

We have two full-time deputies assigned to patrol the waters of the Columbia River, including the Columbia County portion of Multnomah Channel. These positions are funded primarily by the Oregon State Marine Board and require most of their time working the state waterways in our county.

Marine deputies are assisted by reserve deputies and VIPS volunteers on a case-by-case basis to promote water safety and good boating.

The Marine Patrol funds we receive help us maintain a presence on the largest stretch of the biggest waterway in our state, traversed by multitudes of boaters and commercial shipping interests daily. Law enforcement on the water is a way to keep this waterway safe for all who use the water, and to ensure that commerce vital to our region is maintained.

These funds also allow us to have additional manpower that we can call in on overtime to address any number of emergencies on land or sea. Though these are dedicated-funding positions, it still gives us deputies we would not have when the chips are down to go anywhere in this county on an emergency basis.

**BOAT INSPECTIONS NOTE: Boat Inspections No Longer Performed on Sundays at the Sheriff's Office. Inspections Now by appointment only.**

The Sheriff's Office promotes boating safety by providing safety inspections on the river, along the shore and at the Sheriff's Office. The sheriff deploys sworn deputies and certified volunteers to conduct these inspections.

The Marine Patrol will conduct boat inspections and Boater Education Exams by appointment only. Those wishing to have deputy contact for a boat inspection may call Dispatch at (503) 397-1521 and ask for contact from a Marine Deputy for an inspection.

## **Marine Patrol**

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Every boat on the water is subject to a safety inspection at any time. Our aim is to make boating on Oregon's waterways a safe and pleasurable experience for boaters of all ages