



# CLATSOP COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

1190 SE 19<sup>th</sup> Street • Warrenton, OR 97146

April 24, 2026

To: John Alexander Norris  
98713 Taylorville  
Westport, OR 97016

Re: **NOTICE OF PROPOSED SEIZURE OF VESSEL**

Dear Mr. Norris:

Currently, a 1969, 26' Columbia sailboat, white with a blue stripe with a Washington registration number of WN0633SJ and an old Oregon registration number or OR964EN with the HIN number of 6971616, is illegally anchored and abandoned in the West Port Oregon Slough. Per our conversation on April 11, 2026, you are the last known owner.



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Your sailboat remains illegally anchored and abandoned within Clatsop County and in the State of Oregon. This is even after being provided with legal options and explained the current laws.

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: **May 25, 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 503-325-8635 or [gshimer@clatsopcounty.gov](mailto:gshimer@clatsopcounty.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Grant Shimer".

Deputy Grant Shimer  
Clatsop County Sheriff's Office  
Marine Patrol

Cc: ADV Program Coordinator, Oregon State Marine Board

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