



PUBLIC NOTICE



Willamette River Boat Operation

The Oregon State Marine Board is considering proposed rules that will restrict boat operation on the Willamette River between the Highway 219 Bridge near Newberg and the upper end of Willow Island near Canby.

The proposal would establish a congestion zone that would:

- Prohibit 180 degree turns at speed
- Require boats to stay 200 feet behind skiers or other towed devices
- Prohibit the use of wake enhancing devices, including ballast tanks, wedges or hydrofoils or other mechanical devices, or uneven loading of persons or gear to artificially operate bow high
- Require boaters to operate at slow-no-wake speed within 200 feet of all private docks or moorages.

The Board will hold a public meeting at 7 p.m. September 9 at the Clackamas County Community College, 29353 Town Center Loop East, and Room 111/112 in Wilsonville.

The Marine Board is accepting written public comment on the proposed rules from August 1 through September 9, 2008. All comments must be received by 9 p.m. September 9. Comments can be sent to June LeTarte, OSMB, P.O. Box 14145, Salem, OR 97309. They can also be sent via email to osmb.rulemaking@state.or.us or via fax (503) 378-4597. Comments by telephone cannot be accepted. The Board will review all comments before making a decision on the proposed rule.

For a listing of the proposed language and other information, check www.boatoregon.com and click "Proposed Rules."

