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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOVEMBER 8, 2001

To those of you who were unable to attend the general membership meeting, there were four speakers whose messages are timely and need to be repeated. Our first speaker was **Chief Warrant Officer, Bob Coster, U.S. Coast Guard.**

Chief Coster talked to us about the increased security on the waterways. Their office is responsible for marine security, including the safety of the bridges, waterways, locks and dams. They coordinate with the Corps of Engineers, the state, city and county municipalities along the waterways.

After the recent bridge scare they began to work in the area from Astoria to Bonneville Dam. This area has 15 major bridges. They formed a coalition with county municipalities that brought in the Coast Guard to maintain a 24 hour a day, 7 day per week presence on the water in the vicinity of our major bridges.

Chief Coster said it is very important that all of us who use the waterways be especially aware of things that are going on around us that are unusual and to report this activity, even though it seems inconsequential to you. He believes that the average person using the waterways is more in a position to thwart and witness such things as drug violations, trafficking, smuggling, people taking pictures of industrial areas such as tank farms, etc., and there are a lot of dangerous chemicals on the river and a lot of stored petroleum. All of these industries are very susceptible to sabotage.

They need boat numbers, any identifying features, type of boat, etc. Chief Coster will be happy to take any calls. His number is (503) 240-9324. His Operations Center is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and that number is (503) 240-9311. He said: "If it doesn't seem right to you—it's probably not right."

Editor's Note

Relating to the above, Tom McInnis, President of the Waterfront Organizations wrote a letter to the Multnomah County Commissioners on behalf of the organization members requesting that they do not reduce funding of the River Patrol either in the current or future budget considerations. He wanted to reinforce our position that this entity provides a very important function in helping with safety and security on our waterways and upland areas.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

1. To encourage and promote Educational programs aimed at all users of Oregon's waterfront and waterways in order to increase public access to the river as a gathering place for a wide range of waterway activities.
2. To foster stewardship of Oregon's waterways with an eye toward environmental responsibility and recreational use, making our organization available for projects that benefit Oregon's waterways.
3. To monitor and communicate with governmental agencies to ensure that members are fully informed of waterway and waterfront regulations and policy changes that potentially impact the members of the waterfront community.
4. To network and associate with other groups as a resource for the common interests and benefits of all waterway users.

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Jill Andrick Oregon State Marine Board

Ms. Andrick began her talk by telling us that Dave Obern, Facilities Manager, who many of us knew and had worked with, had resigned to take a position with the Portland Development Commission. He had been with the Board for 15 years. Ron Rhodehamel, Supervisor, Facility Engineering, has been named to replace Dave as manager of the facilities program. She believes this will be a smooth transition since Ron has been with the agency for more than 13 years.

In conjunction with safety and security on the waterways, she said that the law enforcement group is conducting an assessment of needs, and have been charged by the legislative session to report back on ways to use boater's safety dollars to fund county law enforcement programs and state police law enforcement programs and work in concert with the Coast Guard and other agencies so that there is not an over-emphasis in some areas, while other areas are overlooked. This report is expected to be produced by the end of 2002.

Registration notices were mailed at the end of October and the automated process is working so well that the turnaround between the time you send your registration and check back and you get your tags is now just days. They do encourage people to get their registrations in early rather than wait until Memorial Day when you want to use your boat for the first time and then say, "Gosh, I should have done that earlier".

Jill was asked if the Board intended to register non-motorized craft. She said that a study was done last summer on non-motorized boat registration in states around the country and it was found that 12 states currently have some kind of program in operation for registration of non-motorized boats. However, no decision has been made as to whether to move forward with a legislative proposal. A final report on this study is expected by early next year.

We enjoyed having Jill come to the meeting. It's always nice to be able to put a face with a name.



From *Marine Board News*, we learn: The newly updated Oregon Marina Guide is available free from the Oregon State Marine Board. It will help operators of larger boats find suitable marinas and moorage facilities across the state. The guide lists public and private marinas and also gives an idea of the available facilities, such as fuel, showers, waste collection, etc.

We also learn that fatal accidents involving non-motorized boats doubled in 2001. Fourteen people died in boating accidents this year and of the fourteen fatalities, eight involved manually powered craft such as kayaks, canoes and rafts. The victims were generally inexperienced and some of them may have been under the influence of drugs or alcohol. All but one of these people were **not** wearing a life jacket

The youth life jacket law seems to be working. There were no boating fatalities involving young people this year. The Marine Board estimates that 90-plus percent of young people 12 and younger wear their life jackets as required by law, and if they could just convince mom and dad to wear them boating fatalities could be reduced even more. **Please make sure you are not one of the people whose life could have been saved by wearing your life jacket.**



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CLASS HARBOR DREDGING

**Carl Von Dreele, Chairman
Dredging Operations**

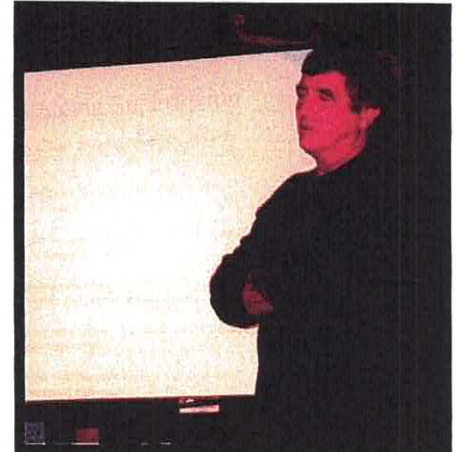


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David would like to thank the group at Class Harbor Marina for being so conscientious about coming to him with all their questions and concerns rather than going to the workmen on the job. He felt this moved the work along much more smoothly.

**David Grant, Supervisor
Dredging Operations**



Carl gave a very comprehensive talk including his 8 step program for getting dredging done. The steps are:

1. Get Organized
2. Prepare a Project Plan
3. Develop Dredging Plan
4. Determine Sediment Sampling Equipment
5. Complete Permit Application
6. Secure Financing
7. Negotiate Contracts
8. Supervise Dredging Project, and
Follow up, Follow up, Follow up

Carl and David will be happy to go over all the steps with you whenever you get ready to dredge, and our President, Tom McInnis, advises that "some of you won't—but the vast majority eventually will, end up having to take some of the Division of State Land's dirt out from under your moorage so that you can float your boats and homes".

Upcoming Elections

It's hard to believe another year is about to slip into history and the time to elect officers and directors for the new year is at hand. I would like to thank the current officers and board of directors for their work and participation throughout the last year; they have done a great job and it is greatly appreciated. If you would like to serve as an officer or director in the coming year, or if you know of someone who you feel would, please contact the nominating committee chair, Mike Bostwick, at 503-735-1234, and let him know. Once again, thanks for all your help and hard work.

Respectfully
Tom McInnis, President



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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Here are a couple of "Make-Ahead" potato recipes, both good, but the Potatoes Romanoff are really special. The recipe was given by Dikeside Moorage resident, Roxanne Besmehn.

POTATOES ROMANOFF

6 large potatoes
1 pint sour cream
3-4 green onions, chopped
2 cups grated cheddar cheese
1-1/2 tsp seasoned salt
1/4 tsp pepper
Paprika
Melted butter



Cook potatoes in jackets until done (you can cook the night before). Peel and shred into a large bowl. Add melted butter (1/4 to 1/2 cup), sour cream, green onion, salt and pepper and cheese. Mix. Spread into a buttered 11-3/4 X 7-1/2 X 1-3/4 baking pan. Top with more grated cheese and sprinkle paprika over. Cover with saran and refrigerate several hours or overnight. Bake uncovered—350 deg. 30-40 minutes. Enjoy!

Large Crowd Make-Ahead Mashed Potatoes

5 pounds potatoes, peeled and quartered (about 15 medium)
6 oz. cream cheese
1 cup light sour cream
2 tsp. Onion powder
1 tsp salt
1/2 tsp black pepper
2 egg whites, slightly beaten
1 tbs. Butter

Cook potatoes in large pot of boiling water until tender, about 20 minutes. Drain; mash until there are no lumps. Add cream cheese, sour cream, onion powder, salt, pepper and egg whites; blend well. Spray 9 X 13 in. casserole with nonstick cooking spray. Add potato mixture. Dot with margarine. Cool slightly, cover and refrigerate up to 7 days. Take out of refrig. 30 min. before baking. Bake in a 350 deg. Oven 40 minutes, or until steaming hot in center. Or reheat in a slow cooker on low for 3 hours. Good take-along for holiday dinners.



Christmas Ship Schedule

Christmas ships will be traveling both the Columbia and Willamette rivers from Monday, December 10 to Saturday, December 22. Both fleets will be traveling from Coon Island up the Multnomah Channel on Sunday, the 16th, leaving Coon Island at 4:00 p.m., expected to arrive in Scappoose at 5:00 p.m., (but I believe it will be a little earlier than that) and continuing to the St. Johns area.

You can get the entire schedule by going to their web site at www.christmasships.org. During the 33 years living on the river, this has been the highlight of the entire year. All of us appreciate the efforts of these dedicated men and women to bring us Christmas cheer. Merry Christmas to all of them.

A friend is someone we turn to
When our spirits need a lift
A friend is someone we treasure
For our friendship is a gift
A friend is someone who fills our lives
With beauty, joy, and grace
And makes the world we live in
A better and happier place

