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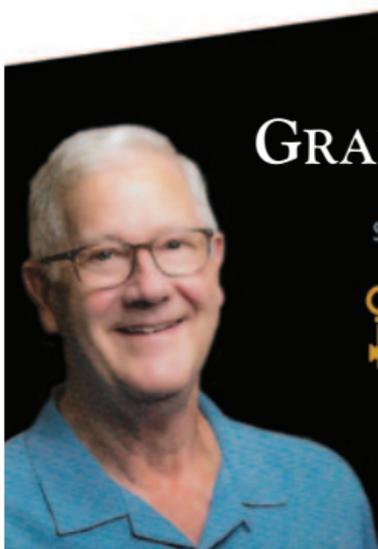
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Who We are and What we do...

CRYA Is Working Hard To Improve Recreational Boating for Everyone!

CRYA was founded in 1933 to encourage sailing and racing yachts on the Columbia River and its tributaries. A lot has changed since then, but today the CRYA represents 30 clubs and boating groups with over 2000 members serving as a central coordinator for the following main categories.

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2. Fundraisers
3. Opening Day Boat Parade Coordination and oversight
4. Oregon State Marine Board, River Patrol support, Boating agencies
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RCYCIngrid Gish
MCYCAndi Fox
PYCGabby Jaramillo

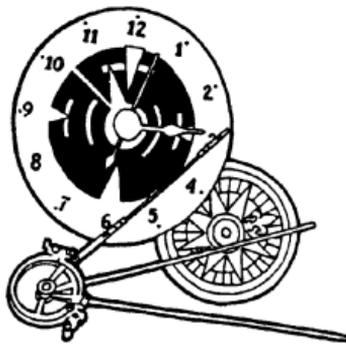
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PYCApril 18 & Dec. 17
CRYCApril 22 & June 17
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- 1971 Larry Pryor.....MCYC
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- 1969 Ralph Livermore.....HIYC
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3. GBYCGrand Banks YC
4. HIYC.....Hayden Island YC
5. NOTS.....NOTS Boat Club
6. PYC.....Portland YC
7. SHSC.....St. Helens Sailing Club
8. SIYCSauvie Island YC
9. TNWTollycrafters YC
10. TYCTye YC
11. CRYC.....Columbia River YC
12. AYCAstoria YC
13. TIYCTomahawk Island Yacht Club
14. RCYC.....Rose City YC

CRYA Member Organizations

- OWSAOregon Women's Sailing Assn.
ABCAmericas Boating Club
USCGAU.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary
MCSRMult. County Sheriff's River Patrol
USCG.....U.S. Coast Guard MCU Portland
ABCPortland Power Squadron
ABCBeaverton Power Squadron
ABCFort Vancouver Power Squadron
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ISCIslands Sailing Club
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DO YOU KNOW?...

- Columbia River is about 1,400 miles long.
- Columbia River drains an area of about 250,000 square miles.
- The Columbia River is navigable to Lewiston, ID via the Snake River from Pasco, WA for a total distance of 425 miles.

HOLIDAYS 2026

- January 1 (Thurs.)New Year's Day
- January 19 (Mon.)Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- February 14 (Sat.)Valentine's Day
- February 16 (Mon.)President's Day
- March 17 (Tues.)St. Patrick's Day
- April 5 (Sun.)Easter
- May 10 (Sun.)Mother's Day
- May 25 (Mon.)Memorial Day
- June 21 (Sun.)Father's Day
- July 4 (Sat.)Independence Day
- September 7 (Mon.)Labor Day
- October 12 (Mon.)Columbus Day
- October 31 (Sat.)Halloween
- November 11 (Wed.)Veteran's Day
- November 26 (Thurs.)Thanksgiving Day
- December 25 (Fri.)Christmas Day

CRYA MEMBER CLUB CRUISE ETIQUETTE

The following procedures are adopted by the CRYA in order to prevent or minimize conflicts due to overcrowding at public moorage facilities by CRYA member clubs and their members.

1. All CRYA member clubs shall prepare and submit their Club's Cruise Schedule to the CRYA Cruise Coordinator or President in order to compile and publish these cruise dates and places for the information of member clubs. The submission date of this shall be no earlier than the 1st of September and no later than the November CRYA General Meeting and is limited to the immediate following year's cruise schedule.
2. The CRYA cruise schedule as published shall have priority over any other club's subsequent scheduling of a cruise or cruises.
3. When multiple clubs select the same date and same location for a cruise that would result in overcrowding that location, one or more clubs may be requested to submit a change of cruise location for that date. Once notified, the affected Commodores and Fleet Captains shall communicate in order to solve the conflict.
 - a. The date of a club's cruise itinerary submission takes precedence over all submissions that follow
 - i. Except when a club is observed to have occupied the same location on the same weekend or holidays for two or more consecutive years.
 - b. In this situation (a. i.) the submission date precedence is subordinate to bump requests initiated by other clubs.
 - c. When using the bump rule, if two or more clubs, other than the bumped club, requests the same location in the same year, earliest submission rule applies in 3 a. above.
 - d. If a solution is not reached, it shall be resolved at the January General Meeting.
4. **It shall be the responsibility of ANY club scheduling an impromptu (unscheduled) cruise at any time to consult the official CRYA schedule in order to avoid possible conflicts. If the unscheduled club finds a conflict they will be expected to allow the scheduled club first choice in dock spaces REGARDLESS of who arrives at the facility first.**
5. The stated purpose of these foregoing items is to promote an orderly process in which all members of the CRYA may participate by the use of a mutual sharing procedure that will be fair and equitable to all members. The fact is that there are a limited number of recreational boating facilities and limited space at these facilities which mandates a spirit of cooperation between those boaters who wish to share them. Therefore the CRYA hereby accepts these provisions and procedures in the interest of the betterment of our boating community.
6. This schedule is NOT a reservation and regardless of the schedule, all public docks are open to the public and non-club boats should be welcomed. - Revised 2/22/20

2026 CRYA CRUISE SCHEDULE

Jan 23-25, 2026

NOTS Kalama, WA

Feb 6-8

HIYC Camas/Washougal (7-8)
PYC Coon Island - East Dock (6)
PYC St. Helens City Docks (7-8)

Feb 13-15

SIYC Coon Island - East Dock

Mar 13-15

NOTS Hadley's Landing
HIYC St. Patrick's Day - MCYC
SIYC Grandma's Cove
DYC St. Patrick's Day - MCYC

Mar 20-22

RCYC Bartlett's Landing
TNW Schwitter's Landing

Mar 27-29

CRYC St. Helens City Docks

Apr 10-12

NOTS St. Helens City Docks
HIYC Foothills Park, Lake Oswego
TYC Coon Island - East Dock

Apr 17-19

CRSA Schwitter's Landing
TNW Hadley's Landing
DYC Bartlett's Landing

Apr 24-26

RCYC Schwitter's Landing
CRYC Astoria
SIYC St. Helens City Docks

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May 1-3

NOTS Schwitter's Landing
TYC Bartlett's Landing (2-3)

May 2.....

Opening Day Parade
Vancouver, WA Waterfront

May 15-17

GBYC Foothills Park, Lake Oswego
SIYC Sand Island
CRSA Coon Island
TNW Camas/Washougal, WA

May 22-24

NOTS Martin Slough - CRYA Dock
HIYC Beacon Rock
RCYC Coon Island - East Dock
TYC St. Helens City Docks
DYC Martin Slough - DYC Dock
MCCY Gilbert River Dock

June 5-7

Col. River Ladies Cruise -
40th Year Bartlett's Landing

June 12-14.....

NOTS Coon Island
HIYC Schwitter's Landing
CRYC RiverPlace Marina
TYC Foothills Park, Lake Oswego
CRSA St. Helens City Docks
TNW Kalama, WA
MCCY Bartlett's Landing

June 19-21

GBYC Camas/Washougal
RCYC Schwitter's Landing
DYC Beacon Rock

June 26-28.....

TIYC St. Helens City Docks

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July 3-5

NOTS Schwitter's Landing
MCCY Sand Island (3-6)
TYC Bartlett's Landing
DYC St. Helens City Docks

July 15-16

NOTS Downriver Cruise - Walker Is

July 17-19

Bald Eagle Days - Cathlamet, WA
NOTS Cathlamet, WA
HIYC Coon Island - East Dock
PYC Cathlamet, WA
TYC Schwitter's Landing
RCYC Kalama, WA (18)
RCYC Walker Island (19)
CRSA Bartlett's Landing
TNW Beacon Rock
CRYC St. Helens City Docks

July 20-21

NOTS Astoria
RCYC Walker Island (20)

July 21-22

NOTS Westport
RCYC Westport

July 23-25

NOTS St. Helens City Docks
RCYC Cathlamet, WA (23-24)

July 24-26

RCYC Astoria (25-26)
PYC Cap Sante, Anacortes, WA
MCCY Martin Slough - CRYA Dock
TIYC Coon Island - East Dock

Aug 7-9

GBYC Beacon Rock
RCYC Schwitter's Landing

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Aug 14-16

NOTS Beacon Rock
TYC Bartlett's Landing
CRSA Sand Island
USPS/ABC St. Helens City Docks

Aug 21-23

CRYC Coon Island - East Dock
TNW Hadley's Landing
DYC Rainier

Sept 1-3

CRYC Bartlett's Landing

Sept 4-7

NOTS Bartlett's Landing
HIYC Cathlamet, WA
RCYC Beacon Rock
CRYC Martin Island
MCYC St. Helens City Docks
TYC Cathlamet, WA
DYC Hadley's Landing

Sept 11-13

SIYC Gilbert River Docks

Sept 18-20

RCYC Bartlett's Landing
CRSA Kalama, WA
TNW Schwitter's Landing
USPS/ABC Foothills Park, Lake Oswego

Sept 25-27

NOTS St. Helens City Docks
PYC Beacon Rock
TIYC Bartlett's Landing

Oct 2-4

GBYC Kalama, WA
CRYC Foothills Park, Lake Oswego

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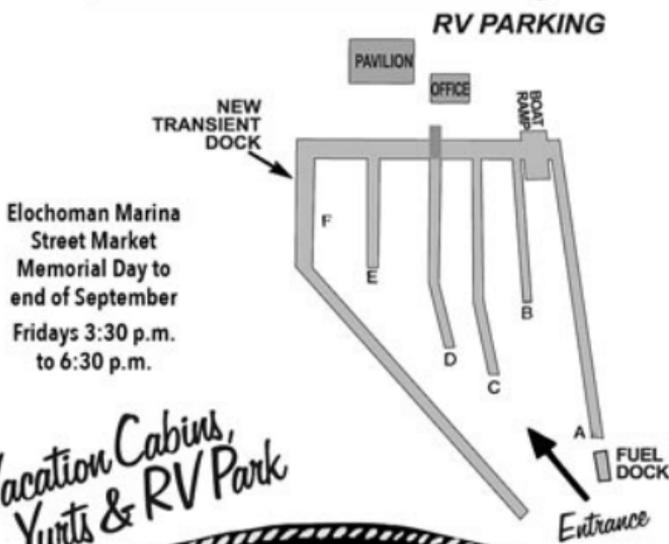
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Oct 9-11.....

HIYC St. Helens City Docks
RCYC Schwitter's Landing

Oct 16-18

Halloween Cruise Schwitter's Landing
CRYC Schwitter's Landing
TYC Bartlett's Landing
CRSA Coon Island
DYC Schwitter's Landing

Oct 23-25

NOTS Coon Island
SIYC Schwitter's Landing
TNW St. Helens City Docks

Nov 6-8.....

HIYC Foothills Park, Lake Oswego
CRYC St. Helens City Docks

Nov 20-22.....

SIYC Hadley's Landing

Dec 31-Jan 2, 2027.....

NOTS St. Helens City Docks

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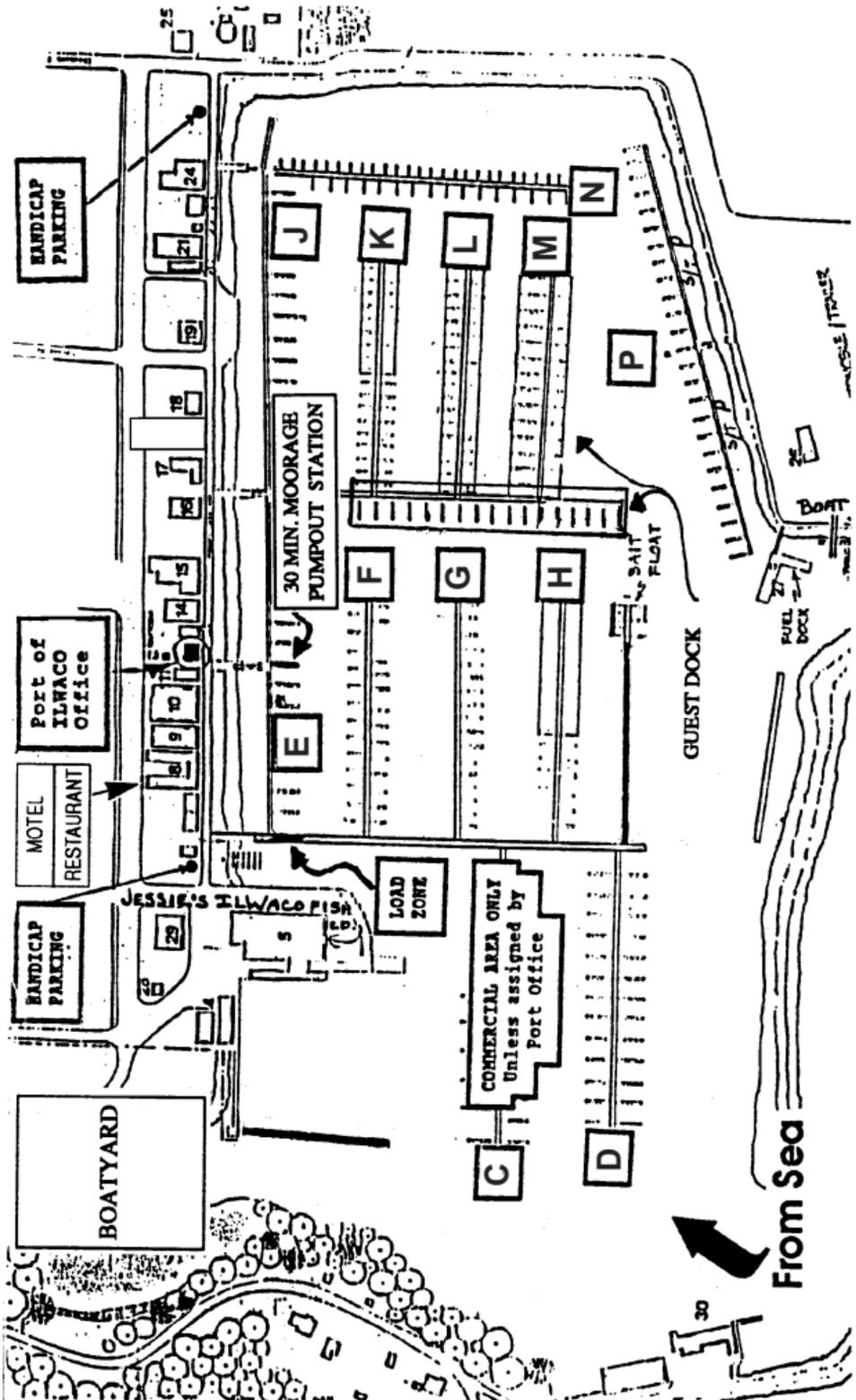


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Columbia River Yachting Association History

by Nancy MacGregor, Portland Yacht Club Historian

The Columbia River Yachting Association was founded in 1933. First CRYA President was Portland Yacht Club member Dr. Gordon Leitch, Sr., skipper of a Snipe sailboat, the Wascana.

In 1935, the CRYA handbook states that the association's mission "Shall be to encourage and promote the sailing and racing of yachts upon the waters of the Columbia River and its tributaries and to coordinate the yachting activities thereon and to give such supervisions as shall be necessary for the best interests of Corinthian competition."

The CRYA original member clubs were Portland Yacht Club, Astoria Yacht Club, Longview Yacht Club, Hood River Yacht Club, The Dalles Yacht Club and Westport Boat Club. Rose City Yacht Club, founded in 1932, joined several years later.

The CRYA sailing one-design classes included Columbia River One Design (CROD), Snipe, Bee, Flatties, and others. There were two handicapped classes, white and blue. CRYA continued to promote and coordinate the local sailboat racing for the next 25 years.

Although local yacht clubs staged their own individual Opening Day ceremonies and boat parades, it was not until the 1950s that the CRYA parade and events were established. When Robert Calef was PYC Commodore in 1950, he and First Lady Dora were guests at the Seattle opening day event, and they liked what they saw. The following year Calef was President of CRYA, and he coordinated the first joint opening day program with Rose City and Columbia River yacht clubs on April 28, 1951. In fact, he was Commodore of the Day.

The official flag raising ceremony was held in front of the old PYC clubhouse. The CRYA parade was held on the river, centered off NE 33rd Avenue, where PYC member Ken Rodgers' 110-foot De Etta was anchored as official review boat. Calef invited Oregon Governor Douglas McKay, Portland Mayor Dorothy McCullough Lee and other dignitaries to be his guests on the De Etta.

During the 1950's CRYA focus began to shift from sail to power. Predicted Log races were becoming very popular with powerboat skippers and more races were held. Many of the racing sailors campaigned for a new organization, one whose mission was focused primarily on sailing. Three PYC sailors formulated a new yachting group in 1958; the Oregon Corinthian Sailing Association.

According to the May 1959 PYC newsletter, the Portlight "The purpose of the new organization is to form an association that will be a spokesman for the sailing group. It will promote



The first CRYA Officers, l to r - Dr. A. Holmes Johnson, C.I. Eastman, Dr. Gordon Leitch (all PYC members) Leitch first CRYA President 1933-4, Johnson 1935-7.

sailing activities in Oregon, will serve to unite the efforts of other sailing groups, as well as the Sea Scouts. OCSA hopes to affiliate with CRYA, thus giving sailors a stronger voice in that association's activities."

Presently, CRYA's purpose is to serve as the central coordinator of member clubs' cruising schedules, organizer of the annual Opening Day festivities and parade, to promote the development of new recreational boating facilities and to educate members on government rules affecting boats and boaters. The CRYA mission is to help make recreational boating better by promoting new and improved facilities, water safety and training options for the boating community. It is also to be the conduit between member clubs and county, state and federal programs that facilitate and promote these goals.

Daughters of Neptune and USCG Cutter 'Bluebell'

The Daughters of Neptune organization celebrated their 70th Anniversary in 2024. In 1954 PYC Vice-Commodore Julius Finke, was also the CRYA President, organized their initial participation in the CRYA Opening Day parade. Four Daughters of Neptune and Father Neptune greeted the parade fleet aboard the 100-foot US Coast Guard cutter "Bluebell." The first



First Daughter of Neptune court & Father Neptune, onboard "Bluebell."

Father of Neptune was 85-year-old Captain Jacob Nielsen, retired skipper of the Columbia River Lightship, Columbia. He played the role well, costumed in a sea-green robe, wig, beard, crown and trident. Two other PYC members were instrumental during the first year. Frank Nau was parade chairman, and Harold Oakes chaired the sailing races that followed the parade. 1955 was the only year the Daughters of Neptune participated in the Rose Festival Grand Floral Parade on a float built in the likeness of the fabled raft the Kon-Tiki. In recent years they have participated in the Starlight Parade, and in 2024 joined the Christmas Ships organization for the parade.

During the last seven decades many young women have proudly represented CRYA. The role of the Daughters of Neptune has evolved from serving as nautical princesses to that of ambassadors of boating safety, with focus on the use of life jackets. The organization has partnered with the Oregon State Marine Board as spokespersons for water safety awareness campaigns.

The "Bluebell," launched in 1945, is the second oldest cutter in the Coast Guard fleet, and the oldest west of the Mississippi River. Berthed at the USCG station on Swan Island, the Bluebell is still in service as a buoy tender, and the crew's primary mission is to ensure the safety of mariners by establishing and maintaining essential navigation aids along established waterways. The crew is responsible for maintaining more than 420 aids to navigation along 500 miles across the Columbia, Willamette and Snake Rivers.

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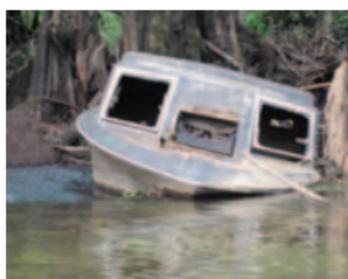
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Abandoned Derelict Boats

Oregon's Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Program

The Department of State Lands leads the statewide ADV Program that collaborates with other state agencies as well as community and federal partners to:



Reduce the impacts of abandoned and derelict vessels (boats)

- Address waterway hazards
- Promote responsible use of our waterways
- Collaborate toward long-term solutions to prevent more ADVs in Oregon-owned waters.

The state's Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Fund helps community-led efforts to remove hazardous boats and get critical funding. While the state always pursues holding boat owners responsible, significant resources are required to remove vessels from waterways and pay for the costs of salvage, transportation, hazardous material removal, dismantling, and disposal. There can be high and unforeseen expenses along the way. Many recreational vessels cost thousands to remove, while former commercial or former military vessels can cost millions of dollars.

The Marine Board's focus is on recreational boats. Recreational boats become derelict or abandoned for many reasons and can cause various problems as already stated. ADVs can also cause damage to public and private property when they sink or go adrift. In marinas, they take up valuable slip space and can be a source of pollution. They also decrease the area's aesthetic value and create navigation hazards for other boaters.

Boat ownership comes with financial responsibility. Any structure, including a boat in a water environment, requires special care and maintenance for a long, useful life. Boat owners need to plan on spending money on the basics for boat seaworthiness.

Therefore, it's important to have an end-of-life plan for the boat, including its removal from the water, dismantling, and proper disposal. Check with boatyards and disposal companies for estimates on dismantling and disposing of your boat when it can no longer be maintained.

Reducing Abandoned and Derelict Vessels on Oregon's Waters

Boat owners and marinas can help protect Oregon-owned waterways and prevent new abandoned and derelict vessels from entering Oregon-owned waters. Here are some ways you can help:

- **Thinking about buying a boat?** Research annual maintenance needs before making a purchase. Estimate the cost of regular repairs, tune-ups, and moorage fees and assess whether this fits in your budget and priorities.
- **Already own a boat?** Make sure you're staying on top of needed repairs. That's the best way to fix an issue before it becomes a bigger problem.
- **Own or manage a marina?** Help support clean, safe waterways by becoming certified as an Oregon Clean Marina.

Sound Signals During Restricted Visibility

The below summary focuses on sound signals applicable for recreational vessels during restricted visibility. Keep in mind, however, that vessels engaged in other activities (towing, for example) will often have different or additional sound signal requirements and that sometimes variations may apply. When in doubt, always refer to the Navigation Rules.

1. Power vessels making way through the water must sound one prolonged blast at not more than 2 minute intervals.
2. A power vessel underway but stopped (not making way) must sound two prolonged blasts roughly 2 seconds apart at intervals of not more than 2 minutes.
3. A sailing vessel, a vessel not under command, a vessel restricted in her ability to maneuver (whether underway or at anchor), or a vessel engaged in fishing (underway or at anchor) must sound three blasts in succession (one prolonged followed by two short blasts) at intervals of not more than 2 minutes.
4. A vessel at anchor must ring a bell rapidly for about 5 seconds at intervals of not more than 1 minute apart. For vessels 100 meters or more in length (which require both a bell and gong), the bell shall be sounded in the forepart of the vessel and immediately after the ringing of the bell, the gong shall be sounded rapidly for about 5 seconds in the after part of the vessel. A vessel at anchor may, in addition, sound three blasts in succession; namely, one short, one prolonged and one short blast, to give warning of her position and of the possibility of collision to an approaching vessel. When anchored in a special anchorage area designated by the Secretary, barges, canal boats, scows, or other nondescript craft are not required to give the sound signals described above for anchored vessels.

While vessels less than 12 meters in length are not required to give the above signals, they are required to make some type of efficient sound signal at intervals not more than 2 minutes apart. While there is leeway regarding sound signals for vessels less than 12 meters, why try to reinvent the wheel here? Having a proper sound-signaling device on smaller vessels and using the same sound signals (where practical and permitted by the rules) are a win-win for everyone on the water, in my opinion.

Finally, a vessel nearing a bend or an area of a channel or fairway where other vessels may be obscured by an intervening obstruction must sound one prolonged blast. This signal must be answered with a prolonged blast by any approaching vessel that may be within hearing around the bend or behind the intervening obstruction.

Statewide and Local Regulations

These are some but not all regulations to remember while boating our Oregon waterways. For a complete list and more important boating information go to www.oregon.gov/osmb

Boat Numbering - All Motorboats and Sailboats 12' and Longer

Operators must carry a valid boat registration card (Certificate of Number) on Board. The **boat registration number (e.g. OR 123 ABC) and registration stickers** belong on the right and left sides of the front of the boat. **Mooring Requirement** - Current registration is required on all motorboats and sailboats 12' and longer on Oregon's waterways (OAR 830-700, **OAR 250-010-0051**).

Accidents - Responsibilities of a boat operator at an accident scene: (ORS 830.475, 830.480, OAR 250-010-0110)

- Anyone involved in a boat accident must give the name, address, other required information, and aid to the injured person(s), including transportation to a hospital if the treatment appears necessary or is requested by the injured person(s).
- Leaving a boat accident scene before performing the duties of a boat operator is a Class C felony punishable by five years in jail and/or a \$100,000 fine.
- Boat operators involved in an accident resulting in death, injury or property damage exceeding \$2000 must report the accident to the State Marine Board on a Marine Board Accident Report Form
 - within 48 hours of an accident resulting in death or injury
 - within 10 days of the accident causing property/equipment damage only.

Occupants are responsible for making an accident report when the operator is physically incapable of doing so.

Marine Patrols - A boat approaching or being approached by a **marine law enforcement** vessel with a flashing blue light or siren must immediately slow and alter its course so as not to interfere with the operation of the law enforcement vessel (OAR 250-011-0005(6)). A peace officer may ask to stop any boat and direct it to a suitable pier or anchorage for boarding. No person shall knowingly flee or attempt to elude any law enforcement officer after having received a signal from a law enforcement officer to bring the boat to a stop. (ORS 830.035).

Rules Governing Boat Operations:

Unsafe operation (ORS 830.305) - *Unsafe operation is operating a boat in a manner that endangers or would likely endanger a person or property. Example of violation: Your boat wake causes a canoe to nearly capsize.*

Reckless Operation (ORS 830.315(1)) - *It is a crime to operate a boat carelessly in willful disregard for others. Example of violation: Pulling a skier through an area where swimmers are present in spite of the boat exclusion buoys.*

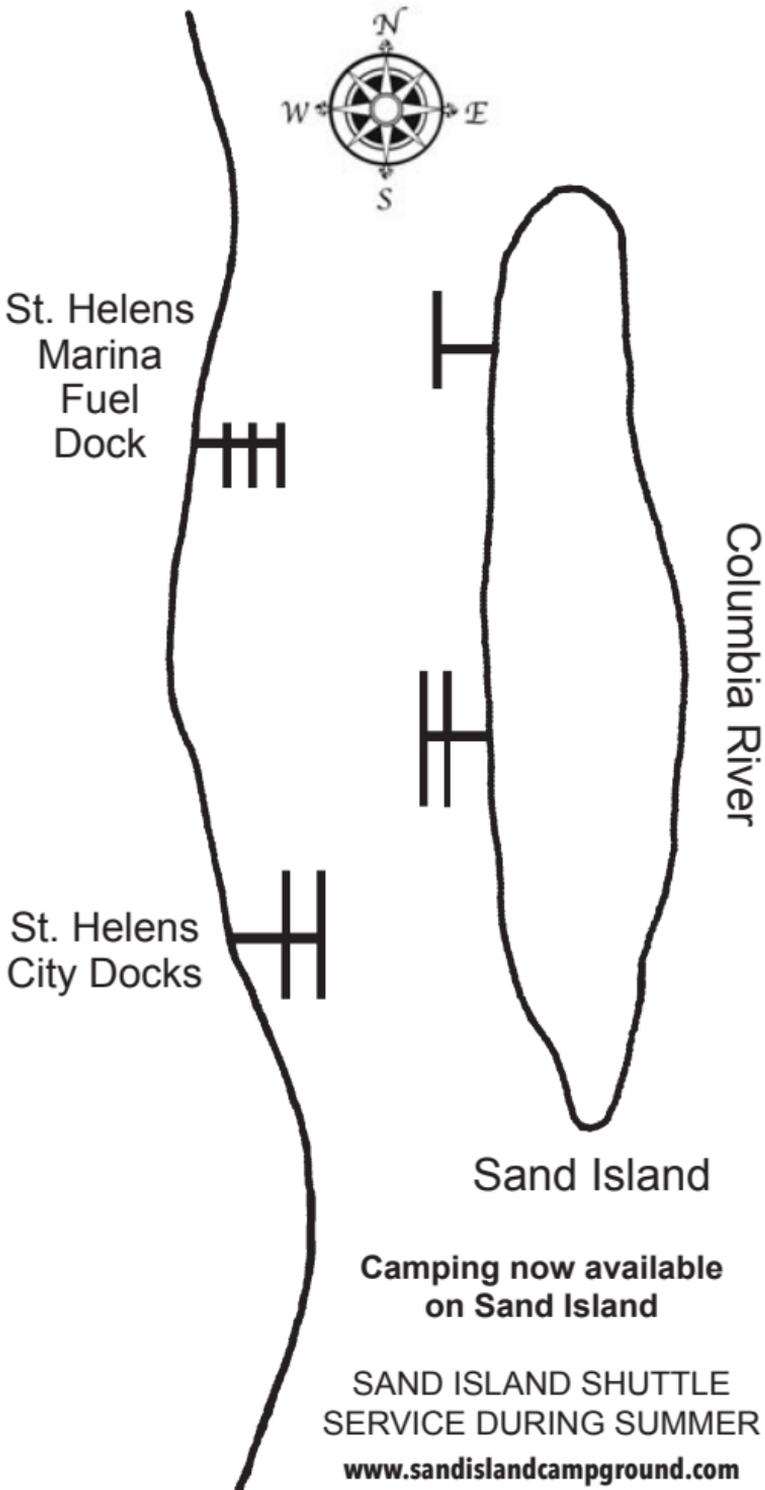
Reckless Operation-Speed (ORS 830.315(2)) - *A violation occurs if, due to a boat's speed, it cannot be stopped by reasonable means in the clear distance ahead. Example of violation: Your boat runs over, or into, an object because you are traveling too fast to stop in time.*

Maintaining a proper lookout. (ORS 830.335) - *The operator of a boat shall keep a proper lookout at all times while underway. Example of violation: Pulling and watching the skier, not the water ahead.*

Overloading a boat beyond safe carrying capacity is prohibited (ORS 830.355, OAR 250-010-0085) - *If your boat has a capacity plate, follow that recommendation for capacity; otherwise, use the formula on page 9. State law conforms to federal law requiring capacity plates on vessels.*

Basic proximity rule for Slow -No Wake (OAR 250-010-0025) - *Operators of boats must observe Slow -No Wake, within 200' of a boat ramp, marina or moorage with a capacity for six or more vessels; a floating home moorage with six or more structures; or people working at water level. The operator may be liable for damage caused by the wake. This rule does not apply to commercial vessels or river navigation when more speed is needed to ensure safe passage.*

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Lemon, Government, and McGuire Islands, with 17 miles of shoreline, provide a year round Recreation Area open to day use and camping along the river. The interior is managed as a cattle lease and for the development of natural resources and is a noise buffer for the Port of Portland. Until facilities can be developed, the interior is closed to visitation, without express written permission of park management.

Prohibited items:

Firearms, except for on the shore for hunting during waterfowl season.

Fireworks of any kind, at any time.

Vehicles, including bicycles.

Glass containers.

Conduct:

Respect the privacy of others.

No loud or disturbing noises such as audio equipment, or un-muffled engines.

Do not carve, chop or damage live trees; gather only down dead wood.

No unattended or out of control fires, or fires outside the beach area.

No unrestrained pets. Dogs must be on a six-foot leash.

No littering or dumping, including partially burned items after campfires.

Use toilets provided or bring your own, do not put garbage in toilets.

There is a stay limit of two weeks.

Property and Resources:

Buildings, structures, fences, and livestock are to be respected as the property of others. The wildlife and vegetation and cultural resources on the island are not to be harmed, harassed, or removed from the island.

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Multnomah County River Patrol, Columbia:

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State Parks Ranger: 503-280-6844.



LOCKS - SIGNALS

LOCATIONS:

Bonneville, The Dalles, John Day and McNary dams on the Columbia River; Ice Harbor, Lower Monumental, Little Goose and Lower Granite dams on the Snake River.

SIGNALS: (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Call VHF Ch. 14 at least 30 minutes before expected time of arrival so lockmaster can have the locks ready.

Boats not equipped with FM radios use pull-cord signals or intercom stations located near ends of downstream and upstream entrance walls to contact control room. There will be no movement in or out on red light. A green light will come on when the lock is ready and lockmaster will sound one long blast on the air horn to signal vessels to enter in the order in which they arrived, except that government and commercial vessels and rafts have precedence over pleasure craft.

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Walla Walla District:

- McNary - WUJ 41
- Little Goose - WUJ 44
- Lower Granite - WUJ 45
- Ice Harbor - WUJ 42
- Lower Monumental - WUJ 43

ABOUT THE BRIDGES

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These clearances are based on "ZERO WATER - COLUMBIA RIVER DATUM" which is approximately 0.5 meters less than Mean Lower Low Water. They are taken from the NOAA United States Coast Pilot document.

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- Ross Island center arch 120'
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Draw Bridges with Radio Telephones

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• Oregon Slough North Harbor	KQ 9049	13.....	360-696-5720
• Interstate 5	KBM Interstate.....	13.....	360-693-6451
• Hood River	KTD 562	13.....	
• Celilo BN Santa Fe RR	KQ 9048	13.....	
• Pasco Kennewick Union Pacific RR	KQ 9046	13.....	
• Youngs Bay	WHG 914.....	13.....	

Willamette River			
• St Johns BN Santa Fe RR.....	KQ 950	13.....	503-241-4492
• Broadway	KLU 724	13.....	503-988-3452
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• Burnside	KTD 520	13.....	503-988-3452
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RIVER MILE TABLE

The “river mile” tool coincides directly with the printed and electronic charts in use without conversion between two different mileage methods.

This chart lists a landmark that is close to the given mile rather than attempt exact precision with a mile marker at an insignificant location or introducing fractions or decimals. This tool is not for precise calculations but provides a quick general tool for identifying location and calculating eta’s between any two points and gives a precision of one to two minutes which puts vessels well within sight of each other or a significant landmark, assuming the mariner’s instruments are giving accurate information regarding speed.

Using river miles helps in communication with the Coast Guard and the pilots. It helps to use the terms Columbia River Mile (CRM), Willamette River Mile (WRM) or Multnomah Channel Mile (MCM).

River Mile Table

Columbia River Mile (CRM)

Line of demarcation	0
Ilwaco Channel	3
Hammond	8
Warrenton.....	11
Astoria Bridge	14
Tongue Point	18
Harrington Point.....	24
Pillar Rock.....	26
Skamokawa	34
Foot Puget Island.....	38
Wauna (& Cathlamet)	42
Head Puget Island	45
Cape Horn.....	48
Port Westward	53
Stella.....	56
Walker Island	61
Longview Bridge	65
Rainier.....	67
Coffin Rock (Trojan).....	73
Kalama.....	75
Martin Bluff.....	79
St Helens	86
Willow Point	94
Kelly Point	102
Vancouver Towers.....	104
I-5 Bridge	106
Airport Dike	110
I-205 Bridge.....	113
East Dock.....	116
Lady Island Towers	120
Washougal	122
Foot Reed Island.....	124
Rooster Rock	129
Cape Horn.....	132
Multnomah Falls.....	136
Beacon Rock.....	142
Bonneville Dam.....	145

Willamette River Mile (WRM)

Kelly Point.....	0
Multnomah Channel.....	3
St Johns Bridge.....	6
Swan Island Lagoon	8
Fremont Bridge	11
Burnside Bridge	12
Riverplace Marina	13
Ross Island Bridge.....	14
Sellwood Bridge.....	17
Elk Rock (Milwaukie).....	19
Oswego Rock.....	22
Cedar Island.....	23
Clackamas River.....	25
Oregon City.....	26

Multnomah Channel Mile (MCM)

St Helens	0
Scappoose Bay.....	2
Gilbert River	6
Coon Island.....	8
Towers.....	11
Rocky Point.....	14
Hadley’s Landing	17
Sauvie Island Bridge	20
Willamette River.....	21

mph / min per mile

6	10
8	7.5
10	6
12	5
15	4
20	3
24	2.5
30	2

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- Willamette River -

DEC	Time	Assembly Area	Destination
• Thursday 3	7 p.m.	James M Gleason Boat Ramp	Vancouver /Hayden Bay ***
• Friday 4	7 p.m.	James M Gleason Boat Ramp	North Portland Harbor ***
• Saturday 5	6 p.m.	Camas/Washougal	Steamboat Landing Park ***
• Sunday 6		No Parade Tonight	
• Monday 7	7 p.m.	RiverPlace Marina	Fremont Bridge
• Tuesday 8	7 p.m.	RiverPlace Marina	Milwaukie
• Wednesday 9	7 p.m.	RiverPlace Marina	Fremont Bridge
• Thursday 10		No Parade Tonight	
• Friday 11	7 p.m.	RiverPlace Marina	Milwaukie & OR Yacht Club
• Saturday 12	6 p.m.	St. Helens City Docks	St. Helens/Col. City/ *** Washington Shoreline
• Sunday 13	4:30 p.m.	JJ Collins Memorial Park	Scappoose/Willamette River *** (Multnomah Channel)
• Monday 14		No Parade Tonight	
• Tuesday 15	7 p.m.	RiverPlace Marina	Milwaukie
• Wednesday 16	7 p.m.	RiverPlace Marina	Fremont Bridge
• Thursday 17	7 p.m.	RiverPlace Marina	Milwaukie
• Friday 18	7 p.m.	RiverPlace Marina	Fremont Bridge
• Saturday 19	4:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	RiverPlace Marina Meet & Greet	Lake Oswego *** RiverPlace Marina)
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• Tuesday 8	7 p.m.	James M Gleason Boat Ramp	I-205 / Steamboat Landing / 164th
• Wednesday 9	7 p.m.	James M Gleason Boat Ramp	North Portland Harbor
• Thursday 10		No Parade Tonight	
• Friday 11	7 p.m.	James M Gleason Boat Ramp	Vanc. Waterfront/Hayden Bay
• Saturday 12	6 p.m.	St. Helens City Docks	St. Helens/Col. City/ *** Washington Shoreline
• Sunday 13	4:30 p.m.	JJ Collins Memorial Park	Scappoose/Willamette River *** (Multnomah Channel)
• Monday 14		No Parade Tonight	
• Tuesday 15	7 p.m.	James M Gleason Boat Ramp	North Portland Harbor
• Wednesday 16	7 p.m.	James M Gleason Boat Ramp	Vanc. Waterfront/Hayden Bay
• Thursday 17	7 p.m.	James M Gleason Boat Ramp	I-205 Bridge/Steamboat Landing/164th
• Friday 18	7 p.m.	James M Gleason Boat Ramp	Wintler Park/I-5 Bridge Area
• Saturday 19	4:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	RiverPlace Marina Meet & Greet	Lake Oswego *** RiverPlace Marina
• Sunday 20	2 p.m. 5 p.m.	Meet & Greet RiverPlace Marina	RiverPlace Marina *** RiverPlace/Cathedral Park

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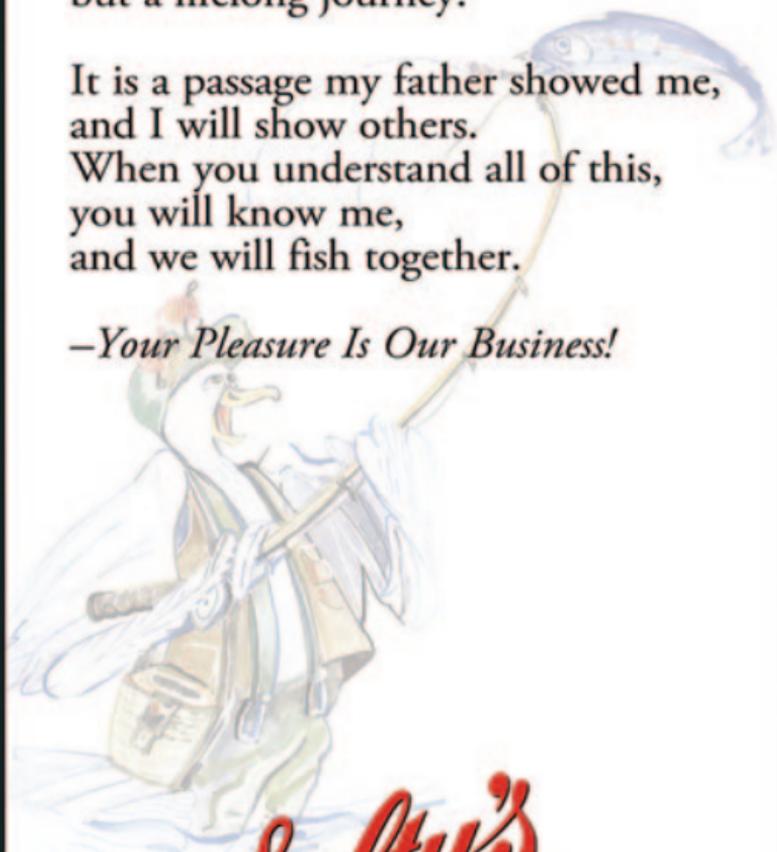
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