

WOOO Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 6, 2025 **Place:** Portland Yacht Club, Portland Oregon

1. Call to Order & Announcements

- The meeting was called to order by President Schmidt.
- A motion was made by Don Gire and seconded by Kelly Holtz to approve Abby Boudaris as a board member of WOOO, representing Rose City Yacht Club.. The motion passed unanimously.
- An announcement was made for the Smile Boat Parade, sponsored by WOOO, on August 23rd at 11:00 AM, starting at the east end of North Portland Harbor. The event is a community-building celebration of the waterfront.
- Victoria Grace, a key organizer, encouraged participation with any type of boat, motorized or non-motorized.
- The parade will feature judges, including Helen Raptis from KATU, Counselor Dan Ryan, and Kelly Holtz, who will be located at the Island Cafe. An after-party with awards and prizes will follow. The parade will be led by the fire boat.

2. Approval of Minutes

- A motion to approve the July 2025 meeting minutes was made by Rick Nelson and seconded by Kelly Holtz. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Officer Reports

- **CTO Report - CTO Kellyn Gorman:**
 - The website has been updated, and June's minutes are pending posting.
 - Constant Contact has been upgraded to a new plan.
 - A survey will be sent out to gauge interest in a social event.
- **Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Stan Tonnison:**
 - A \$300 check was dispersed to the Smile Parade.
 - \$400 in membership dues were received.
 - The current balance is \$17,345.31.

4. Governmental Ally Reports

- **Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (Sgt. Matt Adams & Deputy Chad Diekmann, River Patrol):**
 - The past month has been extremely busy with a drowning on the Vancouver side and four or five body recoveries between both rivers.
 - Issues at Toe Island continue to be a significant problem involving criminal behavior and gun involvement.

- A recent technical rescue involved a person who jumped from the St. John Bridge.
- A discussion about recent boat thefts revealed that perpetrators often claim they purchased the boats. The Sheriff's office emphasized the importance of video footage for prosecution.
- **Portland Fire (Sean Whalen, Harbor Master):**
 - The new Fire Chief will start on August 18th.
 - The fireboat, David Campbell, has been moved to Diversified Marine and will eventually go to the Columbia Maritime Museum in Astoria for permanent display.
 - The Coast Guard has experienced significant turnover at the leadership level.
- **Department of State Lands (DSL) Josh Mulholland:**
 - DSL Executive Director Kristin Lovell started work on Friday and held her first all-agency meeting.
 - The comment period for the Division 82 rulemaking (Lease Rates) is open for another nine days, with a public hearing scheduled for tomorrow night in Portland.
- **Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB - Phil Hudspeth & Brian Paulson):**
 - Work continues on potential new rules for the Siletz River.
 - New rules for outfitter guides are being developed based on House Bill 2558.
 - A significant issue of non-compliance with boat registration in the Portland area was raised, depriving marine law enforcement of tens of thousands of dollars. Marinas are encouraged to work with law enforcement to conduct dock walks and improve compliance.
 - A motion was passed for WOOO to educate and advocate for boat registration renewals among its members and the public. Motion made by Kelly Holtz with second by Kellyn Pot'Vin-Gorman.
 - A new law, effective January 1, 2026, will remove the 10-foot exemption for non-motorized boats requiring a Waterway Access Permit. The funds from these permits support the aquatic invasive species program and boating facilities.

5. Committee Reports

- **Wake Advisory Committee:** The need to activate this committee was discussed.
- **Social Committee:** A survey will be sent out to determine the best time for a social event. The PALS restaurant is expected to open on August 18th.
- **Nominating Committee:** A call was made for volunteers to help find officers for the new year, with an immediate need for a secretary.

6. New Business

- A "Bring a Friend" initiative was proposed for the September meeting to increase membership and involvement.
- An announcement was made about the presence of green and harmful algae blooms in Ross Island.

7. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm.

Submitted by

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