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## Winter Boat Oregon Newsletter

### Cold Water Paddling Considerations

It's that time of year again, the days are growing shorter, and colder. By this time of the year many paddlers have tucked their boats cozily away for the winter.....but not everyone.

For the intrepid few willing to brave the elements boating opportunities abound in the colder months. Many streams and rivers without enough water for boating in the summer swell during the colder parts of the year to reveal new adventures, challenges, and some very serious risks. Cold-season boating can be extremely thrilling but is also far more dangerous than the warmer months of summer, it requires special training, equipment, and planning to be safely enjoyed. Cold temperatures, inclement weather, high water flows, hazardous debris, and little available help in the event of an emergency all matter when cold water boating. But, even with the dangers, if taken seriously and done properly it can be a very fun and rewarding activity.



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### Give a Gift that Keeps on Giving

We sell one and two-year Waterway Access Permits online. Permits are valid for one (or two!) calendar years.

1. Go to **Boat.Oregon.gov/store**
2. Click **Online Services** in the upper right-hand corner
3. Click the link for the permit you want
4. Click **Register** to create an account and follow the prompts

Permit sales fund **facility and education grants** to serve

nonmotorized boaters as well as help fund boat inspection stations.

## What's Required if a Vessel is Documented by the Coast Guard?

If you've ever strolled down the docks at a marina, you've probably noticed some of the larger boats over 25 feet and 5 net tons have a different number on them. These are Coast Guard "documented vessels." Pleasure vessels that navigate to ports outside the United States must be documented.



Oregon is one of 37 other states requiring documented vessels moored in state waters (for more than 60 consecutive days) to register the vessel with the Marine Board. The vessel owner will need to provide a copy of the Certificate of Documentation along with the [registration application](#). The Marine Board will issue two-year registration decals with the Coast Guard's Documentation number on them to the boat owner. The state decals need to be placed on the port and starboard sides of the vessel at the stern. Owners must follow Coast Guard requirements for displaying their documentation number.

## 68th Annual Christmas Ships

Brighten your holiday experience by checking out this wonderful northwest tradition since 1954! This endeavor started with a single festively-minded skipper. Since then, brilliantly lit and festive boats have been bringing joy to many who come out to view them on the Columbia and Willamette Rivers. The fleets this year include up to 60 decorated boats 14 to 65 feet long. Parades run through December 21. For a complete schedule, please visit the [Christmas Ships](#) website.



## 63rd Annual Portland Boat Show

Come see the largest selection of boats for every conceivable activity to do on the water! Visit agency staff in C Hall and learn about our environmental programs. Don't forget to [Download](#) your discount coupon to save a couple bucks! The show runs January 11-15, 2023 at the Portland Expo Center.

## The Fastest Way to Renew is Online

Motorboat registrations are valid for two calendar years and you can renew online now for registrations





**BOAT OREGON STORE**

**You can:**

- Apply for Motorboat Title & Registration
- Renew Motorboat Registration
- Purchase an out-of-state AIS permit
- Apply for a Boating Safety Education Card or Replacement
- Apply for a Towed Watersports Endorsement
- Buy One or Two-Year Waterway Access Permit

**FAST | SAFE | SECURE**

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that expire at the end of this year! Click on the Boat Renewal Tab on the store landing page to get started. Need help? [Start here.](#)



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### Subscribe to the "OAR"

Which boat ramps are open? What are some good places to explore during the winter? Subscribe to our Opportunities and Access Report to find out. You'll get a bi-monthly email during the winter and weekly emails during the boating season.



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

### Come Play on Oregon's Waterways

The Marine Board and agency staff wish you happy holidays and a Happy New Year! As 2023 launches, we are committed to building relationships and serving all recreational boaters. Strong partnerships with facility owners, stakeholders, law enforcement, boating clubs, nonprofits, and educators will continue to expand. You can count on more outreach, engagement, and communication. Explore the [agency's website](#) to learn more about *your* Oregon State Marine Board.

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