
Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit

Recreation and Boating Fund

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.

Functions:

- 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 Clallam County.
- Actively patrol all official scheduled boating events that occur in Clallam County.
- Patrol Lake Sutherland during the summer months to promote safe operation of all watercraft on Lake Sutherland.
- Maintain all navigation buoys located in Lake Sutherland.
- Maintain all vessels owned and operated by the Marine Patrol Unit.

Long Term Goals:

- Build an active working relationship with the United States Coast Guard, the United States Customs Service, and the Washington State Fish and Wildlife through the use of joint patrols.
- Aggressively educate the public on boater safety issues through the use of the Boater Safety Inspection program.
- Establish an active presence during peak boating times on all marine waters located in Clallam County.
- Promote boater safety through the use of Public Safety Announcements in the local media.
- Establish a Water Safety Program in all elementary schools located in the unincorporated areas of Clallam County.
- Establish a major equipment fund in the budget to set aside money for the replacement of outboard motors and or other equipment that require large expenditures.
- Reduce the Marine Patrol fleet to two power boats and one drift boat to reduce maintenance costs.
- Identify and seek additional sources of funding for the Marine Patrol Unit.

Short Term Objectives:

- Adjust the budget so additional funds can be used for wages and benefits to increase patrol hours.
- Increase Marine Patrol Unit's activity for State Park's reporting requirements.
- Standardize the uniforms worn by Marine Patrol personnel to save money.
- Sell the 28' Shark Cat which has been declared surplus property.
- Use funds from the sell of the Shark Cat to refit and re-power the Whaler with a more economical and less polluting outboard motor.
- Establish a major equipment replacement fund with the money left over from the sell of the Shark Cat.
- Setup a maintenance schedule for all vessels owned and operated by the Marine Patrol Unit.
- Refit and commission the 19' Zodiac for patrol.
- Identify all boating related events that occur in Clallam County and schedule personnel and vessels to patrol those events.

Accomplishments in 2007:

- Completed 118 vessel inspections.
- Public Safety Announcements for boater safety on KONP Port Angeles and KVAC Forks radio stations.
- 15 buoys constructed and 19 buoys reset in Lake Sutherland.
- Attended 7 public events to promote boater safety.
- Approval of the sale of the Shark Cat.

Performance Indicators:

- Statistical tracking and review of boating safety incidents, injuries and property damage.
- Year to year comparison analysis of safety training programs and their content.

Workload Indicators:

	2005 Actual	2006 Actual	6/30/07 Actual	2008 Estimated
Reportable activity to Washington State Parks	170	120	120	500
Hours spent actively patrolling waterways	5	118	118	350
Number of Safety Inspections completed	10	9	9	40
Citations written for boater safety violations	35	1	1	50
Citations written for vessel registration violations	0	1	1	3
Boater education programs given to the public	9	9	7	16
Public events attended by the Unit to promote safe boating.	0	40	40	75

Operating Budget

Revenues:

	2005 Actual	2006 Actual	6/30/07 Actual	2008 Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	25,120	12,797	16,397	62,687
Taxes	0	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	34,813	34,661	35,071	70,249
Charges for Goods and Services	0	0	0	0
Fines and Forfeits	5,981	0	0	5,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	0	0	0	0
Non Revenues	0	0	0	0
Other Financing Sources	51,628	0	0	0
General Tax Support	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	\$117,542	\$47,458	\$51,468	\$137,936

Expenditures:

	2005 Actual	2006 Actual	6/30/07 Actual	2008 Budget
Salaries and Wages	54,356	8,499	9,560	12,000
Personnel Benefits	7,999	2,540	2,247	1,567
Supplies	3,248	8,106	4,839	5,500
Other Services and Charges	7,609	6,811	5,735	8,060
Intergovernmental Services	0	0	0	0
Interfund Payments for Services	31,533	5,106	56	8,960
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	20,000
Ending Fund Balance	12,797	16,396	29,031	81,849
TOTAL	\$117,542	\$47,458	\$51,468	\$137,936

Agency Structure:

- The Chief Criminal Deputy position oversees all of the Marine Patrol Unit's activity.
- The Marine Patrol Unit is staffed with four commissioned Deputy positions who are trained as Marine Patrol Officers.
- One Deputy position has been designated by the Sheriff as the unit's coordinator. The coordinator is responsible for the daily operations of the unit.
- There is one Reserve Officer currently assigned to the unit and two volunteers that are available to assist in some activities the unit performs.