get someone up to the parking lot to guide the emergency rescue team. Open and keep the gate open for them.

### **Columbia River Yacht Club, CRYC**

Stan Tonneson was their recent guest speaker to promote WOOO. Both organizations overlap in a number of ways. CRYC is currently planning the first Opening Boat Parade on the first Saturday in May.

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

**Sergeant Steve Dangler and Sergeant Matt Adams, Marine Division**

Spread the word about Derelict Vessel (DV) marine issues. The South Channel boats are "residents". Enforcements are hard to do if they are "residents". 85% of the citations in the North Harbor are "residents".

They helped organize the Polar Plunge on February 24. 929 funders raised \$301,000 for the Special Olympics charity.

They hosted the sportsman event. Chad and Sgt Dangler presented a Coast Guard Safety event for the flotilla. They have been working with OSMB and DSL on key DV vessels.

Fatality Incident: In South Bar Bay, someone fell into the river, they were unable to make it back in the boat, they found him deceased. They urge boaters to have swim ladders. The river is a cold 47 degrees right now. This is Steve Dangler's last ZOOM call with us before he retires in 51 days!

Don Gire: What happened to the fire boat that sunk near Tyee?  
Sgt Dangler doesn't know, the Coast Guard was working with the owner.

Ron Schmidt: How can we easily access the list of wake violators?

Perhaps we can use social pressure to urge compliance if we know who they are.

Sgt Dangler: The names cannot be released, but the numbers and location can be. Signage is provided via OSMB and the wake rules are listed in the OAR South Channel, Columbia River

Question: Previous Homeless encampment has some kind of work going on, is it ongoing clean up? The Homeless Camp under the I-5 Bridge has a clean up underway. The paddle wheel boat at 125th has been tagged for removal by DSL, it is on the list.

**Social Committee-Jane Gire:**

Discussion commenced, with agreement, on re-using the Columbia River Yacht Club for the WOOO annual dinner.

**November 2nd** is the best date option for that location.

Jane made a Motion was made for that date.

Seconded with unanimous approval.

**SAVE THE DATE: WOOO Annual Dinner November 2, 2024.**

**Legislative Update-Stan Tonneson:**

SD-90 to appeal 1689 was tabled in this last legislative session.

**Insurance Committee-Don Gire:**

United Heritage has now merged with Sublimity.

He has been studying United Heritage's product offer for homeowners insurance policies. 800 Homes are affected, millions of dollars spent on insurance. There are three choices of insurers: Lloyds of London, Red Shield, United Heritage-now merged with Sublimity.

Sublimity is a small, B-rated company that has focussed on farm and non-water related business. They have ceased the previous policies. In February they started sending out termination letters, followed with a quote for a renewal for a Home & Family Policy, identifying the assets. Letters state "please consult with your agent".

It provides less insurance coverage than the homeowners policy. Under “contents”, vehicles, theft, weight of ice and snow. It covers the perils of vehicles. A boat is a vehicle, but they do not consider collision to be a peril. The language on freezing is important but the policies do not address that with their phrasing. “Back-up of sewerage” was previously covered. They seem new to this type of insurance need. They want to be farm insurers, not floating home insurers.

If you have more than 50% saturation within a moorage, they will not write in any more policies, to reduce company risk. The best policy coverage is Red Shield, based in Portland, they want to insure floating homes. They are almost twice as expensive as United because United hasn’t sustained any major losses. Red Shield covers Perils of The Seas.

**Max Davidson** introduced their insurance business.  
**max@davidsoninsurance.com** or **360-514-9550 xt 323**  
[max@davidsoninsurance.com](mailto:max@davidsoninsurance.com)

Max McCuddy @ Davidson & Associates Insurance is an independent insurance company in Vancouver with 30 employees. He believes that the needs of marine environments have been under-represented.

American Modern will insure Floating Homes, Red Shield still has the best coverage.

Don Gire: There are a few specialty agencies that insure floating homes, he brought United Heritage our way ten years ago. Tom Hokanson writes policies, they have 50% of the total market insured. <https://hokansoninsurance.com>

### **Stormwater Committee**

Ron Schmidt: We need to keep an eye on City Hall re: the recent Stormwater fees. They have a proposal to increase fees even after Mingus Mapps’ recent intervention.

Today’s agenda item for the Portland, OR City Council Meeting Item 212 revises (raises) storm water and sewerage fees. In supporting doc Exhibit

A, it lists the rates, we are mentioned as a line item for overwater structures. Due to our recent successful “no tax” initiative, we are not subject to the stormwater fee, yet they have us listed there. We should not be included in the overwater fee category *at all* to reduce future rate increases.

**Write to City Hall TODAY—immediately to object to floating homes being entered into this category and Line Item Fee Charge:**

**<https://www.portland.gov/council/documents/ordinance/revise-sewer-and-stormwater-rates-charges-and-fees-fiscal-year-2024-25>**

### **DSL Funding Grant**

\$200,000 in DSL Grants is available for those working on water enhancements. We are covering a lot of tasks like this, perhaps we can make the waterfront better by applying for these funds?

Frank Gonzales of Gonzo Boatworks [frank@gonzoboatworks.com](mailto:frank@gonzoboatworks.com) has worked with DV boats in Washington, giving boat owners options for responsible boat disposal.

Harry Braunstein spoke of the disposal initiatives of this company, 50% of each vessels get recycled. They give many options for pick up or delivery.

### **WOOO Outreach**

Ron makes a **MOTION**: Anyone who signs up a WOOO Members will get a free lunch in the next meeting. Motion is unanimously **PASSED**.

**Meeting Adjourned at 1:39 PM**

**Next Board Meeting first Wednesday of the Month April 3, 2024  
Moorage Best Practices Meeting precedes Board Meeting at 11 AM**

**Submitted-Secretary Maura Hayes**