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A MESSAGE FROM THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR

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Hello and welcome to the 2026 issue of the Clean Marina Newsletter. My name is Glenn Dolphin (for those of you that don't know me) and I have been working at the Marine Board for 19 ½ years now. From 2006-2010, I was the Clean Marina Program Coordinator, at which time I took another position here at the agency as the Aquatic Invasive Species Program Coordinator. I was in that role full-time until 2017, when a vacancy in the Clean Marina Coordinator position led to the two positions consolidating. I now split my time between both the Clean Marina and Aquatic Invasive Species programs.



Program participation continues to grow with a newly certified facility joining last fall. Learn about our newest certification at the Howard Prairie Resort Marina in Southern Oregon within this issue. Also in this year's newsletter are the results from the marina manager survey, distributed to all participants in November. Thank you to those who completed the survey and for the positive input.

Last summer during my re-certification site visits, I learned that several managers were unaware that the Marine Board's website has a feature to look up boat ownership information. This newsletter includes instructions on accessing that information, including how to verify the registration status of a boat.

We are now in our fifth year presenting the Golden Anchor Award, recognizing the best recertification site visit from the previous summer's participating facilities. This year's award goes to the City of Umatilla, for its well-managed marina on the Columbia River. You can read all about what they are doing to be this year's award recipient on page 12.

And finally, another exciting milestone this year is celebrating the 20th anniversary of the program! Back in 2006, there were nine facilities certified, so kudos goes out to them for their long-term commitment to maintaining their certifications. I hope you enjoy this year's newsletter and thanks for reading.



Program 20-year Anniversary

As I put this article, together it's amazing and hard to believe that this year marks the 20th anniversary of the Clean Marina Program here in Oregon! I was hired by the Marine Board back during October 2006 and when I started, the program had just been launched after the development phase was completed by an agency intern with its first certification completed. During the remaining three months of that year, I was able to certify an additional eight facilities that included a mix of marinas, a floating home moorage and several yacht clubs. The following were part of that first year of the program and are listed in order of when they received their certification:

- Rocky Pointe Marina
- Jantzen Bay Marina
- Multnomah Channel Yacht Club
- Dikeside Moorage
- Tomahawk Bay Marina
- Hayden Bay Marina
- Portland Yacht Club
- River Place Marina
- McCuddy's Landing Marina



All nine facilities remain in good standing and continue to demonstrate their commitment to clean water and environmental stewardship through ongoing management practices. We extend our sincere thanks to these original participants and to the 56 facilities that have joined since, for embracing this voluntary certification program and consistently upholding its evolving standards. All of you have contributed to the program's success over the past two decades.

Thank you to all that participate.



Rocky Pointe Marina—June 2006 Certification



Jantzen Bay Marina—December 2006 Certification

PROGRAM ITEMS AVAILABLE

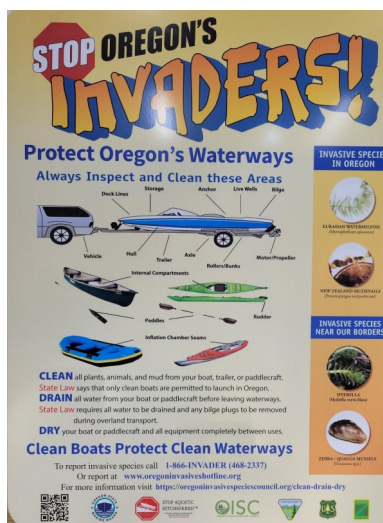
A reminder to participating facilities that the items shown below are available and free to order. These include the required marina signage that might have become damaged and needs replacement, or perhaps you need a new flag. Maybe you have a fuel station and need a replacement “no-spill jug” or some fuel nozzle custom spill bibs. Please take inventory of these items and place an order, if needed.



Oil spill reporting and certification sign—11”x17”



Fuel nozzle bib



AIS sign—18”x24”



Program flag



No-spill jug

REPLENISHING YOUR OIL SPILL RESPONSE SUPPLIES

Facilities that are in good standing with the Clean Marina Program can have their oil absorbent materials replaced free of charge after they are used to respond and clean-up an oil spill. There is a one-page reporting form to document your supply use and the actions that were taken to respond to an incident. Please include photos.



Once the form is submitted and it's determined that the correct procedures were followed for reporting and responding to your incident, supplies will be replenished for your emergency spill kit.

SPILLS aren't SLICK

Report ALL spills immediately

800-OILS-911
& U.S.C.G. 800-424-8802 or
in Canada 800-889-8852

Be a good steward of your waters.

Prevent Spills:

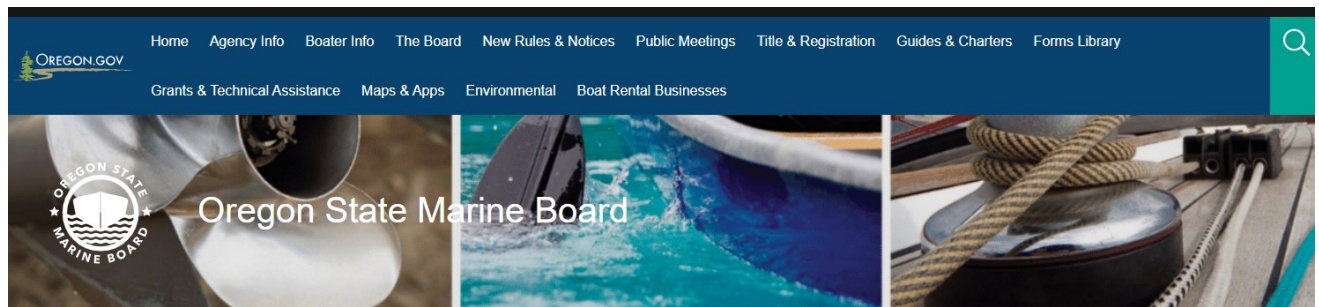
Do NOT top off fuel tanks.

Avoid oily discharges, keep bilges dry and oil free.

BOAT OWNERSHIP AND REGISTRATION LOOK-UP

During my summer site visits over the last two years, marina managers have shared with me that they were unaware of a feature accessible from the Marine Boards website that allows for the identification of the owner of a boat that was registered with the agency and the boat's current expiration date. Additionally, there are some identifying features regarding the vessel that are also provided. In this article I will describe how to access that information on our website. One thing to note is that the information available through this feature is limited to just what has been determined to be public information.

The first step is that once you are on the [agency's website](#) click on the "[Online Store](#)" link" or column image.



[Online Store](#)

[Store Help](#)

[Title / Registration FAQs](#)

[Agency Fees](#)



Boating Access

[Find a Boat Ramp](#)

[Comment on Grants](#)

[Grant History Dashboard](#)

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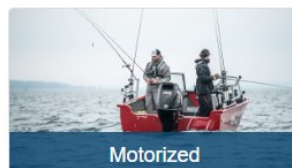
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Motorized

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Drift / Raft

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Paddle / SUP

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BOAT OWNERSHIP AND REGISTRATION LOOK-UP CONT.

The next screen that comes up is the log-in page where boat owners can access their accounts for managing the title and registration, plus their personal contact information. Just below the log-in space is an area that reads, “More Online Services” heading and under the subheading of “Look up and Download.” You can click on the online lookup option (circled in red).

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HOME MY ACCOUNT ONLINE SERVICES ▼

Access Your Account

Account BOAT RENEWAL

User ID

Password

Log In

Don't have an account? Register
Forgot Password? Forgot User ID?

Welcome

FOR BOAT RENEWAL:
PIN no longer needed!
Click on the BOAT RENEWAL tab and enter your boat OR number, then click Log in.

FOR FULL ACCOUNT ACCESS:
On the Account tab, enter your User ID and Password, then click Log in.
(Note: If you have a boater education card, have owned a boat, have a Waterway access permit, are an Outfitter/Guide or have a Charter boat license, have a towed watersports permit or Boat rental business, you already have an account. You may just need to finish the setup of username and password.)

Boat Title and Registration tips and resources, click [HERE](#)
Need a form? click [HERE](#).

More Online Services

Boat Titling and Registration

[Boat Title and/or Registration Application](#)
[Boat Registration Renewal](#)

Waterway Access Permits

[Waterway Access Permit - 7 Day](#)
[Waterway Access Permit - 1 calendar year](#)
[Waterway Access Permit - 2 calendar years](#)
[Out-of-State AIS Permit](#)

Guides and Charters

[Digital Duplicate Guide Registration](#)

Boat Rental Business Registration

[Boat Rental Business Registration](#)

Look up and Download

[Guides and Charters Lists](#)
[Online Lookup](#)

The next step allows you to look up the information you're looking for in a few different categories. For this article, I'm using the "Lookup by Boat" option.

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Reports

[Lookup by Boat - Only Includes PUBLIC records](#)

[Lookup by Contact - Only Includes PUBLIC records](#)

[Lookup by Floating Property - Only Includes PUBLIC records](#)

BOAT OWNERSHIP AND REGISTRATION LOOK-UP CONT.

Next, enter the boat information you have. The most common piece of information used for this type of look up is the boat OR# (registration), a registration (sticker) decal located on the bow of the boat will have this number listed. If the boat is federally documented (the ownership/title for the boat), you can use the DO# in the space provided. In both circumstances you need to add in the letters, "OR" or "DO" and the numbers and/or letters, with no spaces. For example, "OR123abc" and then click the search button. For federally documented boats, the DO# will be printed on the registration decal affixed to the boat. However, there might not be a past registration sticker on the boat. In this situation, contact the owner for their registration number (or hopefully you have that within their marina moorage renter file). Additionally, you can also use the HIN# (hull identification number) if you have it, for your search.

Reports

Lookup by Boat - Only Includes PUBLIC records

Vessel ID:

HIN:

Model Year:

Hull Material:

--select one--

Length (feet) Less Than:

Length (feet) Greater Than:

Common Manufacturer:

--select one--

Other Boat Manufacturer:

Search

BOAT OWNERSHIP AND REGISTRATION LOOK-UP CONT.

The following data fields are what is available through this look-up feature; the vessel ID (the OR# or the DO#), HIN #, Title # and date issued, owner name and city of residence (shown when you click on the blue Ownership word shown below), boat registration expiration date, the manufacturer of the boat, the year it was built, the hull material and the length of the vessel.

Search

Export to Excel

Print View

Vessel ID	HIN	Vessel Status	Title Status	Title Number	Title Effective Date	Registration Expiration	Manufacturer	Model Year	Hull Material	Length Ft-In	
		Active	ACTIVE		Ownership	04/07/2023	12/31/2024	HUNTER	1984	Fiberglass	27 Ft 0 In

*Black boxes are covering data fields for this display purpose but are populated during a search if publicly available.

If a search returns empty fields with no data, that means the boat owner clicked a privacy box within their account keeping their information private through the public look-up feature. In this scenario, a marina manager would need to contact the Marine Board and request an "OSMB Online User Request Form". This form, when completed by a Port or Marina Manager and approved by the Marine Board, will give authorization to use and access the Boat Oregon store database. After approval, the new user will receive a unique login credential and be able to view the owner's information. Additionally, this type of approved login access will show the complete address of the boat owner and not just their city of residence.

Hopefully some of you reading this have learned a new management tool that is available to use, as this capability can help you better communicate with your moorage customers and monitor their compliance with state registration. Contact me if you have any additional questions or want to receive a copy of the database user authorization application.

PROGRAM PARTICIPANT SURVEY RESULTS

Last November, a short, four question survey was sent to certified facilities participating in the program. An email reminder was sent in December, that resulted in a 57% return rate. To those facility managers that responded, I want to personally thank you for the time you took to thoughtfully craft your responses and submit them to me. While I can't realistically post all the responses here in this article (I received 32 surveys), I did want to capture some of the themes that stood out as being consistent with multiple respondents. Additionally, I took some of the more stand-out comments to highlight as well. I determined that the best way to report on this survey was to list the questions asked, and then to take word for word the most relative and common responses that I received. I'm intentionally not identifying the author of the survey response as I think leaving them as anonymous is the best way to display the results. On a final note, not all comments or all surveys are captured in the summary below. Everyone that responded did a fantastic job with their responses and I truly appreciate you all for your kind words and overall support for this program. You're a great group to work with!

Question 1 – What kinds of benefits have you experienced as a result of your facilities certification?

- ♦ Pride in knowing we are doing the right thing and being recognized through certification.
- ♦ Overall, the certification has set us apart from non-certified marinas. It has helped attract more responsible boaters to our area and has contributed to increased revenue for both the marina and the surrounding community.
- ♦ The oil spill kit and signage provided through the program have been extremely helpful. Being part of the program has also strengthened our ability to enforce regulations. When someone lacks proper registration or insurance, we can explain that they not only fail to meet our marina's requirements, but also the requirements to moor at any Oregon Clean Marina. This consistency helps bring boaters into compliance and ensures that marinas across the program operate under similar regulations and enforcement standards.
- ♦ Being a Certified Clean Marina here in Oregon has helped us market our marina to the public. Many of our tenants and customers are environmentally conscious and want to support companies with the same values. By being an Oregon Certified Clean Marina, we are showing the public that we hold the same values and are actively upholding the same standards through our actions, as recognized by the state of Oregon. We also have pride in protecting our environment and natural resources, so in addition to our customer benefit, we take pride in being recognized by the state for our efforts to protect the Oregon waterways.
- ♦ We now have emergency procedures and the tools for any emergency thanks to this program.
- ♦ In prior cycles we've received priority consideration/funding for abandoned and derelict vessel (ADV) disposal based on our Clean Marina status.
- ♦ We have set a strong example that the program has resulted in a cleaner facility that the public sees and appreciates.
- ♦ We use the certification in marketing our facility on our webpage.
- ♦ Certification standards support day-to-day practices we already need (fueling oversight, spill readiness, inspection routines, staff training), and it helps keep those systems consistent even as staff turns over.

PROGRAM PARTICIPANT SURVEY RESULTS CONT.

Question 2 – Which of the program standards is the most challenging for your facility to implement and why?

- ◆ Getting federally documented vessels to get Oregon registration.
- ◆ Boat registration compliance – lack of Sheriff Deputies willing to assist with enforcement.
- ◆ Compliance with boat owners that still try to hull scrape within the marina.
- ◆ Up to date registration of members boats. I wish there was some kind of financial penalty for individuals who don't keep their boat registration up to date.
- ◆ Fish carcass removal. Worst job for our staff, we have to manage/transport to our dump. It's gross, stinky and costs a lot of money.
- ◆ With county enforcement at a low, it has been more difficult for the Port to manage the requirements for state registration on moored vessels. We do our best with enforcement, but it helps when County Marine Deputies are involved in this.
- ◆ The use and restock of the emergency oil spill kit.
- ◆ Installed bear-proof trash receptacles on the marina docks. This design is perfect for the weather and wind as trash is kept contained with no worries about anything getting into the lake.
- ◆ A recent windstorm blew over a motorcycle in our parking lot. Because of the education done about the oil spill kit at the facility, the moorage member knew to use the oil absorbent pads available to mop up the gas spill and prevent pollution from going down a parking lot storm drain.
- ◆ We do ongoing seaworthy inspections for boats that may become in question. We often find things that are in need of repair that if it was left unchecked, it would more than likely lead to some sort of contamination of the waters.
- ◆ Our members act fast and are not shy to help out when they see a sheen on the water. They get oil spill materials from one of the spill kits and get to containing even the smallest bit.

Question 3 – Do you have any pollution prevention success stories to share?

- ◆ The identification and removal of several vessels from the marina that didn't meet the program ADV prevention standards.
- ◆ Program provided oil spill kits are a great resource when needing to respond to a sinking vessel. Having used oil collection tanks at the marina also helps manage this pollution source. All of our marinas have sewage pumpout units that are heavily used annually.
- ◆ Installed an automatic back-up system in our sewage collection pump house.
- ◆ We have put in place a used fishing line recycling tube which has been very successful and is used regularly. In addition, we have added an oil-water separator catch basin in the parking lot to filter stormwater and installed a bio box to treat stormwater coming off the building rooftops.

PROGRAM PARTICIPANT SURVEY RESULTS CONT.

Question 3 – Do you have any pollution prevention success stories to share?

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- ◆ We've been fortunate for the last few years with no major pollution incidents, and we credit that to a prevention-first approach:
 - * Readiness and rapid response capability: We keep qualified spill response contractors under contract year-round so we're not scrambling when something happens.
 - * Fuel dock prevention culture: We focus on "stop it before it starts" practices with routine checks, clear fueling expectations, and having absorbents immediately available.
 - * Boater prevention materials: Providing items like oil absorbent pads and bilge socks at the fuel dock has been a simple, low-cost way to reduce small, chronic discharges that add up over time.
 - * Training and procedures: We maintain written procedures (including spill response steps and call-down contacts) and reinforce them with staff refreshers, so the first 5 minutes of any incident are handled correctly.

Question 4 – Other program comments or suggestions

- ◆ This is a great program, thanks for offering it.
- ◆ I would like to emphasize the importance of marinas working closely with their local marine deputies. If other marinas are not already doing so, I highly recommend they reach out and establish a strong working relationship. At our marina, all vessels in our slips are required to be legally registered.

Over the past four years, we have partnered with our County Sheriff's Office to conduct dock walks every spring and fall to ensure compliance.

- * We began this effort because many boaters tend to overlook registration requirements once their vessel is in a slip. During these dock walks, the Sheriff's Marine Deputy provides friendly reminder notices to moorage holders before issuing citations, giving them an opportunity to update their registration within the required timeframe.
- * This partnership has significantly reduced registration violations and has helped ensure that boaters remain familiar with Oregon's marine laws.
- ◆ Please re-fund the ADV removal grant program or establish a free vessel turn-in program.
- ◆ Is there a way to enforce boat registration compliance at non-certified marinas? We try hard at our facility and it's frustrating to see many expired tags at our neighboring facilities.
- ◆ All of the signage the program has provided has helped tremendously to educate marina customers.
- ◆ We appreciate this program very much and love the support we get with it, thanks!
- ◆ I believe the program is great for marinas. It acts as a guide for standards that marinas need to have to be successful, clean and prepared for issues that are frequently seen.
- ◆ It's a great program with good standards and objectives. We are happy to be a part of it.
- ◆ Thanks for the recent infusion of clean boater booklets. We are adding one to each new member packet.

PROGRAM PARTICIPANT SURVEY RESULTS CONT.

Question 4 – Other program comments or suggestions. Continued from previous page.

- ◆ Support from the Clean Marina certification program staff has been very strong, and guidance has been easy to access. The public response to our participation and certification has also been very positive, with many visitors expressing appreciation for the focus on a clean, well-managed marina. Our staff are proud to fly the program flag and work hard to be good stewards of our environment and waterways. Glenn Dolphin is very informative and is readily available to address our concerns. He is a key asset to the Clean Marina Program.
- ◆ Continue/expand incentive funding: Priority or set-aside funding tied to certification is a real motivator. Grants that specifically support fish-waste disposal infrastructure, stormwater controls, and spill-prevention upgrades.

OIL SPILL KITS AVAILABLE

During the past two years, I have seen several marinas needing to either upgrade their older spill kit or require a whole new one because of damaged (wet and moldy) absorbent materials. This is where the Clean Marina Program can help facilities that are in good standing and meeting program standards. Over the years the spill kit inventory has remained the same with; 50 feet of oil absorbent boom (in 10ft sections), 50 absorbent pads along with a couple pairs of gloves and a disposal bag. What has changed over the years is the construction of the actual hard plastic container that holds these supplies. It's evolved from a standard round 55-gallon drum container to a garbage can with wheels that in the early years was a thin plastic material, to more recently when a much stronger, thicker plastic can was purchased. Therefore, if you want to replace the one that you currently have (older thin

plastic can or damaged materials), or to add a second kit to your marina, contact me to schedule a delivery of a new kit to your facility.



ANNUAL GOLDEN ANCHOR AWARD City of Umatilla Marina and RV Park

Drum roll please...you've reached the portion of the newsletter where we highlight the best facility recertification site visit from last summer's field season with some well-deserved kudos and appreciation. During the summer of 2025, I visited 24 participating facilities to perform their 3-year recertification evaluations.

This award is not about having the newest, biggest or most luxurious facility, but rather, the one being managed the best, is implementing the program standards the most effectively, and goes above and beyond the program basics.

Without further ado, this year's recipient is the **City of Umatilla, Marina and RV Park**.

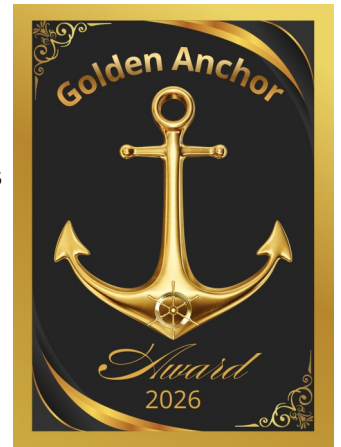
It's been a pleasure over the past several years to meet and work with Esmeralda Perches, the city's Parks and Recreation Director, and Salud Campos, the marina manager. While this marina may be of older construction, with one of its dock sections currently closed, and has an older dock floatation system in some areas (but still compliant with program standards), they more than make up for those elements with passionate staff who care about managing a facility the best that they can and are always looking to improve on-site conditions. The moorage facility offers 90 rentable slips, mostly covered, with one dock section featuring open slips. They enforce all necessary moorage rules for program participation. This is one of the very few marinas in the program who have cultivated a strong working relationship with their County Sheriff Marine Patrol Deputy. For the past four years, marina staff have walked the docks twice per year with the Deputy (spring & fall). During these evaluations they are not only looking for the required state boat registration sticker

(warnings and citations are issued for non-compliance) but also evaluating vessels for seaworthiness and requiring boat owners to address any identified maintenance issues.

This facility has a fully compliant fuel station with all the required emergency procedures in-place, along with a more than an adequate supply of oil absorbent materials. The fuel dock also hosts a well-maintained boat sewage pumpout station. Additionally, all the individual dock sections have stocked oil spill response containers at the top of each gangway for use. This fuel station encourages, and use themselves, the provided "no-spill jug" (see page three for image) to prevent spills during fueling. Every three years, staff are excited to receive a fresh supply of these no-spill containers.

The marina has a mix of gravel and paved parking lots, with the paved sections sloping towards vegetation areas since there are no storm drains to manage for this low rainfall area. Covered dumpsters are located throughout the facility. The Marina also manages a fish cleaning station which is kept clean and organized, and the marina staff have adopted the provided program emergency response plan (aka, the "Panic Preventor File").

Lastly, I wanted to highlight my experience with this staff following through with a recommendation that I gave during last summer's evaluation. Having a used fishing line recycling station is an optional item to implement on the checklist. I told the marina staff they can contact the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Salmon and Trout Enhancement Program (STEP),



GOLDEN ANCHOR AWARD CONT.

to ask about the recycling program and get their materials. To my surprise (as I mention this optional item to marinas that allow fishing and/or have a fish cleaning station and only occasionally see follow-through), they worked with their local ODFW STEP Biologist, Marty Olson, late last summer and now have a recycling station at the marina! It is so great to have staff at this marina that are always looking at ways to improve their facility and offer services to the public that use it. Great job City of Umatilla!

The following is a quote from their submitted program survey.

“The Clean Marina Program has provided clear standards that help us maintain consistent procedures throughout our facility. As a result, our day-to-day

operations are safer, smoother, and more reliable for all boaters. The certification also demonstrates our strong compliance with state and environmental regulations, which gives slip holders and visitors confidence that the marina is well-managed and safe” (Salud Campos, 2025).

The past award winners were:

- Port of Columbia County - 2021
- Port of Garibaldi & Garibaldi Marina – 2021
- City of Depoe Bay – 2022
- Schooner Creek Boat Works – 2023
- Port of Brookings – 2024
- Rose City Yacht Club - 2025



Both covered and open slips are available



Fuel dock with boat ramp in the background



Emergency oil spill kits at the top of each gangway

Newly installed used fishing tackle recycling tube



PROGRAM CERTIFICATION UPDATE



In 2022, I started working with the Jackson County Parks Department to evaluate their two marinas and help them towards certification. Joseph Stewart Park Marina was certified first in 2022, and we completed the final certification at the **Howard Prairie Resort Marina** in September 2025. This is a newly built marina that opened in a new location on Howard Prairie Reservoir in Southern Oregon in 2024. Due to consistently low reservoir levels leaving the docks high-and-dry by mid-summer, and after many years of planning for a facility in deeper water, the new marina can now stay open much longer during the summer months. The marina boasts 131 slips for seasonal rental, is constructed using (in my opinion) the best foam encapsulation material, protected by thick black plastic boxes, and offers boaters “bear proof” trash cans on the docks. These trash containers prevent any garbage from blowing into the water (the main reason for using this design). Upland, the marina has a fuel station meeting all of the program standards, a sewage dump station, new environmental signage, updated moorage rules and a new emergency response plan. They scored an impressive 95% on the checklist and the staff were very easy to work with. Congratulations, Jackson County Parks Department!

Clean Marina Recertifications

Every boating season, participating facilities receive recertification site visits every three years. These evaluations ensure that each facility is still meeting the standards of the program. During these visits if deficiencies are found, they are addressed and program supplies are delivered if needed. The following facilities were recertified during the 2025 summer field season:

- Big Eddy Marina
- City of Umatilla Marina
- Columbia Ridge Marina
- Dikeside Moorage
- Embarcadero Marina
- Eugene Yacht Club
- Irrigon Marina
- Jantzen Beach Moorage
- Joseph Stewart Park Marina
- McCuddy's Hayden Island Marina
- Oregon Yacht Club

- Odell Lake Resort Marina
- Pelican Marina
- Pelton Park Marina
- Port of Arlington
- Port of The Dalles
- Port of Toledo
- Promontory Park Marina
- Rocky Point Resort
- Rocky Pointe Marina
- Schooner Creek Boatworks
- Skipanon Marina
- Waverly Marina
- Willamette Sailing Club

Marina Spot Checks

This practice was introduced in 2017 to provide checks and assistance to participating marinas in-between scheduled visits. Therefore, as staff travel the state, they perform short unannounced site evaluations of certified facilities along the travel route.

2025 Legislative Session Update

The 2025 session of the state legislature brought changes to boating laws that have a nexus with environmental topics. Interesting fact is that several were bipartisan efforts to improve the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) and Waterway Access Programs (WAP), along with the Abandoned and Derelict Vessel Program lead by the Department of State Lands.

Since the AIS Prevention Program was created over 15 years ago, the annual revenue collected from permit sales has remained consistent but is only enough for a bare-bones basic program (see the summary on the next page). Back during the 2020 Legislative session, the Marine Board submitted a legislative proposal to build upon the AIS program by creating another revenue source to address the growing needs of non-motorized boaters, for more paddling specific access. The law passed and added a new fee to the AIS Permit and then renamed it as the Waterway Access Permit. Additionally, the 10ft cut-off length for permit compliance was kept in-place when the new WAP was created.

Fast forward to 2025, where Legislators on both sides of the aisle are becoming more informed about the benefits of the AIS Program and its need for funding sources to expand the activities and better protect state waters against the negative impacts of AIS. As a result, a bipartisan bill was introduced and ultimately passed into law that increased the revenue for the AIS Program. This will allow for an expanded effort to protect state waters and increase educational opportunities for the boating public. For motorboat owners, this means that the AIS permit fee was raised by three dollars and is now \$8, combined with their two-year motorboat registration fee. For out-of-state registered motorboats, their annual permit fee was raised by \$10 and is now \$30. For non-motorized boats, the 10 feet or longer cutoff length requirement for permit compliance was removed. Now, all paddle craft (kayaks, canoes, rafts, drift, stand up paddleboards, and their inflatable versions) regardless of length, are required to purchase and carry the permit. The breakdown of the fee changes for paddle craft is shown in the table below.

Waterway Access Permit Fee Structure

Type of Permit	Old Fee Distribution			New Fee Distribution		
	WAP	AIS	Permit Total	WAP	AIS	Permit Total
One Week	\$4	\$1	\$5	\$4	\$2	\$6
Annual	\$12	\$5	\$17	\$12	\$8	\$20
Two-Year	\$20	\$10	\$30	\$20	\$15	\$35
*Livery 6-10 Boats	\$60	\$30	\$90	\$60	\$40	\$100
*Livery 11-20 Boats	\$110	\$55	\$165	\$110	\$75	\$185
*Livery 21+	\$200	\$100	\$300	\$200	\$140	\$340

* A livery is a business that rents boats to the public.

2025 Legislative Session Update Cont.

An additional update to the AIS Program during last year's session was that the State can now start contracting with local governments, special districts and Tribes to operate boat inspection stations around the state. This new authorization will greatly help the program efforts expand. Interested partners can now work with the state to conduct localized boat inspection activities near high-risk areas. Currently, there are just the five state-run sites, located off major highways at the state border crossings.

The Abandoned and Derelict Vessel (ADV) Program also received some long overdue statutory updates. The biggest change is shortening the timeline for seizing a boat. This now means that an authorized enforcement agency (i.e. state agency, local government, public port or law enforcement entity) can post a Notice of Seizure on an abandoned vessel in an unauthorized location; then 10 business days later, if the owner hasn't responded to the notice (certified mail is normally sent to the last owner on record), then the vessel can be seized and disposed of.

Additionally, an expanded definition for marine debris was created, defining a boat that is in such disrepair and in a derelict condition that it no longer can function as a boat (i.e. its propulsion is missing, no steering ability, wiring stripped, etc.). Meeting this definition, a boat can then be classified as marine debris. This essentially now categorizes it as garbage, and it can be seized and disposed of immediately. There were also some other minor changes but these two will have the biggest impact on the management of these vessels in our waterways. The Department of State Lands is now the lead agency in Oregon managing this issue and currently have multiple staff working on ADV removal projects throughout the state.



Several years ago this boat was found during the summer months along the Willamette River. At the time it had to be treated as a boat with the lengthy pre and post seizure notification and a long storage process before demolition could occur (Approx. 1.5 months). Under the 2025 updated laws, this type of boat that looks to have its propulsion removed and probably had its wiring stripped, would be now classified as marine debris (aka garbage) and can be disposed of ASAP!

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES PROGRAM UPDATE 2025 ANNUAL REPORT COMPLETED

Executive Summary

In 2009, the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 2220 that created the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Program and established a new user fee for boaters (AIS Prevention Permit), which funds the AIS Prevention Program. The discovery of quagga mussel veligers in the Snake River below Twin Falls, Idaho for three consecutive years (2023-2025) emphasizes the importance of the Program. Additionally, the continued spread of golden mussels in the Sacramento River Delta and the connected California State Water Project further underlines the need to protect Oregon's waters from the introduction of aquatic invasive species and limit the spread of existing aquatic invasive species through AIS prevention measures. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) are partners in managing the AIS Prevention Program. Watercraft inspection staff activities are managed by ODFW while administration of the AIS Prevention Permit and law enforcement coordination are managed by OSMB.

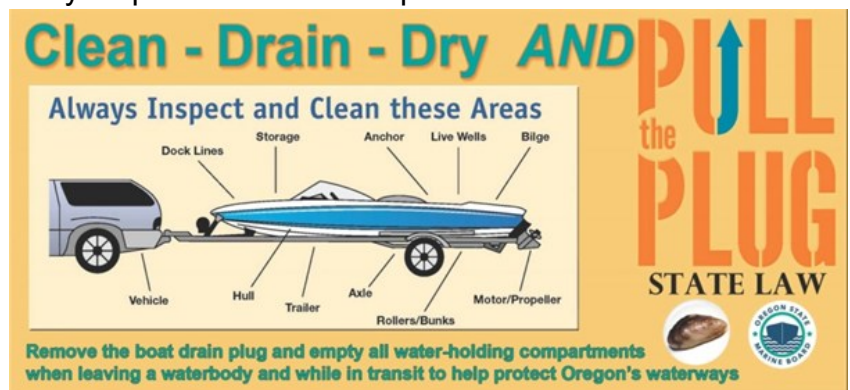
ODFW operated five watercraft inspection stations located near Oregon's southern, eastern, and northern borders. Ashland and Ontario watercraft inspection stations operate year-round. The seasonal stations in Klamath Falls and Brookings opened the first week of May while the Umatilla station opened in mid-June due to staffing issues. All three seasonal stations remained open until the first week of October. The two-person roving team based previously based in Salem were relocated to the permanent stations to assist with inspections and conduct AIS outreach and education activities on a more local scale.

In 2025 a pilot station was opened on the main access road to the Owyhee Reservoir near Ontario. The Owyhee Reservoir is one of Oregon's highest risk waterbodies for the introduction and establishment of invasive freshwater mussels. This risk is further exacerbated by its proximity to the quagga mussel infestation in the Middle Snake River near Twin Falls, ID. This inspection station was positioned so that, when operated, all watercraft entering the reservoir on the main access road would be inspected for AIS prior to entry.

Across all stations, all motorized and non-motorized watercraft (canoes, kayaks, rafts, etc.) regardless of size are required to stop at inspection stations when they are open. In 2025 crews conducted 21,136 watercraft inspections. These inspections resulted in 288 watercraft being decontaminated for aquatic vegetation, two ballast flushes due to high-risk unverifiable water present in the hull, and ten full decontaminations for the presence of invasive freshwater mussels.

In the 2025 fiscal year, revenue generated from AIS Prevention Permit sales totaled \$827,362. The AIS Prevention Program provided (either partial or full) funding for seven full-time positions, and ten seasonal or part-time positions. Additionally, these funds supported law enforcement activities such as checking boaters for a current AIS or the Waterway Access Permit and enforcing mandatory stops at watercraft inspection stations.

The program received additional funding from the US Army Corps of Engineers as part of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). This grant provided \$616,352 over 18 months and was used to help fund additional inspectors and hours of operation at the inspection stations.





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The Oregon Clean Marina Program is a voluntary environmental certification program that recognizes marinas, boatyards, yacht clubs, and floating home moorages. The program is implemented in a non-regulatory manner because the Marine Board is not an environmental enforcement agency. Free technical assistance is offered to interested facilities and if environmental problems are identified, then solutions are sought through a partnership, not an enforcement action. Along with being in compliance with existing environmental regulations, certified facilities are asked to implement a high percentage of environmentally responsible practices. The goal of this program is to help protect and improve local water quality by promoting the usage of environmentally responsible practices at marinas. The program provides information on how to eliminate or reduce the input of polluting materials – such as oil, paint, cleaning chemicals, sewage, fish waste, and trash – into the environment.

How to become a certified marina:

- ◆ Learn about the program – contact the program coordinator for details.
- ◆ Take the Clean Marina pledge – sign the form and work towards pursuing certification within one year or less.
- ◆ Conduct a self-assessment – after reviewing the program guidebook, use the checklist to evaluate your own facility. Or contact the program coordinator for technical assistance to complete a comprehensive evaluation of the marina facilities.
- ◆ Checklist – categories include moorage rules, boater education, ADV management, solid waste and stormwater management, sewage and common waste management, fueling, uplands and building maintenance and emergency planning. Items can be required by law, by the program, or optional to implement.
- ◆ Schedule a confirmation visit – once it is determined that a facility meets the necessary requirements a confirmation site visit is scheduled. This occurs with the marina manager and the program coordinator. A passing score for certification is 85% however; most of the certified facilities score much higher than the minimum.
- ◆ Receive your certification – once you pass, you can receive your certification and other rewards (see incentives below).
- ◆ Maintain your certification – Every three years the program coordinator will schedule an on-site visit to confirm everything is still meeting the program standards.

Program incentives:

- ◆ Receive a Clean Marina Flag to fly at the marina
- ◆ Receive a framed certificate signed by the Oregon State Marine Board Director
- ◆ Receive a 45-gal dock-side oil spill response kit with; 50ft of absorbent boom in 10ft sections that link together, 50 oil absorbent pads, non-latex gloves and disposal bags.
- ◆ May receive a discount on marina environmental liability insurance premiums (dependent on insurance company policies)
- ◆ Obtain official State recognition for being good stewards of the environment
- ◆ Ensure your facility is in compliance with environmental regulations
- ◆ Receive recognition in Marine Board publications and on the agency's website
- ◆ Have access to free environmental technical assistance from the program staff
- ◆ Promote your facility as being an environmental steward and get authorization to use the program logo to display on websites, signs, newsletters etc.
- ◆ Receive free materials to hand out to boaters or homeowners (for example oil absorbent pads and the Clean Boater Handbook)

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