

Willamette River Boat Operation Proposed Rules

250-010-0010

Definitions

As used in OAR Chapter 250, unless otherwise required by context:

- (1) "Board" means the Oregon State Marine Board.
- (2) "Boat Livery" means a person, persons, or a business establishment engaged in renting or hiring out boats for profit.
- (3) "Float Tube" means a manufactured floating device constructed of canvas, nylon or other similar material encasing an inner tube capable of supporting one person sitting inside with their legs dangling below the vessel, used as a means of transportation on the water. Single float tubes are boats as defined in [ORS 830.005\(2\)](#) and if powered by machinery, single float tubes are motorboats as defined in [ORS 830.005\(5\)](#) and subject to numbering according to OAR 250-010-0040.
- (4) "Operator" means the person who operates or who has charge of the navigation or use of a boat.
- (5) "Person" means an individual, partnership, firm, corporation, association, or other entity.
- (6) "Person on Board" means every person being carried on board or being towed by a vessel.
- (7) "Propel" means but is not limited to floating, rowing, paddling, sailing or otherwise operating a boat (as defined in ORS 830.005), a vessel or ship.
- (8) "Ship's Lifeboats" means lifeboats used solely for lifesaving purposes and does not include dinghies, tenders, speedboats, or other types of craft carried aboard a vessel and used for other than lifesaving purposes.
- (9) "Towed Device" is defined as wakeboards, water-skis, tubes, surfboarding and other types of towed equipment whether tethered to the boat or not.**
- (10) [(9)] "Undocumented Vessel" means any vessel which is not required to have, or does not have, a valid marine document issued by the U.S. Coast Guard.**
- (11) [(40)] "Underway" means when a boat is not at anchor, or moored, or made fast to the shore, or aground.**

Stat. Auth.: [ORS 830.110](#)

Stats. Implemented: [ORS 830.110](#)

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Boat Operations on the Willamette River in Clackamas County

- (1) No person shall operate a motorboat in excess of 10 MPH in the following areas:
 - (a) Between the southern shore of Hog Island and the mainland;
 - (b) Within 100 feet of the west shore, between RM 30.0 and 30.5.
- (2) No person shall operate a boat:
 - (a) Downstream from Oregon City Falls in an area from the base of the falls to a line across the river between the northeast corner of the Crown Zellerbach's Mill A Grinder Room on the west bank of the river to the southwest corner of Publisher's Paper Company Power Plant on the east bank of the river as marked;
 - (b) In the area commonly known as the "cul-de-sac" or the Simpson Paper Company tailrace; beginning at the mouth of the tailrace on the south bank then extending across the tailrace following the line established by the bridge across the tailrace to the north bank, then in a westerly, southerly, and easterly direction around the bank of the tailrace to the place of beginning.
- (c) Exceptions:
 - (A) Boats of any federal, state, county, or local governmental agency and Portland General Electric Sullivan Plant and Crown Zellerbach Corporation Mill maintenance crews may operate in the closed area when on official business;
 - (B) Boats used in taking lamprey under a permit issued by the State Department of Fish and Wildlife may operate in the closed area subject to the conditions specified in the permit.

(3) No person shall operate a boat at a speed in excess of a "Slow -- No Wake" maximum 5 MPH speed on the following waters:

(a) Cedar Island lagoon;

(b) From the north point of the eastern spit of Cedar Island 100 yards due north and thence due west to the shore line;

(c) Within 200 feet of a designated public launching ramp and/or marked swimming area;

(d) Within 200 feet of shore adjacent to George Rogers Park (Lake Oswego), from the southern bank of Sucker Creek north along the west bank of the Willamette, to a point 200 yards north of the boat ramp, as posted;

(e) From the I-5 Boones Bridge west approximately 1,700 feet to the Railroad Bridge.

(4) No person shall operate a personal watercraft in continuous operation on the Willamette River between Hog Island and the Union Pacific Railroad Bridge during the period from May 1 through September 30, except to transit through this zone.

(5) A congestion zone is designated on the Willamette River from the Hwy 219 Bridge at RM 48.5 to the upper end of Willow Island at RM 31.5. The following rules apply within this zone:

(a) No person shall operate a boat at a speed in excess of a "Slow-No Wake" maximum 5 mph speed within 200 feet of private docks, boathouses or moorages legally permitted by the Oregon Department of State Lands.

(b) No boat shall conduct a power-on turn of 180 degrees or more except to prevent hazardous situations such as recovering a fallen skier in high-traffic situations.

(c) No person shall use wake-enhancing devices, including ballast tanks, wedges or hydrofoils or other mechanical devices, or un-even loading of persons or gear, to artificially operate bow-high.

(d) Boat operators must follow no closer than 200 feet behind a skier, boarder or other towed device traveling in the same general direction.

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Boat Operations in Yamhill and Marion Counties

(1) No person shall operate a motorboat in excess of 5 MPH during July and August between river miles 44.5 and 45.0, as marked during the hours of 7 - 10 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays, during evenings on which the historic Champoeg Pageant is performed.

(2) A congestion zone is designated on the Willamette River from the Hwy 219 Bridge at RM 48.5 to the upper end of Willow Island at RM 31.5. The following rules apply within this zone.

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