

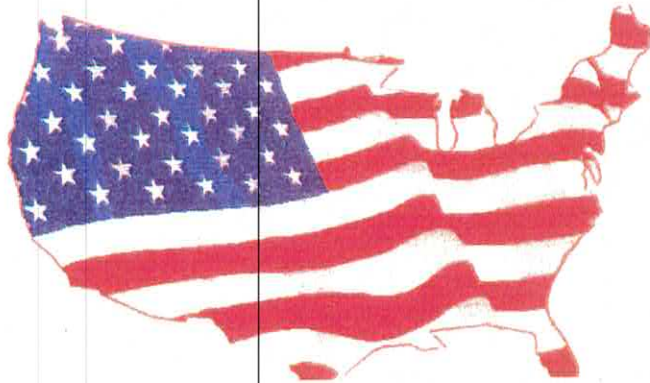


# ON THE WATERFRONT

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## God Bless America



This poem was taken from the *South County Spotlight*—Author Unknown

*It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.  
It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.  
It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who has given us the freedom to demonstrate.  
It is the soldier, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.  
It is the soldier, who salutes the flag, who serves under the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag.*

A protest raged on a courthouse lawn, around a makeshift stage they charged on, 1,500 or more they say, had come to burn our flag that day.

A boy held up the folded flag, cursed it, and called it a dirty rag.

An old man pushed through the angry crowd, with a rusty shotgun shouldered proud.

His uniform jacket was old and tight, he had polished each button, shiny and bright.

He crossed that stage with a soldier's grace, until he and the boy stood face to face. "Freedom of speech," the old man said, "is worth dying for, good men are dead. So you can stand on this courthouse lawn, and talk us down from dusk to dawn, but before any flag gets burned today,

This old man is going to have his say!  
My father died on a foreign shore, in a war they said would end all war.

And Tommy and I weren't even full grown, before we fought in a war of our own.

And Tommy died on Iwo Jima's beach, in the shadow of a hill he couldn't quite reach, where five good men raised this flag so high,  
That the whole world could see it fly!

I got this bum leg that I still drag, fighting for this same old flag.

Now there's but one shot in this old gun, so now it's time to decide which one.

Which one of you will follow our lead, to stand and die for what you believe?

For as sure as there is a rising sun, you'll burn in hell "fore this flag burns, son."

Now this riot never came to pass.

The crowd got quiet and that can of gas, got set aside as they walked away to talk about what they had heard this day.

And the boy who had called it a "dirty rag," handed the old soldier the folded flag.

So the battle of the flag this day was won

By a tired old soldier with a rusty gun, who for one last time, had to show to some, **this flag may fade, but these colors don't run!**

### 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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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—SEPTEMBER, 2001

The grievous tragedies of September 11th, 2001 will forever be etched in our minds, but so too will be the memories of courage, compassion and our resolve to carry on. As a society we have all suffered a great loss, none so great however as those individuals and families whose lives have been so directly and dramatically impacted. Our hearts and prayers go out to them with the hope that in time and with the strength of conviction they, as well as we, will be healed.

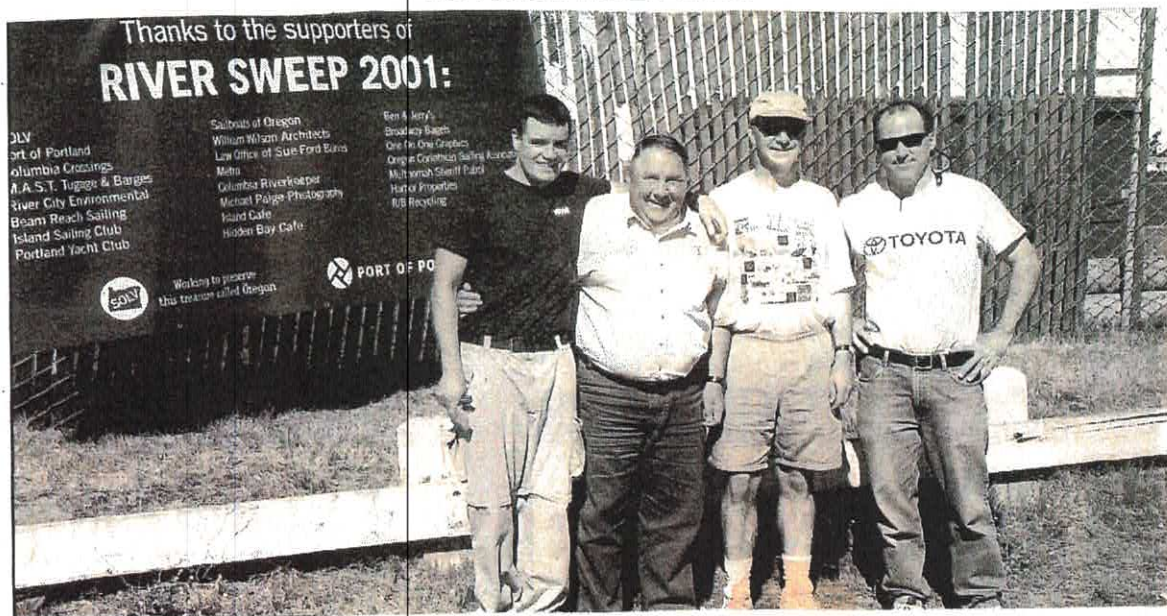
Although not as histrionic as today's current events, the coming months will bring various issues to the forefront which will directly and indirectly affect the waterfront community and the users of Oregon's waterways for many years into the future. These issues will vary from the **Cleanup of the Willamette River**, "**The Endangered Species Act**" as to how governmental agencies rules, regulations and policies will pertain to its enforcement of who gets rights to the use of water and for what purpose and how structures will be allowed to exist, be built and maintained, to the revision of the "**Administrative Rules for Authorizing Structures On, and Use of State Owned Submerged and Submersible Land by Lease, Registration, Temporary Use Permit, and Public Facility License**" by the D.S.L. These are only a portion of the issues that will need attention in the coming months.

We need your help and support to address these issues, through your membership, participation at meetings and on committees, feedback on issues that are of concern, and simply put, your thoughts, ideas and just plain involvement. Please get involved.

Hope the summer season was good fun for all and that in fall you'll answer the call.

Respectfully  
Tom McInnis

## RIVER SWEEP 2001



Pictured above are the leaders and organizers of this year's River Sweep. They are (from left) Christopher Swain, our own Don Ruppell of M.A.S.T. towing, Larry Cotton, and Scott Crosby

At our July 12, 2001 meeting we reported that Don Ruppell introduced Scott Crosby who, as a member of the sailing community, was organizing a trash pickup from the banks of the Columbia River between the I-5 bridge and the I-205 bridge on August 25.

It has been reported that 160 volunteers showed up for this first annual River Sweep, and that they collected more than 10,000 lbs. of debris from the area beaches. **GOOD JOB** guys and gals.

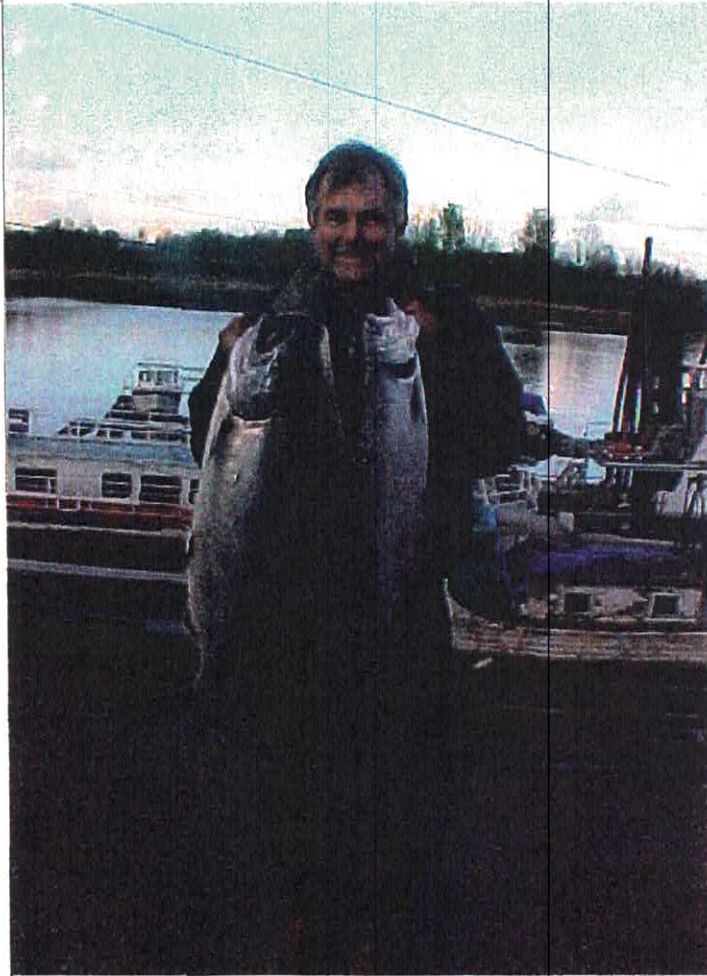


## BOARD OF DIRECTORS—2002

It will soon be time to elect a Board of Directors for 2002. A nomination sheet will be issued along with a 2001 Directory for your membership information. Please take a minute or two to check this sheet out and make your nominations for the 2002 Board and return it. It is imperative that we have interested and dedicated people for this very important period in the negotiations with the various governmental agencies in order to maintain our lifestyles. All members are encouraged to put their names in the hat for the Board.

The Board meets once a month, on the 2nd Thursday at the Tyee Yacht Club.

The 2002 Board of Directors will be voted on at a general meeting in January, 2002.



Dan Gulbrandson with his "BIG FISH". Dan says that fishing is the best this year he's ever seen. After El Nino and La Nina and whatever, it looks like the ocean is coming back and providing food for the fish again.

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### CIOPPINO

I have been told that the Italian fishermen made this dish on the wharves in San Francisco using up the seafood that was left over after selling the day's catch. Since we are going into the "comfort food" season, this will be a good one. This recipe is supposed to serve 8 but I would think it would serve more like 12.

#### Soup Base

- 1-1/2 cups olive oil
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup chopped fresh fennel bulb
- 12 garlic cloves, peeled, flattened
- 1/4 cup tomato paste
- 1 28 oz. can, plus 2 cups diced tomatoes in juice
- 1 bunch fresh basil
- 4 large fresh thyme sprigs
- 4 large fresh parsley sprigs
- 2 large fresh oregano springs
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tsp dried, crushed red pepper
- 4 8-oz. Bottles clam juice
- 2 cups dry white wine

#### Seafood

- 2 lbs. uncooked large shrimp
  - 2 lbs. crabmeat
  - 16 large sea scallops
  - 2 lbs. halibut or other dense fish
- Heat oil in large pot (at least 8 quart capacity) over medium high heat. Add onions, celery, fennel and garlic; saute 5 minutes. Mix in tomato paste; add tomatoes with juices, herbs and crushed pepper; add clam juice and wine. Bring to a boil and reduce heat and simmer uncovered one hour. Add seafood and cook until it is done through and opaque, about 5 to 10 minutes. Serve sprinkled with more parsley and Italian bread to sop up the juices.

#### OR:

Go to Fred Meyer's or actually Winco has the best brand Cioppino base in quart jars; buy 4 quarts, I think it's 2 for \$5.00. Put it in a large stock pot and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, add lots of seafood, including some unopened mussels if you wish and cook until seafood is done through (don't cook too long or the seafood will get rubbery). Then serve with Italian bread and it's mmmmm, mmmmm, good!

#### **TRIVIA**

In the 1600's they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes the stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while—hence the rhyme, "peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."



In a News Release from the Oregon State Marine Board Dated August 21, 2001 it was noted that ten people had died in boating accidents so far this year and that eight of them involved non-motorized boats, such as canoes, kayaks, rafts and drift boats—that's a very high number and could reflect the growing use of these craft by unskilled, unprepared users. Also, most of this year's boating fatalities would have been avoided if the victims had been wearing a life jacket. So wear those life jackets, tell your friends and neighbors, and do keep them on children at all times.

**More Drought—**

Well, a picture, they say, is worth a thousand words, so see below. According to the *NW Fish Letter* dated August 23, 2001, the BPA, after realizing that they underestimated the amount of water available for release, has increased this amount by approximately 63% at Bonneville. Therese Lamb from the BPA explained that the forecast model had used three scenarios to look at probable runoff, with low, medium and high stream flows. She said "It turned out stream flows were medium to high for the period" (January to July) so the agency finds itself with a little more flexibility. Ms. Lamb went on to say that they don't need to operate at minimums and so the system is being drafted from both Coulee and Canadian reservoirs to boost flows, increase spill and allow for some power sales "to cushion the uncertainties of the financial pie."

**DROUGHT**

In the event that you did not see this in the Oregonian, here it is for your information.

During the water year that ended at midnight Sunday, September 30, Portland received the least rain and snow recorded since 1938, when record-keeping began. Here are the years with the ten lowest totals:	<b>2001</b>	23.00
	<b>1977</b>	23.84
	<b>1994</b>	23.89
	<b>1944</b>	25.32
	<b>1979</b>	26.99
	<b>1992</b>	29.31
	<b>1985</b>	29.80
	<b>1957</b>	30.01
	<b>1990</b>	30.12
	<b>1973</b>	30.49



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**OH, What a Difference Five Years Makes**

That's it for this issue. See you in December. Be sure to visit our web site at [wooinc.org](http://wooinc.org). We are hoping to be able to revise it more frequently in the future. In the meantime you can click on the links for news of the Marine Board and the Corps of Engineers and others. Thanks for your support.