

## WOOO Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 3, 2025

### Board Members in Attendance:

- ~~PRESIDENT Ron Schmidt (The Planning Group/Oarboard)~~
- ~~VICE PRESIDENT Kelly Butler Holtz (Oregon Yacht Club)~~
- ~~SECRETARY Quinn Flanagan (Inland Sea Maritime Group/ Schooner Creek Boat Works)~~
- ~~TREASURER Stan Tonneson (Rocky Pointe Marina)~~
- TECHNOLOGY OFFICER Kellyn Gorman (Bridgeton Harbour)-Excused Absence
- ~~Doug Romjue (Executive Director CRYA)~~
- ~~Harry Braunstein (Portland Yacht Club)~~
- ~~Marlon Bump (Riverplace Harbormaster)~~
- ~~Spencer McCuddy (McCuddy's Marinas)~~
- Pascal Le Guilly (Schooner Creek Boat Works)
- Justin Teutsch (Columbia Crossings, Inc.)
- ~~Don Gire (Tomahawk Destiny)~~
- Kirk Lance (CRYC)
- ~~Dan Comfort (JBMI)~~
- Bob Wilson (Tyee)
- Tracy Robinson (2025 President CRYA)
- ~~Abby Boudouris (Rose City Yacht Club)~~
- Rick Nelson (The Islands Moorage)

### 1. Call to Order

President Ron Schmidt called the meeting to order at **12:00 PM**. He expressed gratitude to the Portland Yacht Club for hosting the meeting.

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### 2. Proceedings

- **Roll Call:** Temporary Secretary Quinn Flanagan conducted the roll call and confirmed a quorum was present.
- **Appointment of New Officer:**
  - Ron Schmidt nominated **Quinn Flanagan** for the position of **Secretary**.
  - **MOTION:** Kelly Holtz moved to approve the appointment of Quinn Flanagan as Secretary.
  - **SECOND:** Rick Nelson seconded the motion.
  - **DISCUSSION:** None.
  - **VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously. Quinn Flanagan was welcomed as the new Secretary.

- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**
    - **MOTION:** Kelly Holtz made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous month's meeting.
    - **SECOND:** Rick Nelson seconded the motion.
    - **VOTE:** The August, 2025 minutes were approved unanimously.
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### 3. Officer & Committee Reports

- **Treasurer's Report (Stan Tonneson):**
  - Previous Balance: \$17,345
  - Disbursements: \$411 for a one-year subscription to Constant Contact (includes a 25% discount).
  - **Current Balance: \$16,933**
- **Social Committee (Jane Gire):**
  - An informal social meet-up is scheduled for **Sunday, September 7 at 4:00 PM** at the new **Pals restaurant** (formerly Hidden Bay Cafe) on Tomahawk Island.
  - The event is family and pet-friendly, and attendees will order and pay for themselves. This social gathering idea was proposed by Justin Teutsch and we hope to continue them at various locations depending on turnout.
  - Boat access will be available at "B" row, with seven designated slips available.
- **Governmental & Agency Reports:**
  - **Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) River Patrol:**
    - Efforts are focused on cleanup in the Sellwood area and coordinating with the Department of State Lands (DSL).
    - The MCSO River Office will be temporarily relocated for approximately **seven weeks starting in mid-October** while a seismic upgrade to the building. Patrols will continue, but response times may be slightly longer.
  - **Department of State Lands (DSL) - Josh Mulholland:**
    - **Senate Bill 795** becomes effective on **September 26th**. The bill will significantly streamline the process for seizing and disposing of abandoned & derelict vessels (ADV's), reducing the timeline from six weeks to two.
    - An RFQ (Request for Quotation) is being prepared for a multi-vessel removal and disposal project this fall.
    - There has been an increase in reports of problematic vessels near Ross Island.
    - **Q&A Session:**
      - **Budget (Rick Nelson):** The ADV program has a set budget and is a statewide program, so funds must be allocated across Oregon, not just in the Portland metro area.
      - **High-and-Dry Vessels (Dan Comfort):** The ADV program does apply to vessels that are on the bank, as they pose a potential

threat to state waters and are often on state-owned submersible lands.

- **Liveaboards (Marlon Bump):** SB 795 is vessel-focused and does not address the social or policy issues related to unauthorized liveaboards. This is a larger, collaborative issue.
  - **Derelict Structures (Paige Stoyer):** The ADV budget is earmarked specifically for vessels, not structures (like failing docks). Derelict structures are a more complex issue with no dedicated funding source unless they fall under an existing lease or trigger an emergency response from the Coast Guard/DEQ (e.g., a fuel spill).
  - **River Community Advisory Committee (RCAC) - Kelly Holtz:**
    - No update. A meeting is scheduled for next week.
  - **Columbia River Yachting Association (CRYA) - Doug Romjue:**
    - CRYA has formed a committee focused on addressing the deteriorating condition of public docks, such as Hadley's Landing, and is currently in active discussion with Oregon State Parks.
    - CRYA is compiling its **2026 Cruise Guide**. Members with significant events (like the Christmas Ships or Smile Boat Parade) are encouraged to submit their dates to Jolene Walsh.
  - **Wake Advisory Committee - Rick Nelson:**
    - The East County Moorage residents are continuing their effort to submit a rule change petition to the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) to make the current pass-through zone located along McGuire Island a no-wake zone.
    - A request was made by Rick Nelson for WOOO to send another announcement via Constant Contact to generate more support.
    - A lengthy discussion ensued among members regarding wake boat damage, enforcement challenges, boater education and courtesy, and the link between boater registration fees and law enforcement funding.
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#### 4. New Business

- **Nominating Committee:**
  - A committee is needed to find a candidate for President for the upcoming term.
  - The committee requires two board members and one general member. Doug Romjue & Kelly Holtz agreed to serve on the committee.
- **Invasive Vegetation Workgroup:**
  - There is significant concern about the spread of invasive aquatic weeds, which contribute to sediment buildup, shoaling, and increased water temperatures, which are potentially harmful to fish.
  - A motion was made to form a workgroup to address this issue.

- **Volunteers for the workgroup:** Rick Nelson and John Weigant. Jennifer Taylor and Kirk Lance were also suggested as potential members.
- The group plans to learn more about the suction removal concept being explored by Columbia Crossings.

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## 5. Open Discussion

- **Abandoned Vehicles:** A question was raised about two vehicles, including a burned-out truck, left on the beach on the Marine Drive side of Hayden Island. DSL representative, Josh Mulholland, stated that removal is the responsibility of the landowner (which could be the Port of Portland or another entity).
- **Derelict Boat Liability:** Kelly Holtz shared a recent incident where a derelict vessel floated towards their moorage. The discussion reinforced the critical advice: **do not touch or tie up a derelict vessel**. Pushing it away from your property is acceptable, but taking possession (e.g., tying it up) can transfer legal and financial responsibility for its removal to you or your organization.

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## 6. Adjournment

The meeting was officially adjourned at **1:22 PM**. The meeting remained open for informal discussion.

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## Action Items

Task	Assigned To	Deadline
Host social meet-up at Pals restaurant.	Jane Gire	September 7, 2025
Send a notice via Constant Contact about the wake zone petition.	Wake Advisory / WOOO Admin	ASAP
Form a nominating committee and begin search for a new President.	Doug Romjue & Kelly Holtz	ASAP
Formally convene the workgroup to address invasive vegetation.	Workgroup Volunteers	Before next meeting

Contact Jolene Walsh at CRYA to submit WOOO marketing and events to the 2026 Cruise Guide. Ron Schmidt / WOOO Admin ASAP