

COMMANDER'S COLUMN

AHOY THERE... AHOY THERE!!!

Our "Change-of-Watch" dinner last month was a resounding success. Special thanks to all those who helped pull it all together as well as donating many of the needed items for the dinner and social hour. It was good to meet and greet members of other District Squadrons, PDC Jerry Brown, JN and Diana, S, Ft Vancouver; D/Lt Robert E. Brummett, SN, and Naomi, Portland and D/Lt Carla Montchalin, AP and Sam, Beaverton. The Change of Watch" in our current building was a festive memory making affair.

We are a small but hearty group who still believe in "Safe Boating Through Education" and it shows through in all our planned activities.

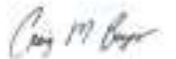
We'll be plotting a new course for safe boating through education with plenty of crabbing and grinning along the way. Bring a friend or two and join us for the upcoming summer activities. We will endeavor to utilize our building as much as possible this year as it may be our last year in the building. We should know more about the status of our building by mid to late summer so stay tuned.

"It would be nice to see as many folks at the events this year as possible.

Thanks for allowing me to serve you as your commander again this year. Let's make it a memorable cruise!

Remember we're a team....that's Together Everyone Accomplishes More!!!

TEAM



Cdr Craig M Beyer, AP


3 THINGS TO KNOW

NEW ENGINE CUTOFF SWITCH REQUIREMENT

#1 IF AN ECOS IS INSTALLED ON A BOAT UNDER 26', IT MUST BE WORN BY THE OPERATOR

#2 THIS APPLIES WHEN A BOAT IS ON PLANE OR TRAVELING GREATER THAN DISPLACEMENT SPEED

#3 SOME ENGINE CUT-OFF LANYARDS ARE ELECTRIC AND USE A WIRELESS FOB THAT IS WORN



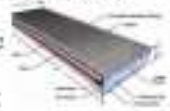
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SUMMER EVENTS & MEETINGS

BOARD MEETING 18 JUNE FISHERMAN'S GROTTO 1300
NO REGULAR SQUADRON MEETINGS JUNE-JULY-AUGUST

Empire Boat Ramp Temporary Closure, May 26-

The Empire Boat Ramp is closed for repairs. The City of Coos Bay contracted with Coast Metal Works to replace the wale boards of the floating boarding docks of the Empire Boat Ramp. The project began May 26th and the closure will last about two weeks. Oregon State Marine Board Boating Facility Grant Program is partially funding the project, investing fees and marine fuel taxes paid by motorized boaters. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact Public Works and Community Development Operations Administrator Greg Hamblet at (541) 269-1181 ext. 2201 or email: ghamblet@coosbay.org.



Alternate launch ramps are Charleston Marina, BLM North Spit and Eastside.9).

Boaters Beware!!

U.S. Coast Guard Sector May 18 at 8:30 AM

A recent authorization allowing the summer sale of gasoline containing 15% ethanol (E15) at roadside gas stations presents a problem for boaters. This type of fuel is federally prohibited for recreational vessel use, causes marine engine damage, and will void marine engine warranty. Additionally, E15 fuel has been shown to make engines run hotter, increasing the potential of a catastrophic boat fire. Signs or warning labels may not be obvious at the pump as it may simply be marked as "regular 88" or "regular unleaded". The convenience of filling a tow vehicle and boat at the same time may cause boaters to overlook this potentially dangerous detail. Please ensure the fuel you are dispensing into your boat contains no more than 10% ethanol (E10).



Knowing the rules where you boat is important to boating safety for everyone.

Whether you just bought a new boat or are boating in a new state, you need to know and follow your state boating laws, rules, and regulations. Here are answers to some commonly asked questions about state boating laws.

Why is knowing my state boating laws important?

Learning your state and local boating laws and rules is important for boating safety — for you and your passengers as well as those in other boats. Boating laws may be different depending on where you boat, so you don't want to accidentally run afoul of boating requirements such as taking a boating safety course, life jacket wearing, equipment requirements, boating under the influence, boating in environmentally sensitive areas, and more.

Where can I take a boating safety course?

There are many public and private boating safety courses available that satisfy mandatory boating education requirements. America's Boating Club offers the America's Boating Course in classroom or online. Contact your local Club (Squadron — Coos Bay -541-888-6178) for information.

The BoatUS Foundation offers the only free online boating safety course developed specifically for your state. The BoatUS Foundation Boating Safety Course and America's Boating are recognized by the U.S. Coast Guard and approved by NASBLA and your state boating license agency.

I took my state's boating safety course but I recently moved to a new state. Do I have to take the course again?

Each state or territory sets its own requirements when it comes to boating safety education. Your boating education certification is not a license, which can be suspended or revoked. It allows you to operate certain watercraft in the waters of the state it was issued by. But many states practice "reciprocity," meaning a valid certification in one state is accepted in another state (typically with length of time restrictions). Learn more about boating education reciprocity here.

Who do I ask about specific boating issues in my state?

Have a specific question about boating in your state? NASBLA offers a list of boating safety contacts by state. Visit the page, then click on the state to find the boating law administrator and others involved in boating safety education, law enforcement, numbering & titling, and other boating program areas.

What are the boating laws and rules for my state?

BoatUS has put together a list of links to state boating laws. Click on your state in the list below to access the information.

- [Oregon](#)
- [Washington](#)
- [California](#)

Clicking the state boating law links will take you to external websites not affiliated with BoatUS or ABCLUB-CBPS.

Click Back ← to return here.

Boating Safety for your dog

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary

If you take your dog (or cat) boating, please have them wear a life jacket and have an overboard plan. Please do not take chances with your best furry friend.

Have them wear a snug, well-fitted life jacket on the dock and underway. The life jacket should have a strong handle to lift them out of the water and be a bright color with reflective trim. Even the strongest swimmers are susceptible to getting tired, hypothermia, and strong currents just like their humans. They can even get knocked out or injured while falling overboard.

Not all life jackets are the same. They come in different sizes and buoyancy. Make sure to test the life jacket on your dog in calm waters or pool under full supervision before taking them underway. Have a leash on your dog or handy at all times. Some dogs may get nervous due to the movement and vibration. It may be better to start with shorter trips to see how your pet reacts. Be aware of waves that could possibly throw a dog from the boat.

Dogs can get sunburn and skin cancer too. Use sunscreen formulated especially for dogs, checking with your vet for a recommended product.

Have a shaded place on the boat for the dog to rest, with the availability of water.

Have a first aid kit for humans and a special one for your dog.

Have at least one other person onboard assigned to look after your pet. It is easy to get distracted and the captain of the boat needs to focus on boating. Consider leaving your cherished pet at home if there is no one available to help. Your pet should be supervised at all times while on the water.

Carry your dog on and off the boat if there is no ramp. A dog can slip if jumping on, and potentially get caught between the dock and the boat.

This does not cover all scenarios. Expect the unexpected and protect your pooch or other loved pet while boating.

FN Cole gets underway on a Coast Guard response boat from U.S. Coast Guard Station Coos Bay.

FN Cole is the station mascot and an excellent example of boating safely. U.S. Coast Guard photo by CWO Beth Slade, Commanding Officer Station Coos Bay. Used with permission. BZ FN Cole!





Boating on Oregon's Waterways – Plan, Pay Attention, Share

Thu, May 26 at 2:01 PM

There's something magical and alluring about boats - and such a wide variety on the market. Regardless of what's calling you to the water and the type of boat you're in, be sure to plan ahead, pay attention and share the water so everyone can have a fun time.

The Oregon State Marine Board invites boaters to explore the Boat Oregon Online Map, where you can find a boat ramp near you. Take a few minutes to plan ahead and check out the Marine Board's interactive boating access map with all of the public boat ramps and data layers including local rules for boat operations. Check the weather forecast, water levels or tides, see if there are any reported obstructions, and have the right gear for the activities you're doing. Boaters can also check the Marine Board's website to find out what equipment is required based on the size and type of boat.

"Be sure to keep a sharp lookout by paying attention to your surroundings, continually scanning port to starboard and keeping a close eye on what's ahead," says Brian Paulsen, Boating Safety Program Manager for the Oregon State Marine Board. "Brush up on the rules of the road, start out slow because of debris in the water from this past winter, and whatever you do – don't text and drive. Taking video and pictures, along with social media texting can be fun, but the operator needs to maintain focus and awareness to what's going on around them," says Paulsen. "The captain is responsible for the safety of everyone on board, but everyone needs to pitch in and be an active, alert crew, working together." High water levels in some areas this spring cover many wing dams (also known as pile dikes) on rivers and bays and are just below the surface. Paulsen adds, "Motorized boaters need to keep their distance from the shoreline up to several hundred feet out, so they don't inadvertently hit one of the piles." Boaters are encouraged to learn where the wing dams are located based on the waterbody where they're boating from NOAA Charts. The navigation charts can be downloaded for free.

The Marine Board also recommends boaters play it safe by:

Boat Sober. Abstain from consuming marijuana, drugs or alcohol, which impair judgment, reaction time, and coordination and cause dehydration. Instead, take along a variety of non-alcoholic beverages and plenty of water. Impairment can lead to a BUII arrest. Every boat operator needs all their senses on high alert because conditions change quickly. Swift currents, changing weather and debris require boat operators to be focused and skilled to avoid an accident. Waterway congestion with other river recreators also demands sharp situational awareness.

If you are feeling tired, take a break on land and return to the water when you are re-energized and alert. Wind, glare, dehydration and wave motion contribute to fatigue. Continually monitor the weather because it changes quickly.

Operators and passengers should wear properly fitting life jackets. Learn more about life jacket types, styles and legal requirements. Anyone boating on Class III whitewater rivers is required to wear a life jacket, and all children 12 and under when a boat is underway. The water temperature for most waterways is below 50 degrees this time of year and wearing a life jacket is the most important piece of equipment for surviving the first few seconds of cold water immersion. What's the downside to wearing one?

WEAR IT



Never boat alone – especially when paddling. Always let others know where you are going and when you’ll return. Print out a downloadable float plan to leave with friends and family.

Be courteous to other boaters and share the waterway. Congestion is a given in many popular locations, especially with nice weather. By staying in calmer water near the shore, paddlers can help ease conflict with motorized boats and sailboats that need deeper water to operate. Non-motorized boats are encouraged to use the shoreline adjacent to the ramp to help ease congestion and operate closer to shore where there are larger motorboats nearby.

Regardless of your boat type, stage your gear in the parking lot or staging area prior to launching your boat. This makes launching faster and everyone around you, happier.

In Oregon, all boaters must take a boating safety course and carry a boating safety education card when operating a powerboat greater than 10 horsepower. Paddlers of non-motorized boats 10’ and longer are required to purchase and display a waterway access permit. The Marine Board also offers a free, online Paddling Course for boaters new to the activity. Boaters engaged in towed watersports in the Newberg Pool on the Willamette River between river miles 55 (confluence of the Yamhill River) and 26.6 (Willamette Falls) need to also take a Towed Watersports Education Course and boat owners need to apply for a Towed Watersports Endorsement verifying the maximum load weight for the boat is under 5,500 pounds.

For more information about safe boating in Oregon, visit Boat.Oregon.gov.

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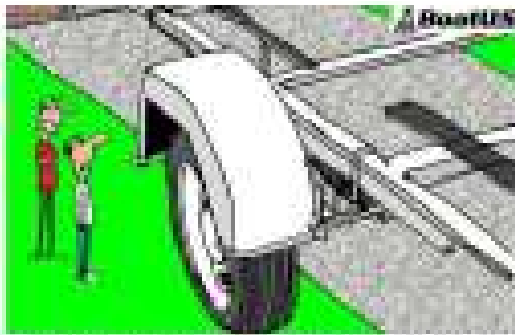


3 THINGS TO KNOW NEW SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- #1 ELECTRONIC VISUAL DISTRESS SIGNALS (EYDS) ARE SAFER ALTERNATIVES TO TRADITIONAL FLARES
- #2 EYDS USE BATTERIES AND BEAM FOR HOURS AT NIGHT (VERSUS MINUTES WITH FLARES)
- #3 EYDS ARE PACKAGED WITH AN ORANGE DISTRESS FLAG FOR DAYTIME SIGNALING USE



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"This is your new boat trailer? When you said you were buying a bigger boat, you weren't just bragging."

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