



**WOOO Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Wednesday October 2, 2024 at 12:00 PM**

Portland Yacht Club, 1241 NE Marine Drive, Portland Oregon 97211  
Hybrid Meeting: Live & Zoom/Online

**BEST PRACTICES DISCUSSION 11 AM**  
**WOOO BOARD MEETING 12 NOON**

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order / President Ron Schmidt**

Thanks and recognition of PYC for their support and to Events Manager Rachel McDermott. Consider using PYC for weddings, parties, and events. Some off-site catering is available.

**Roll Call /Secretary Maura Hayes**

**PRESIDENT**

X Ron Schmidt (The Planning Group/Oarboard)

**VICE PRESIDENT**

X Kelly Butler Holtz (Oregon Yacht Club)

**SECRETARY**

X Maura Alice Hayes (Macadam Bay)

**TREASURER**

Stan Tonneson (Rocky Pointe Marina)

**TECHNOLOGY OFFICER**

X Kellyn Gorman (Bridgeton Harbour)

**DIRECTORS**

Doug Romjue (Executive Director CRYA)

X Harry Braunstein (Portland Yacht Club)

X Marlon Bump (Riverplace Harbormaster)

Mark McCuddy (McCuddy's Marinas)

Pascal Le Guilly (Schooner Creek Boat Works)

Justin Teutsch (Columbia Crossings, Inc.)

X Don Gire (Tomahawk Destiny)  
X Kellyn Gorman (Bridgeton Harbour)  
Randy Phillips (CRYC)  
Ron Bergmann (2024 President CRYA)  
X Dan Comfort (JBMI)

## **Welcome & Introductions / President Ron Schmidt**

### **Approval of September 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Kelly Butler Holtz made a motion to approve September minutes, Harry Braunstein seconded, September minutes were approved.

### **Treasurer's Report / Stan Tonneson**

Excused, no report

## **NEWS AND INFO FROM OUR GOVERNMENTAL ALLIES**

### **Portland Fire Harbormaster - Sean Whalen**

Due to his recent vacation, not much information to report.  
The Witches Paddle on the Willamette River—October 26

Secure your fire water lines for winter. Hoses should be empty and dry to prevent breakage.

### **Multnomah County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) River Patrol - Sgt Matt Adams**

Sgt Harwood(?) has been with the sheriff's office for 19 years, this is his first time with the river patrol in a long time.

Sgt Adams: There has been an increase in boat and paddle board thefts recently. Yearly boat registration inspections are underway.

Marlon Bump asks: How is the staffing going? Can the RPU Willamette River boathouse be opened and staffed again?

Adams: They have one boat for 110 miles of waterway. If new deputies are hired, they fill patrol positions first, not river patrol. One position may be filled in April.

The RPU has three boats, two boats are in use *if* they have adequate staffing. Wednesdays are usually fully-staffed. The Willamette boathouse is mostly used as a satellite office.

Ron: WOOO will continue to fight for river patrol funding. We need to find more funding sources.

Sgt Harwood: Shared River Patrol Staffing explanations.

**Oregon Department of State Lands (DSL)** - Blake Helms, others  
Division 82 RAC, rule making, hiring new staff. See below.

**Oregon State Marine Board OSMB** - Alan Hanson, Brian Paulsen  
No report.

**River Community Advisory Committee (RCAC)**- Kelly Holtz  
No report.

**SPECIAL ADV PRESENTATION, Oregon Department of State Lands**  
Josh Mulhollem, Waterways Stewardship Manager,

Josh has changed jobs, from OSMB to DSL. He presented a slide show of their projects. ADVAC program and unauthorized long-term camping are in their purview.

Funding Sources: They have applied for NOAA's Marine Removal Program Grant Application for \$10 million. If successful, it will fund programs next Spring.

Assessment of fees/taxes/revenues on boat sales is being legislatively explored. Some groups will resist.

ADV Fund Use: The high-priority removals include a large boat in Coos Bay, (complicated and expensive), Dredge Anderson in Rainier, and Miss Stacy in Coos Bay, is now in a marina scheduled for dismantling. \$3 million price tag for these three vessels.

DSL wants to see a Grant Program for anyone who wants to work on ADVs.

John reported on vessel locations. The DSL will be soliciting input from the community. Although funding will not be adequate for all the listings, they can help develop strategies and funding sources.

Boats are being inexpensively sold on Craigslist which will become future ADVs. A state-sponsored vessel disposal system is needed for ADV prevention.

Process and Procedure Improvements are complicated and expensive. Archaic systems are in place that need revision. The DSL hopes to simplify these administrative processes.

Private entities need simpler systems too.  
A disposal infrastructure does not exist at this time.  
Public feedback will be solicited.

The Sandy River Delta needs a comprehensive clean up plan; it is an environmental nightmare that needs addressing.

Ron: What about using boat registrations as funding sources for ADV removal?

Josh: They are more interested in a boat sales tax. If the revenue is specifically targeted for that type of boat, there may be less pushback.

Dan Comfort: Is there a ranking system for ADV for removal?  
Is there an entity to drain off the oil and fuel from the vessel ahead of future disposal?

Yes, they have a ranking system. Large boats and complexes are their own category due to the extreme removal costs. Smaller vessels: threats? State Land? Timing? Multi-organization cooperation.

DSL is in the waste management world, but is not qualified to handle environmental hazards. Coast Guard and other entities can remove chemical hazards from ADVs. If the oil is pumped out, it is no longer considered a hazard and the priority removal status is removed, possibly delaying its removal from the waterways.

Ron: Hayden Island's two large vessels had fuel and oils removed successfully by multiple agencies.

Josh: The vessels remained a problem and could have been resolved more quickly.

Those contributing to the problem are often unable/unwilling to pay for the disposals. DSL makes efforts to place liens or tax garnishments on the

boat owners towards reimbursement for disposal costs, but this is rarely successful.

Ron: WOOO is a partner to DSL and their ADV needs.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

CRYA Doug Romjue

Not present, no report

Ron Schmidt:

Halloween Cruise will be at Government Island this year.

**Christmas Ships:** Kat Petersen, Columbia Fleet Leader, 70th year!

They are recruiting new skippers and displays. The parade includes 60-70 boats per season motoring on 16 nights. Weekends feature combined Columbia and Willamette fleets. All-volunteer. River Place Marina donates moorage for the boats. Consider joining the fleet! Crew orientation is October 16.

David S. has participated in the Christmas Ship Parade for 16 years.

Skipper Richie Rich has done it for 38 years!

Marlon Bump: Christmas Ships is an easy win for this town!

[christmasships.org](http://christmasships.org)

## **WOOO Member Directory/ Website/More**

Kellyn Gorman, WOOO CTO

The resource lists are being added to the website. Membership management will be built directly into the website for easy joining.

## **WOOO Wake Advisory Committee (WAC)**

Kelly Butler Holtz, Marlon Bump, Don Larson, John Weigant. Brian Paulsen (OSMB) has offered his support to this committee. Some signs have been designed for both ends of the Holgate Channel. Wasabi Boat signs are being edited for marine board compliance. A future meeting with Julia Brim-Edwards is scheduled.

Ron: North Portland Harbor wake signage needs attention.

Kellyn: One sign needs adjustment, shows incorrect directions.

## **WOOO Dredging Advisory Group (DAG)**

DSL Fill/Removal Rules and Rates & RACs  
Need RAC Floating Home Moorage Representative  
Define the Purpose of WOOO DAG  
Recruit Members & Select Chair

### **Department of State Lands (DSL) RAC**

**Blake Helm**, DSL-Removal Fill rule-making is still underway. Division 82 covers waterway licensing and lease rates. Administrative inefficiencies in reporting need refining from three methods to one. Their methodology takes the adjacent land values into account. One and a half times the current rate is the general target zone increase for lease rates. Some areas are underpriced, others overpriced; equity is the goal. The proposed new lease terms will be five years. July 2026 is the likely effective date for the new lease calculations. Application fees will increase due to mapping, administrative costs, etc. DSL is funded through the Common School Fund.

Blake: There are three rate systems:

Square Footage Flat rate based on usage

Adjacent Land value based on Square Footage

% of Gross Receipts based on previous years

There is a Minimum payment required, which sometimes contradicts the formulas.

Ron: Water leases based on adjacent land values can vary in unequal ways.  
ie: inner city vs rural for the same submerged water square footage.  
We cannot count on our investments if lease charges radically change.

Blake acknowledges the complexity of the rate structures.

### **Social Committee**

Jane Gire Chair

#### **Annual Meeting/Dinner is November 2**

Invite your moorage members and neighbors to attend.

Print and post the event flyer for your moorage community.

### **Nominating Committee**

Marlon Bump, Harry Braunstein, Michael Schuman

Marlon talked to someone in the paddling committee, who he feels would be a good asset.

Harry reached out to the sport boat community, including SK Boats and one other, with no replies as yet.

Rick Nelson, Islands Moorage is willing to serve as a director.

## **Other Committees**

## **Old Business**

### **No Sneaky Rain Tax Contributions**

Steve Harkins, Don Gire and Tim Gorman, WOOO successfully retired the Sundance debt of contribution towards the campaign. A suggestion was made to write up the story of our success in dealing with this issue and submit it to the Columbia River Yacht Club Newsletter. Deadline is next Tuesday 10-8-24.

### **WOOO Annual Meeting**

The Keynote Speaker is Laura Jackson, Chair OSMB  
Awards Selections

## **Open Board Discussion**

**Adjourn 1:45 pm**

**Next Board Meeting first Wednesday of the Month 11.6.2024**

**Notes by Maura Hayes, WOOO Secretary**