

# NEWS

## Oregon State Marine Board

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## **Port of Siuslaw Offers Relief to Boaters this Summer**

It's been nearly two years in-process negotiating to determine an ideal location, and now the Port of Siuslaw will have its own floating restroom to help relieve congestion at the two-lane boat ramp and at the land-based restrooms.

The Port of Siuslaw applied for, and received a grant in 2013 to purchase and install a floating restroom on the river to serve boaters. The majority of funding was provided by a federal Clean Vessel Act grant from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. The estimated project cost upon installation is \$65,000.



In the last few months, piles have been driven in the location where the floating restroom will be placed, just upstream of Old Town. The restroom will be available seasonally for use from June through October.

The Siuslaw River is the 14<sup>th</sup> most popular waterbody in Oregon. The public launch ramp at the Port facility in Old Town is the most-used ramp on the river.

The Siuslaw River is popular for crabbing and salmon fishing and is growing in popularity as a portal to the ocean for fishing and off-shore cruising. The Port offers a flush restroom within walking distance, however; there is little room to tie up at the boarding floats and a time limit to be tied up at the dock significantly cuts into the time it takes to walk through the parking lot to the restroom. Some boaters choose not to use the facilities and use the river or an on-board bucket, where the contents end up being dumped in the river.

A floating restroom will better serve boaters during the heaviest crabbing and fishing seasons, and are available for all forms of boaters, from paddlers to cruisers. Floating restrooms statewide captured over 16,000 gallons of sewage in 2015, which helps protect the delicate balance of our waterways.

For more information about floating restrooms, and other waterbodies with floating restroom facilities, visit [www.oregon.gov/OSMB/Pages/Floating-Restrooms.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/OSMB/Pages/Floating-Restrooms.aspx).

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