



CLATSOP COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

1190 SE 19th Street • Warrenton, OR 97146

December 12, 2025

To: Sam W. May
P.O. Box 308
Banner Elk, NK 28604

Re: NOTICE OF PROPOSED SEIZURE OF VESSEL

Dear Mr. May:

Currently a 1981 32.7' fiberglass Hunter sailboat with the HIN# of HUN33442M81H and the Oregon registration number of OR936AGA is illegally anchored and abandoned in the Columbia River, west of the entrance to the Skipanon River.

This same sailboat was still registered to you on 12/31/2024. You are the last known owner.

Your sailboat has remained illegally anchored and abandoned within Clatsop County and in the State of Oregon.



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The Clatsop County Sheriff's Office proposes to seize the above-mentioned vessel by reason of it meeting the statutory definition of an "Abandoned Vessel" under ORS: 830.911. The above-mentioned vessel will be seized due to it being abandoned without authorization on waters of this state, if it is not moved to a place where the vessel can be lawfully kept, within the time specified in this notice.

As the owner, you are responsible for moving the vessel to a location where it can be lawfully kept. If you fail to move the vessel prior to the date specified in this notice, the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office will be authorized to seize the vessel.

Furthermore, you may be cited for failure to remove an abandoned vessel and failure to register and title the vessel. If the vessel is seized, you will be liable for the costs of salvage, towing, and storage of the vessel. If the costs of salvage, towing, and storage are not paid, the vessel may be destroyed or sold, and you will remain liable for unpaid costs.

To prevent the seizure of your vessel and possible citations for failure to remove an abandoned vessel, fail to register and title the vessel, you must move the vessel to a location where it can be lawfully kept prior to the following date and time:

1/12/2026 @ 5:00 pm

You have the right to request a hearing to challenge the seizure of the vessel. If you wish to request a hearing, you must submit your request in writing to the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office prior to the deadline given above. You must indicate the specific grounds on which the seizure of the vessel is challenged.

If you have questions, please contact Senior Deputy Grant Shimer at 971-704-4465 or gshimer@clatsopcounty.gov.

Sincerely,

Deputy Grant Shimer
Clatsop County Sheriff's Office
Marine Patrol

Cc: ADV Program Coordinator, Oregon State Marine Board

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