

Waterfront Organizations of Oregon Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 2026

Place: Portland Yacht Club

Board Members in Attendance:

Kelly Butler Holtz (President) - *Excused*
Dan Comfort (Vice President) - *Presiding*
Quinn Flanigan (Secretary)
Tim Gorman (Treasurer)
Kellyn Gorman (Technology Officer)
Doug Romjue (CRYA)
Harry Braunstein (Portland Yacht Club)
Marlon Bump (Riverplace Harbormaster)
Spencer McCuddy (McCuddy's Marinas)
Justin Teutsch (Columbia Crossings, Inc.)
Nathan Schmitt (Diversified Marine, Inc.) - *Excused*
Jolene Walsh (CRYA)
Abby Boudaris (Rose City Yacht Club)
Rick Nelson (The Islands Moorage)
Ron Schmidt (The Planning Group/Oarboard)

1. Call to Order

Vice President Dan Comfort called the meeting to order. Acknowledgement was given to the Portland Yacht Club for hosting. It was noted that President Kelly Butler Holtz was excused for the session.

2. Proceedings

- **Roll Call:** Secretary Quinn Flanigan conducted the roll call. A quorum was confirmed.
- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**
 - **MOTION:** Rick Nelson moved to approve the February 2026 minutes as presented.
 - **SECOND:** Doug Romjue seconded the motion.
 - **DISCUSSION:** None.

- **VOTE:** Passed unanimously.

3. Governmental & Agency Reports

- **Multnomah County Sheriff:** Sheriff Nicole Morrissey O'Donnell reported on a projected \$10.5M county budget deficit. She emphasized that a requested 5% reduction would devastate public safety and jail capacity. Positive updates included a 20% increase in sworn hiring and the phased launch of body-worn cameras starting in April.
- **Sheriff's River Patrol:** Matt Adams reported the recovery of a deceased fisherman. He noted that busy season operations are ramping up with the weather change.
- **Dept. of State Lands (DSL):** * Josh Landry updated the board on the "Ark Twain" vessel at 122nd; an operational plan for removal is underway.
 - Blake Helm discussed Division 82 rulemaking and new insurance requirements for leases. Rulemaking hearings are scheduled for April 12th and 14th.
- **Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB):** Phil reported that federal funding cuts are being restored effective July 1. A public petition is open regarding the elimination of the passing zone at McGuire Island.

4. Officer and Committee Reports

- **CRYA:** Doug Romjue reported that repair funds for Hadley's Landing are nearing approval. Opening Day is scheduled for May 2nd, featuring the "Paddlefish" barge on the Vancouver Waterfront.
- **RCAC:** Rick Nelson noted the next meeting is March 12th.
- **Treasurer:** Tim Gorman is finalizing the tax form. He reported a need to update the membership roster and billing system.
 - **MOTION:** Rick Nelson moved to send a blanket email/invoice for 2026 dues (\$125 standard / \$75 associate).
 - **SECOND:** Ron Schmidt seconded.
 - **AMENDMENT:** To include check-boxes for one-time contributions (\$50, \$100, \$250, \$500).
 - **VOTE:** Passed.

5. Old Business

- **No-Wake Buoys:** Discussion regarding the \$3,900 cost of new signage and \$2,200 annual insurance. Rick Nelson expressed frustration over private moorages bearing the cost of safety signage that protects state-owned fairways.

6. New Business

- **Security & Gates:** Members were reminded to coordinate with Fire & Rescue when updating gate codes or Knox Boxes to ensure emergency access.

- **Diver Introduction:** Steve from TC Diving introduced himself, offering float inspection services and debris recovery.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was officially adjourned at approximately 1:35 PM.

Action Items:

- **MCSO Budget Support Letters**
 - **Context:** The Sheriff's office faces significant budget cuts that impact jail capacity and river patrol efficiency.
 - **2026 Dues Invoicing**
 - **Context:** Revenue is needed for organizational technology upgrades and general operations.
 - **Assignment:** Tim Gorman
 - **McGuire Island Petition Comments**
 - **Context:** Public comment is open until April 1st regarding rule changes for the McGuire Island passing zone.
 - **Assignment:** (Individual submissions)
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Minutes submitted by Quinn Flanigan, Secretary.