



**Waterfront Organizations of Oregon
Board Meeting Minutes-Wednesday April 2, 2025 12 Noon
MINUTES**

Best Practices Moorage/Marina Leaders Group at 11am

(First Wednesday of Every Month)

*Portland Yacht Club or Zoom

1241 NE Marine Drive

Portland Oregon 97211

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Call to Order / President Ron Schmidt

Thanks and recognition of PYC for their support

Events Manager, Rachel McDermott

Roll Call

Secretary Maura Alice Hayes

2025 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT

X Ron Schmidt (The Planning Group/Oarboard)

VICE PRESIDENT

X Kelly Butler Holtz (Oregon Yacht Club)

SECRETARY

X Maura Alice Hayes (Macadam Bay)

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X Stan Tonneson (Rocky Pointe Marina)

TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

X Kellyn Gorman (Bridgeton Harbour)

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X Doug Romjue (Executive Director CRYA)
Harry Braunstein (Portland Yacht Club)
Marlon Bump (Riverplace Harbormaster)
Mark McCuddy (McCuddy's Marinas)
Pascal Le Guilly (Schooner Creek Boat Works)
Justin Teutsch (Columbia Crossings, Inc.)
X X Don Gire (Tomahawk Destiny)
Randy Phillips (CRYC)
X Dan Comfort (JBMI)
Bob Wilson (Tyee)
Bernie Bacon (2025 President CRYA)
X Michael Schumann (Rose City Yacht Club)
X Rick Nelson (The Islands Moorage)
Minimum quorum of 4 was met

Welcome & Introductions / President Schmidt

Kevin & Flynn Flanagan will take over for Pascal LeGuilly as Schooner Creek representatives. Pascal will remain on the Board until new elections.

Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes

Mike Schumann made a motion to approve the February Minutes, Kelly Butler Holtz seconded – minutes were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report / Stan Tonneson

\$17,287 Previous Balance

He paid Constant Contact \$108.80 for 2 2-year service and a State bill of \$50.

\$17,136 Current Balance

\$17,711 will be the updated balance after pending deposits.

NEWS AND INFO FROM OUR GOVERNMENTAL ALLIES

10 Minutes each unless more time requested

Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) River Patrol

Sgt Matt Adams reports the UPU is getting a new inflatable boat by May, which will be stored in their garage and transported where needed.

Boathouses are being designed. They have one operational jet ski.

Boat inspection checklist? He will send it, we will post.

Rick Nelson asked about a derelict vessel located at 124 Marine Drive, which has been in place for 2 years. Is anything being done?

Portland Fire Harbormaster - Sean Whalen

News on Fleet Week:

Willamette May 24 Fireworks Morrison

Fleet Week Downtown June 6-8

Coast Guard Ships, Army Corp. The Coast Guard is bringing their historic 295' Barque Eagle Sail Cutter for the first time in many years, they will offer tours.

Sean reported on the moorage fire in Multnomah Channel last weekend. The PFB fire boat was sent as a secondary assist. Firefighters will not throw the debris in the river in the Multnomah Channel.

Fire was caused by an occupant who sparked a fire while refilling a butane lighter. The home had 20' clearance from other homes, which was advantageous for containing the fire. Some storage areas in front of the house protected the docks. For fire prevention, house spacing is important. Walkways were clear and usable by firemen. The standpipe was current but not used. Firefighters used gangway hoses and the portable pump using river water that was set up by the moorage. Luckily, the fire was well contained.

Oregon Yacht Club (OYC) had a recent fire drill. If the structures are close, firefighters will spray the neighboring houses to minimize sparks.

Rick Nelson-Islands Moorage- they had a previous house fire (started by a magnifying glass left on the deck), which melted the side panels on the neighbor's house.

Department of State Lands (DSL) Josh Mulhollem

An ejection case is underway for the vessel near Marine Drive, it will be done via court order.

Legislatively, SB 795 streamlines removal of abandoned, derelict vessels. Submit testimonies to the House to aid bill passage via OLIS (<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2025R1/Measures/Overview/SB795>)

There is currently no legislative funding for the removal of ADVs.

There are two pending federal grant proposals outstanding, but it looks unlikely to achieve federal funding in the current political climate. It is unfortunate, as they put a lot of work into those grant proposals.

Ron- Please describe the Eviction Process for ADV boats.

A: Not Eviction, which is with landlords/tenants – but instead, the Ejection Process is one done by a court judgement, which can bypass some of the recent restrictions. DSL is not an enforcement agency.

Oregon State Marine Board/OSMB-Phil Hudspeth

WOOO Special Recognition of OSMB ANNUAL GOLDEN ANCHOR AWARD to WOOO Member Rose City Yacht Club

The Clean Marina Program

Glenn Dolphin - The Clean Marina Program originated in 2006. The first certification was awarded to Rocky Pointe Marina with Stan Tonneson's father. Many WOOO members are active members of this program, which includes 65 state-wide certified members. There is quite a diversity of members.

In 2021, the OSMB decided to honor and celebrate those who have implemented all of their suggestions with the Golden Anchor Award.

Glenn's annual newsletter is available (see link below). Rose City Yacht Club has "hit it out of the park"; they have been active implementing all of the clean marina provisions, and they hold their membership accountable.

Boat registration compliance, sea-worthiness, and insurance compliance are all part of the program. 100% Compliance! This is a rare achievement. RCYC holds work parties, debris removal from the water, they maintain two oil spill kits at each end of the moorage, which is 48-gallon trash cans that hold all of the supplies. They also collect used oil and ensure proper removal. Recycling and garbage areas are very well maintained. OSMB

and WOOO are honoring Cathy Skach and Pat O'Bryant for making this happen.

Newsletter:

https://www.oregon.gov/osmb/boater-info/Documents/CleanMarina/Spring_2025_CM_newsletter.pdf

Oregon State Marine Board/OSMB-Phil Hudspeth

The Coast Guard's Barque Eagle Cutter has a unique history as a German vessel, seized by the Coast Guard during WW 2. This vessel will be displayed during Fleet Week.

SB 795 will speed up the removal of derelict vessels during this Legislative session. An invasive aquatic bill is also something that they are watching. The Newberg Pool hearing last week would change weight rules around boats that carry ballast for wake surfing.

Dan Comfort-Where does the burden lie for getting rid of an unwanted, abandoned floating home? Who is responsible for disposal when no one has a clear title to it?

Josh Mulhollem says the responsibility lies with the marina operator or DSL leasee. Moorage contracts should account for this using bonds or insurance for protection. The moorage owner can work with the Marine Board to get a title transfer for disposal purposes when the former owner has died.

Stan Tonneson-Abandonment of Homes is a legal process 9.605.

Jan Hamer says Mark Even can dispose of an abandoned home. \$\$\$.
Ron says disposal costs are not covered in general liability insurance.

River Construction Advisory Committee RCAC - Kelly Holtz

Meeting later this month, stay tuned.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Eliot Feenstra, Oregon's Kitchen Table (OKT)

OKT is an advocacy group that does public outreach to address water quality issues related to nutrient pollution. OKT is PSU-based, working on state-wide issues to connect decision makers with the public. Nitrogen, phosphorus, fertilizers are okay in small quantities, but toxic to people and animals in larger amounts. Run-off from wastewater treatment, stormwater, agriculture, residential landscapes all add to the issue. OKT will have an online survey available for us to fill out within the next two weeks:

What are the issues that you see?

What do we want as a response from DEQ?

How would we see the forum?

Link the newsletter to our website.

<https://bit.ly/oregon-nutrient-mgt>

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CRYA Doug Romjue

They have their meeting tonight. The organisers of the Opening Day of the boating season have organized practice runs for the new route to the Vancouver Waterfront. Posters are getting printed. The parade will avoid the low-span bridges to accommodate tall sailboats.

Troy Olason, from Recreational Boaters of Washington recently spoke to CRYA. Sucia Island, located in the San Juan Islands, was purchased by this group for public usage in the 1950's and deeded to WA State Parks. They bought and refurbished a derelict marina, then turned it over to the state. They get state grants, lobbying for recreational boats. Their member model is individual memberships (\$20 a year), with immense outreach.

CRYA wants to be more, to more boaters, including waterskiers, fishermen, etc. They want to change their model to secure grants that serve a broader group of people. Example:. Rooster Rock State Park just lost its docks due to poor condition. CRYA wants to target FEMA funds and pursue more WA/OR liaisons.

**WOOO Member Directory/ Website/More
Kellyn Gorman, WOOO CTO**

No report

WOOO WAC Wake Advisory Committee

Kelly Butler Holtz

No report

WOOO DAG Dredging Advisory Group

We are re-invigorating the Dredge Committee: Randy Phillips, George Donnerberg , Kelly Butler Holtz, Rick Nelson, Finn Flanagan., Mark Even is a potential committee member.

DSL Lease/Rates Rules Advisory Committee (RAC)

DSL Lease RAC WOOO Representative Jim Ryan

RAC Member Justin Teutsch of Columbia Crossings

Ron said the public comment period for proposed changes will be open July 1-August 15.

Six in-person hearings have been scheduled throughout Oregon.

The new RAC fees are effective Jan 1, 2026.

Legislative Report

Stan Tonneson Floating Home Rent Control-House Bill 3054-

The new rent caps that they are proposing are 6%.

They exclude floating homes that have fewer than thirty homes.

This applies to landlord-owned moorages, not homeowner associations.

Social Committee

Jane Gire Chair

June 4-Appreciation Luncheon

Jane Gire has organized the spring appreciation luncheon for June 4 and requests funding from the WOOO Treasury.

Mike Schumann made a motion to budget \$907 towards the luncheon.

Kelly seconded. Motion passed unanimously to fund the luncheon.

WOOO Annual Dinner and Meeting will be held November 8. WOOO History will be the theme of the event. Please submit photos and any relevant historical WOOO materials that you may have.

Other Committees

New Business

Membership Mailing to All Submerged Land Lessees

Correction of Membership App to include marinas and moorages

Define "Business".

Ron asks to allocate \$450 as a Marketing Budget for a state-wide WOOO Outreach mailing explaining what, and why WOOO does what it does.

Kelly Butler Holtz made a motion to accept the proposal, Don Gire seconded the motion. The motion passed.

"What if there was no WOOO?"

Aging membership necessitates renewed membership and leadership.

Board Need for Strategic Planning

Special Meeting April 16, 11 AM by ZOOM. Board will discuss leadership transfers and WOOO's future direction.

Moderator will be Martin Vlach of SCORE.

Topics will include future leadership, future membership, mission and purpose statements, our deliverables, and possible revision of Bylaws.

Rick Nelson: "What if there is no WOOO?" Our membership is older. How do we pass the organization on to newer generations?

Many WOOO roles will need replacement. WOOO needs a special meeting to organize these transitions. The Board will meet this month to discuss options.

Replacement of Officers:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Stan is able to continue Legislative tracking. He says we need to modernize billings/payments/receivables.

Open Board Discussion followed.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:43 PM

Next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025.