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June 21, 2024

Harrison Merritt

Geneva Settler

5151 N. Vancouver Ave

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Re: NOTICE OF PROPOSED SEIZURE OF VESSEL OR 039 TP

Dear Mr. Merritt and Ms. Settler:

A Bayliner sailboat, 27' in length, with Hull Identification Number BLBA14B70876, registration number OR 039 TP, was observed June 12, 2024, was at anchor, 45° 29'15" N; 122° 39'12" W. This is on the Holgate Channel of the Willamette River in Multnomah County, Oregon. The vessel is without current registration. The vessel meets the statutory definition of an "abandoned and derelict vessel" due to being left on the waters of the state without authorization and it is in imminent danger of sinking.





Oregon State Marine Board records indicate that you are the owner of this vessel. As the owner, it is your responsibility to remove it. If you fail to remove the vessel prior to the date specified in this notice, the Oregon State Marine Board will be authorized to seize the vessel. Furthermore, you may be cited for failure to remove 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 citation for failure to remove a derelict vessel, you must move the vessel to a location where it can be lawfully kept prior to the following date and time:

12:00 pm July 1, 2024

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 OSMB 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 Phil Hudspeth at the Oregon State Marine Board, at 503-856-2914 or phillip.hudspeth@boat.oregon.gov.

Sincerely,

Phil Hudspeth,
Boating Policy and Environmental Coordinator