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**Safe Boating through Education is Alive and Appreciated!
 Ahoy there! Ahoy there!
 Remember Together Everyone Accomplishes More
 "TEAM"!**

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It's that time AGAIN

Motorboat Registration Renewal Reminders Coming

The Oregon State Marine Board will be mailing motorboat registration renewal notices to boaters whose motorboat registration expires on December 31, 2023, and electronically to boat owners with emails on file. Each renewal notice is unique to the owner and their boat. Boat owners are encouraged to take advantage of the online renewal option. Renewing online using the Marine Board's Boat Oregon Store is the fastest method, offering a printable temporary permit to go boating right away. Owners can renew multiple boats or purchase Waterway Access Permits in one transaction with a \$1.50 portal provider fee. The registration decals are mailed within 2-5 days from online sales and within 7-10 business days from the date of receipt by US mail with payment and the remittance coupon. Owners can then expect an additional 2-4 weeks for their decals to arrive by US Mail. The timelines may vary since printing and mailing are handled outside the agency. Any watercraft with a motor or sailboats 12 feet or longer are required to title and register with the Marine Board. Motorboat registration fees are \$5 plus \$5.95 per foot and are issued on a 2-year calendar basis. Renewing in the fall and winter is recommended to avoid long delays during the peak summer season. The renewal cycle begins on November 1st of the expiration year. Nonmotorized boaters with paddlecraft 10 feet and longer can also purchase waterway access permits through the Boat Oregon Store. A 7-day permit costs \$5, an annual permit is \$17, and a two-year permit is \$30. Annual and two-year permits are also valid for the calendar year(s). Paddlers are encouraged to purchase permits early in the year to get the most out of permits. And because these permits can be saved or printed immediately, these make great stocking stuffers for the holidays! Especially when gifting paddlecraft. Visit the Boat Oregon Store help page with videos and written instructions on how to navigate the system to renew your motorboat registrations or purchase Waterway Access Permits



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Meetings & Events

Coos Bay Squadron / Executive Board Meeting, November 19, 1400 at Fisherman's Grotto, Charleston.
 All members are welcome to attend.
 Daylight Saving Time (DST) will end on Sunday, November 5, 2023, at 2:00:00 am. At that time, clocks will be turned backward by one hour to Sunday, November 5, 2023, at 1:00:00 am local standard time.

OSMB Boating Facility Manager Janine Belleque receives national recognition



Todd Mize, SOBA President (left), OSMB Boating Facilities Program Manager, Janine Belleque and Mike Wichrowski, SOBA Past President (right).

Director Larry Warren and the Board congratulated Boating Facility Manager Janine Belleque for receiving national recognition at the States Organizations for Boating Access (SOBA) recent annual conference, receiving the highest acknowledgment in the organization, the William H. Ivers Award. The award recognizes her unique mix of diplomatic skills and perseverance to advance the development of recreational boating access, accessibility and continued advocacy for Oregon boaters, SOBA and the national boating community.

To view the meeting recording and materials, visit the Marine Board's Public Meetings page.

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Have you heard of a float coat/jacket? This is a valuable piece of clothing to wear when boating during colder months. A U.S. Coast Guard approved float coat could provide additional protection from cold-water immersion if you fall into the water, especially if worn over a drysuit. #PleaseWearIt

Marine Board Seeks Survey Participation from Boaters

The Oregon State Marine Board is seeking participants for its Boater Survey, formerly known as the “Triennial Survey of Boat Use.”

Did you go fishing, crabbing, hunting, kayaking, canoeing, rafting, drift boating, stand-up paddleboarding, cruising, sailing, or enjoy towed watersports, or any other activity from a boat this year?

Then you’re a boater and the agency would like to hear what you did, and where.

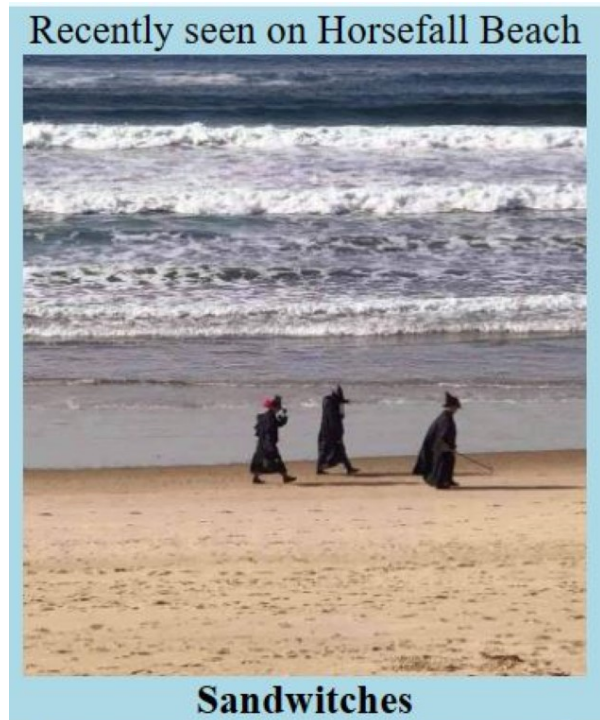
In years past, the Triennial Survey was mailed to a group of registered motorboat owners every three years. As recreational boating use and agency programs have changed and nonmotorized use has drastically expanded, the agency has changed its survey design. This survey solicitation will be biannual and will capture boat use data every six months. This first iteration will gather data from January 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023.

The next survey, distributed next January, will capture July 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. Survey data will be used to help the agency prioritize resources based on the needs of the boating public.

The Boater Survey is open now through November 30, 2023. The survey is designed to allow you to provide details for as many boating experiences you enjoyed each month by waterway, boat type, and activity from January 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023. If you didn’t go boating, there’s also an opportunity to explain your reasons. Identifying any barriers is also key data the agency wants to capture.

The Marine Board is directly funded by boaters through fees for motorboat registration, titling, and waterway access permits, as well as through marine fuel taxes. No lottery, general fund tax dollars or local facility parking fees support the agency or its programs. Boater-paid fees go back to boaters for on-water marine law enforcement services, boating safety education, aquatic invasive species inspection stations, hands-on opportunities, and boating facility grants to develop, maintain, or improve access to the water.

Learn more about the Marine Board and its diverse programs to serve all recreational boaters at Boat.Oregon.gov.



Sea Tow Foundation announces 2023 National Boating Safety Award winners October 3, 2023

The Sea Tow Foundation, a boating safety non-profit, and its esteemed Boating Safety Advisory Council are thrilled to announce the winners of their fifth annual National Boating Safety Awards. These awards recognize efforts to promote boating safety within the for-profit sector of the boating industry.

This year, the Sea Tow Foundation received a record-breaking number of entries. The winners of the 2023 National Boating Safety Awards are listed below:

The award for the top Marine Manufacturer of boats and engines goes to Yamaha. They are continuing to push the industry safety messaging in unique and engaging ways through paid advertising, organic/owned content and by utilizing influencers and brand ambassadors to help extend their reach. Hunter Bland helps support the Yamaha message of boating safety in multiple ways.

The top Marine Gear and Equipment Manufacturer for 2023 is Garmin International. Garmin has previously won this award and, for this year's entry, they showed how they promoted National Safe Boating Week not only through their own website and social media channels, but by branching out to social media influencers like The Qualified Captain.

Winning the award for top Marine Media Outlet is Bonnier Corporation, whose eight videos portrayed important boating safety messages while evoking strong emotions. The videos span topics such as hunting, fishing and boating which pairs well with the numerous publications offered by Bonnier to cater to various audiences.

Boston Whaler is the winner of the top Marine Public Relations and Marketing Efforts award. Their National Safe Boating Week messaging leveraged the expertise of Capt. Will Rogers. The emails and social media posts covered topics like the importance of life jacket use, how to check your safety flares and using engine cut-off lanyards.

The top Marine Social Media Influencer is Boat Safe Chicago. Utilizing platforms like Facebook, Instagram and TikTok allowed Boat Safe Chicago to reach their goal of educating boaters and making the Chicago waters safer for everyone. One post on the dangers of bow riding garnered over 1.5 million views, 27,000 likes and 900 comments.

The top Marine Retailer winner is Regal & Nautique of Orlando. This small dealership put together a comprehensive plan of how to include boating safety information through multiple touch points all year long. From sending emails to customers and creating social media posts, to producing podcasts, local events, blog posts and professionally shot videos, their efforts showed true buy-in from the dealership on the importance of boating safety. MarineMax received an honorable mention in the Marine Retailer Category for the 2023 National Boating Safety Awards.

A new award category this year is for the top Marine Trade Association, and the Water Sports Industry Association was named the winner. Their comprehensive plan centered around their Wake Responsibly message, which is simple, but extremely effective. Through the use of physical and digital signage, social media posts and a dedicated website, WSIA encourages safe and responsible wake riding.

Another new award category in 2023 is for the top Community Boating Education Program. The winner is Boat Safe Chicago, who utilized the National Safe Boating Council's on-water training curriculum to keep the Chicago waterways safe by educating boaters on safe boat handling and operation.

"Once again, we are thrilled to celebrate and honor the outstanding dedication to boating safety within the for-profit sector of the boating industry," said Gail R. Kulp, Executive Director of the Sea Tow Foundation. "These remarkable winners have demonstrated a commitment to raising the bar for safety, innovation and excellence in the boating industry. Their achievements reflect not only their individual efforts but also their contributions to making our waters safer for all."

The Sea Tow Foundation's National Boating Safety Awards were presented on Monday, October 2 during the Soundings Trade Only event in Tampa, Fla. prior to the start of IBEX.

For more information about this year's winners, please visit <https://www.boatingsafety.com/page/Awards2023>.



Reminder: be safe when hitting the water for hunting

By Jim Scott Sep 23, 2023

It's important for hunters to follow these safety tips to prevent boating accidents and deaths:

- Always wear a life jacket – don't just pack it.
- Remember that water temperatures are cooling rapidly this time of year. A fall overboard can turn dangerous quickly as hypothermia sets in.
- Protect canine companions on the water – they need life jackets, too.
- Never overload the boat. If hunting on a large river or lake, use a boat that is big enough to handle rough water.
- Balance the boat evenly and keep weight low for stability.
- LED lights should be left off as you navigate to and from your hunting spots, as it is critical to not obstruct the red/green navigation lights to include the standard 360 degree white stern light.
- Be on the lookout for elements outside of your control, such as changing weather, or a slightly submerged stump, rock, sandbar or floating debris.
- If in a boat or canoe with a hunting partner, establish and communicate a safe fire zone; do not stand to shoot if a partner is shooting from a seated position.
- Always carry a cell phone so communication can happen in case of an emergency.



“Hunters should also be aware of the danger of waders on the water. If a boat capsizes and the hunter is ejected, waders can fill with water, creating suction around the hunter's legs and feet, making it difficult to remove the waders,” said Lt. Darren Kuhn, DNR Boating Safety Administrator. “This added water weight greatly increases the risk of drowning. Wearing a life jacket can help keep hunters afloat.”

One wearable life jacket is required for each person on board a boat and must fit properly. In addition to the wearable life jackets, a throwable personal flotation device, such as a ring buoy or standard seat cushion, is required for every boat longer than 16 feet.

Cold Water Facts

- Cold water shock kills many people within the first minute.**
- Muscle control is lost within 10 minutes even if you're a strong swimmer.**
- Hypothermia takes approximately 1 hour to occur.**
- Wearing a life jacket significantly increases your chances of survival.**

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COLD WATER KILLS ARE YOU NEXT?

Cold water causes an involuntary gasp (or torso) reflex

Cold Water Shock - 1 Min
Cold Incapacitation - 10 mins
Hypothermia - 1 Hour

Falls are involved in 19% of all water-related fatalities

It takes less than 1/2 cup of water in your lungs to drown

US Army Corps of Engineers

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Prepare for Cold Water Boating

NOVEMBER 1, 2023 by National Safe Boating Council

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At the Safe Boating Campaign we believe wearing a life jacket is the simplest life-saving strategy for safe boating. Whether you're boating, hunting, paddling or angling, taking a few extra minutes to make sure everyone on board is wearing a life jacket can make a difference in keeping you and your loved ones safe in the event of an emergency. Accidents are unexpected and you can quickly end up in frigid water.

Here are some tips to keep in mind before you head out on the cold water.

- Do make sure everyone is wearing a life jacket. Even experienced swimmers can experience shock within one minute in the frigid water and may lose muscle control within 10 minutes.
- Do file a float plan with someone you trust that includes details about the trip, boat, passengers, towing or trailer vehicle, communication equipment, and emergency contacts. Download a free float plan template at FloatPlanCentral.org.
- Do dress properly for the weather, always wearing layers, and bring an extra set of clothes in case you get wet. Remember, dress for the water temperature, not the air temperature.
- Do catch your breath. A sudden unexpected fall into cold water causes an involuntary gasp (or torso) reflex. It takes less than ½ cup of water in your lungs to drown. If you remain calm, you have a greater chance of self-rescue.
- Do look for ways to increase your buoyancy. If you're alone, utilize the H.E.L.P. (Heat Escape Lessening Position) and if you're in the water with others, huddle together with everyone facing inwards to help everyone stay afloat and keep warm.
- Don't panic if you fall into the water. Stay afloat with the help of your life jacket, regain control of your breathing, and keep your head above water in vision of rescuers. Stay with the boat if possible.
- Don't apply heat to extremities like arms and legs of a rescued victim. This sudden change in temperature may cause cardiac arrest.

Recreational water activities during the winter and early spring are a lot of fun, but always remember safety first.

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OREGON – COOS BAY – Underwater survey operations

West Coast Contractors (WCC) will be conducting survey activities related to future geotechnical boring in Coos Bay. The project covers approximately 19 locations in Coos Bay, from the entrance to a location near the Coos Bay Railroad Bridge (LLNR 8990). Work will be performed during daylight hours Monday – Friday, from 04 Oct – 09 Nov 2023, from a 40' x 60' barge. WCC personnel can be hailed on VHF-FM channel 16. All corners of barge will be marked with lights. For additional information please contact Chad Walker at (541) 435-4748 or email cwalker@westcoastcontractors.com.

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MEETINGS

Squadron / Executive Board Meetings THIRD SUNDAY each month. Board Meetings may be called by Cdr or Board. Meetings are at 1400 (2:00 PM) at FISHERMAN'S GROTTTO. Covid-19 restrictions followed if required

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