



# COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## MARINE PATROL

### NOTICE

In past years concerns have been raised over boaters utilizing the waters of Columbia County, Oregon who fail to adhere to rules and laws enacted specifically for public safety on those waters. As such, the Columbia County Marine Patrol wishes to make you aware of laws that will be strictly enforced throughout the 2017 boating season. Some of these laws are well known, while some others are less known. These laws, whether well known or not can often create the most dangerous situations on the water. The following are rules and laws, among others not listed, that you should personally become aware of and also pass along to your friends and family using our waterways. It is our deepest desire that ALL boaters and individuals utilizing our waterways will do so in safety. Please help us make our waterways safe and friendly for everyone.

#### **Operating a boat while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or controlled substances**

ORS 830.325 No person under the influence of an intoxicating liquor or controlled substance shall operate, propel or be in actual physical control of any boat on any waters of this state. Class A Misdemeanor—up to one year in jail and \$5000 fine.

#### **Oregon Marine "BLUE LIGHT RULE" - Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 250—11-0050 (6)**

(6) Any vessel approaching, overtaking, being approached, or being overtaken by a moving law enforcement vessel operating with a siren or an illuminated flashing blue light, or any vessel approaching a stationary law enforcement vessel displaying an illuminated blue light, shall:

(a) Immediately slow to a speed sufficient to maintain steerage ONLY, shall alter its course, with its ability, so as not to inhibit or interfere with the operation of the law enforcement vessel, and shall proceed, unless otherwise directed by the operator of the law enforcement vessel, at the reduced speed until beyond the area of operation of the law enforcement vessel. FINE \$260

#### **Basic Rule for Slow NO WAKE—Oregon Administrative Rule 250-010-0025**

No person shall operate a boat on the waters of this state in excess of a "slow-no-wake" speed within 200 feet of a boat launch ramp, marina with a capacity for six or more moored vessels, floating home/boathouse moorage with six or more contiguous structures, and locations where persons are working at water level on floats, logs or waterway construction. FINE \$260

#### **Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Permit Required—ORS 830.565**

A person may not operate a manually propelled boat that is 10 feet or more in length or a motorboat on the waters of this state without first obtaining an aquatic invasive species prevention permit from the Oregon State Marine Board. FINE \$50

#### **Traffic Lanes ORS 830.345 ALSO known by US Coast Guard Federal Rule 9**

No person shall so anchor a boat for fishing or other purposes on any body of water over which the state has jurisdiction in such a position as to obstruct a passageway ordinarily used by other boats. FINE \$260