



Sheriff - Boating Safety 11003.811.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit is to promote boater safety through education, enforcement, and active patrol of all waterways located in and around Clallam County. The Marine Patrol Unit investigates all boating related crimes and boating accidents that occur on all waterways located in and around Clallam county.

Function

- Provide and maintain trained professional Marine Patrol Officers.
- Promote boater safety through aggressive use of the Boater Safety Inspection program and through enforcement of all boater safety laws.
- Actively enforce the Washington State Boat registration law.
- Investigate all boating accidents and boating related crimes that occur in the county.
- Actively patrol all official scheduled boating events that occur in the county.
- Patrol of area lakes during the summer months to promote safe operation of all watercraft on local inland waters.
- Maintain all vessels owned and operated by the Marine Patrol Unit.
- Provide multi-jurisdictional marine response assets for responding to international border related threats.

Trends/Events

The CCSO Marine Unit works with Washington State Parks to promote boating safety. The unit patrols waterways during times of peak recreational activities that mostly include fishing and kayaking. During the summer months, the waterways of Clallam County are utilized by a large number of tourists participating in these water activities. Clallam County is an attractive tourist destination that hosted over 3.25 million visitors in 2019 (Jim Vleming-Clallam County Profile). Washington State ranks 9th nationally in recreational boating related deaths. From 2015 through 2021 the CCSO Marine Unit investigated 10 boating accidents resulting in injury, 8 resulting in death, and 2 accidents where a recreate boater remains missing. In 2021 the unit had patrol boats on the water for 160 hours, with 416 officer hours attributed to those patrols. In a 7 year period the unit averages 2.6 vessel inspections per patrol boat hour. During the summer of 2021 and continuing through the summer of 2022, the CCSO Marine Unit has increased its patrol presence on Lake Sutherland with a goal of 10 additional patrols during peak lake usage in 2022. In 2018 the unit received approximately \$22,500 in grant funding the WA State Parks. The unit has seen a marked reduction in grant funding from state parks with the 2022 award totaling approximately \$12,500.

Goals

1. Educate the public on boater safety issues through the Boater Safety Inspection program.
2. Increase public awareness of weather and water navigation hazards.
3. Establish an active presence during peak boating times on all waters located in Clallam County.
4. Promote boater safety through Public Safety Announcements in the local media.
5. Promote mandatory Boater Education Card requirements for all boat operators.
6. Decrease boating accidents, property damage, injuries and fatalities.
7. Prevent, Detect, and Deter International Border related threats.

Workload Indicators

	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	6/30/23 Actual
Reportable activity to Washington State Parks	119	233	119.25
Hours spent actively patrolling waterways	163	135.5	96.25
Number of Safety Inspections completed	107	153	28
Boating accidents investigated	1	3	0
Marine Search and Rescue missions completed	1	0	0
Public events attended by the Unit	0	3	3

Grant Funding Sources

1. Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Revenues

	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	6/30/23 Actual	2024 Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	27,986	18,638	11,546	22,552
Taxes	0	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	15,873	12,527	0	12,527
Charges for Goods and Services	3,377	0	0	5,000
Fines and Forfeits	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	3,150	3,150	1,313	3,120
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	0	0	0
Total	50,386	34,315	12,858	43,199

Expenditures

	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	6/30/23 Actual	2024 Budget
Ending Fund Balance	18,638	11,546	7,454	26,189
Salaries and Wages	18,868	10,833	514	3,500

Personnel Benefits	2,796	1,579	88	454
Supplies	2,634	2,492	1,873	7,225
Other Services and Charges	7,450	7,865	2,930	5,831
Intergovernmental Services	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlays	0	0	0	0
Interfund Payments for Services	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total	50,386	34,315	12,858	43,199

Staffing

	2021 Budget	2022 Budget	2023 Budget	2024 Budget
Full Time Equivalent	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00