

CRYA and WOOO - Synergy in Action

As President of the Waterfront Organizations of Oregon, I am proud of the relationship and working partnership CRYA and WOOO have formed through the efforts of Doug Romjue and others. I like to think that CRYA takes care of the yacht clubs while on our beautiful river and WOOO “will leave the light on” for you reminiscent of Tom Bodett in the old Motel 6 radio ads. Our partnership has worked so well that WOOO made room for two board positions for CRYA, never done for any other member organization. WOOO is known for bringing the important governmental agencies to the table to work together on waterfront issues. We regularly have the OSMB, DSL, MCSO RPU, Harbormaster, River Community Advisory Committee (City of Portland Planning and Development liaison for Title 28 overwater building code) and others at our meetings.

We have provided reciprocal memberships between the two organizations, and we welcome any member of CRYA to participate in WOOO activities including our Best Practices Moorage Leaders Discussion Group and our General Board Meetings the first Wednesday of every month at 11 am and Noon respectively, any of our work groups on dredging, wakes/navigation, etc. and our annual Dinner Gala this November 2 at CRYC.

There is synergy in our combined efforts and we have succeeded on many large issues like Rain Tax II and more. Last month WOOO VP Kelly Butler Holtz reported to you on the new requirements for standpipe inspections previously done by the Portland Fire & Rescue. Other issues that are common concerns and being worked on are:

Adequate coverage, funding and cost sharing for the River Patrol Unit - 70% of their calls/stops are non-registered watercraft yet the Waterway Access Permit revenues cannot be used for law enforcement or rescue. More water protection is needed but sources other than boat registration need to be found.

Wake regulation particularly in the no towable pass-through area of downtown Portland. Unusually huge wakes are being generated by new technology that cause havoc to other water users and enforcement, education and signage need to change this situation.

Division of State Lands Rules Advisory Committee deliberations on Fill/Removal which potentially could double the dredging permit costs from DSL. This is already ongoing and we are monitoring and inputting to the RAC.

Division of State Lands Rules Advisory Committee deliberations on Lease Rules and Rates which will affect our submerged lands leases many of us have for our water properties. We have a seat on this Committee and will represent all our members when it convenes in October.

You can see all the available information for both of these proposed rules at <https://www.oregon.gov/dsl/pages/rulemaking.aspx> and sign up for updates at <https://www.oregon.gov/dsl/Pages/subscribe.aspx>

We welcome you to keep apprised of all issues by visiting our website www.WaterfrontOregon.com , signing up for our emails at www.myh2ouse.com/email , joining our social media groups <http://linkedin.com/company/waterfrontorganizationsoforegon> or <https://www.facebook.com/WaterfrontOregon/> or by attending any of our meetings or participating in our workgroups. We are delighted to be able to reach out through your CRYA newsletter a highlight of the current events which will be provided by WOOO Treasurer Stan Tonneson from here on.

You are the best source of information on what we need to work on. We welcome your input and feedback on our efforts and look forward to seeing you on the water, the Waterfronts and any of our gatherings.

Best regards,

Ron Schmidt
President, WOOO

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