

# Chapter 488

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**GENERAL PROVISIONS****488.005 Boating offense definitions.**

As used in this chapter and ORS 1.510 and 1.520, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Bail" means money or its equivalent deposited by a defendant to secure appearance of the defendant for a boating offense.

(2) "Boating offense" includes a major boating offense, state boating offense or boating infraction.

(3) "Boating infraction" means a boating offense described under ORS 153.325.

(4) "Major boating offense" means a violation of any of the following provisions of law or of a city ordinance conforming thereto:

(a) Reckless operation, as defined in ORS 488.100.

(b) Operating, propelling or in actual physical control of a boat while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance.

(c) Failure to perform the duties of an operator of a boat involved in an accident or collision, as defined in ORS 488.164.

(d) Knowingly fleeing or attempting to elude a law enforcement officer as prohibited in ORS 488.027.

(e) Wilfully certifying falsely to matters set forth in a citation for a boating offense or when filing a complaint for a boating offense as prohibited in ORS 488.995.

(5) "Peace officer" includes a member of the Oregon State Police, a sheriff or deputy sheriff and a city policeman.

(6) "State court" means a circuit, district or justice court or magistrate.

(7) "State boating offense" means a violation of any provision of law for which any section of this chapter provides a penalty.

[1967 c 620 §2, 1979 c 744 §44, 1981 c 626 §3]

**488.010** [Repealed by 1957 c 467 §20]

**488.011 General definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Board" means the State Marine Board.

(2) "Boat" means every description of watercraft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water, but does not include aircraft equipped to land on water, boathouses, floating homes, air mat-

tresses, beach and water toys or single inner tubes.

(3) "Boat operator license" means a license issued by the board pursuant to ORS 488.400 to 488.430 (1979 Replacement Part) authorizing the holder of the license to operate a boat that carries passengers for hire.

(4) "Carrying passengers for hire" means carrying passengers by boat for a valuable consideration, whether directly or indirectly given to or received by an owner, charterer, operator, agent or other person having an interest in such boat.

(5) "Hazardous rivers" means those rivers or sections of rivers which, because of their natures, require local knowledge for the safe operations of passenger-carrying boats thereon.

(6) "Length" means the length of a boat measured from end to end over the deck excluding sheer.

(7) "Motorboat" means any boat propelled in whole or in part by machinery, including boats temporarily equipped with detachable motors.

(8) "Operate" means to navigate or otherwise use a boat.

(9) "Operator of a boat livery" means any person who is engaged wholly or in part in the business of chartering or renting boats to other persons.

(10) "Passenger" means every person on board a boat who is not the master, operator, crew member or other person engaged in any capacity in the business of the boat.

(11) "Waters of this state" means all waters within the territorial limits of this state, the marginal sea adjacent to this state and the high seas when navigated as part of a journey or ride to or from the shore of this state.

(12) "State waters" means those waters entirely within the confines of this state which have not been declared navigable waters of the United States.

(13) "Navigable waters of the United States" means those waters of the United States, including the territorial seas adjacent thereto, the general character of which is navigable, and which, either by themselves or by uniting with other waters, form a continuous waterway on which boats or vessels may navigate or travel between two or more states, or to and from foreign nations. [1957 c.467 §1, 1959 c 686 §64, 1963 c 355 §2; 1969 c 412 §1, 1973 c.304 §1, 1979 c.206 §1]

488.020 [Repealed by 1957 c 467 §20]

**488.021 Application of ORS 488.011 to 488.180 and 488.600.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, ORS 488.011 to 488.180 and 488.600 apply to all boats operated in the waters of this state, except where inconsistent with any applicable laws or regulations of an agency of the United States, in which case such laws or regulations shall prevail.

(2) ORS 488.011 to 488.180 and 488.600 do not apply to the following boats, except as otherwise provided in this section:

(a) A boat that has a valid document issued by the Bureau of Customs of the United States or any federal agency that succeeds to the duty of issuing marine documents.

(b) Foreign boats operated temporarily in the waters of this state.

(c) A boat owned and operated by the United States or by an entity of the United States.

(d) A ship's lifeboat used solely for lifesaving purposes.

(e) A boat belonging to a class of boats that has been exempted from the provisions of ORS 488.715 to 488.730 and 488.735 to 488.760 by the board as provided in ORS 488.830 (9).

(3) Subsection (2) of this section does not exempt the following boats:

(a) Small passenger vessels of less than 100 gross tons;

(b) Commercial vessels that are not required to be inspected under federal law; or

(c) Publicly owned recreational vessels.  
[1957 c 467 §2, 1959 c 686 §65; 1965 c 539 §1, 1981 c 102 §1]

**488.023 Operating boat in violation of chapter prohibited.** No person shall operate a boat in violation of any provision of this chapter. [1959 c 686 §61]

**488.024 Operating improperly equipped boat prohibited.** No person shall operate or give permission for another person to operate a boat which is not equipped as required under ORS 488.011 to 488.180 and 488.600.  
[1959 c 686 §43]

**488.025 Operator of boat livery to provide properly equipped boats.** No operator of a boat livery shall permit any boat he rents to depart from the livery premises unless the boat is equipped as provided under

ORS 488.011 to 488.180 and 488.600. [1959 c 686 §56, 1961 c 185 §4]

**488.026 Regulations establishing minimum specifications for rented boats; inspection; cancellation of certificate of boats not meeting specifications.** (1) The board shall provide by regulations minimum specifications of design, construction, material and condition of boats rented or chartered to the public. The regulations shall be made in accordance with ORS 183.310 to 183.550.

(2) Designated representatives of the board may annually, each spring inspect all rental boats as to material condition and seaworthiness. Any approval sticker or decal shall be placed in clear view of the operator on all boats which equal or exceed the minimum specifications provided by the board.

(3) After a hearing upon 10 days' notice to the owner of the boat, the board may cancel or revoke the certificate of number for any boat rented or chartered to the public if it does not equal or exceed the minimum specifications provided by the board. [1959 c 686 §57; 1975 c 584 §9, 1979 c 206 §2]

**488.027 Peace officers to enforce chapter.** (1) The sheriff of each county and all other peace officers shall be responsible for the enforcement of this chapter and any regulations made by the board pursuant thereto. In the exercise of this responsibility, a peace officer may stop any boat and direct it to a suitable pier or anchorage for boarding.

(2) No person, while operating a boat on any waters of this state, shall knowingly flee or attempt to elude any law enforcement officer after having received a signal from a law enforcement officer to bring the boat to a stop. [1959 c 686 §59, 1965 c 539 §2, 1967 c 176 §2, 1967 c 620 §17, 1975 c 584 §10]

**488.028 Contrary local laws prohibited.** No political subdivision of this state may enact or enforce any law contrary to the provisions of this chapter. [1959 c 686 §60]

488.030 [Repealed by 1957 c 467 §20]

**488.031 Personal flotation devices.** (1) All boats shall carry at least one United States Coast Guard approved personal flotation device in good and serviceable condition for each person on board. Each device shall be of an appropriate size for the person for whom it is intended and shall be readily accessible whenever the boat is in use. As used in this subsection, a personal flotation device is not

“readily accessible” if it is stowed in a locked compartment or locker or is otherwise not immediately, physically available to persons on board the boat in case of an emergency.

(2) The board by regulation will classify types of devices and specify which types are approved for various classes of vessels. The regulations will be consistent with, but shall not exceed those regulations promulgated by the United States Coast Guard. [1957 c 467 §3, 1959 c 686 §66, 1967 c 153 §1, 1973 c.520 §1, 1975 c.584 §1; 1977 c 77 §1]

**488.040** [Repealed by 1957 c.467 §20]

**488.041 Lights.** (1) Except as provided by the regulations adopted by subsection (3) of this section, every boat shall carry and show the following lights when underway between sunset and sunrise:

(a) Manually propelled boats, a lantern capable of showing a white light which shall be temporarily displayed in sufficient time to prevent collision.

(b) (A) Motorboats less than 26 feet in length, a white light aft showing all around, visible for at least two miles, and a combination 20 point light in the forepart of the boat, lower than the white light aft, showing green to starboard and red to port, visible for at least one mile.

(B) Motorboats 26 feet or longer, a white light aft showing all around, visible for at least two miles, two separate 10 point sidelights visible for at least one mile and a 20 point white light in the forepart of the boat, lower than the white light aft, visible for at least two miles.

(c) Boats propelled by sail, a white 12 point light aft, visible for at least two miles and two separate 10 point sidelights visible for at least one mile.

(2) As used in this section, “visible” means visible on a dark night with clear atmosphere.

(3) On all waters of the state, every boat shall carry and exhibit the lights required by inland rules for preventing collisions, promulgated by the United States Coast Guard, May 1, 1959 (Part 80, Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations of the United States of America, as amended). [1957 c 467 §4, 1959 c 686 §66a, 1967 c 153 §3]

**488.050** [Repealed by 1957 c 467 §20]

**488.051** [1957 c 467 §5, repealed by 1959 c 686 §72]

**488.052 Muffling devices.** The exhaust of every internal combustion engine used on any motorboat shall be effectively muffled by equipment so constructed and used as to muffle or suppress the noise of the exhaust in a reasonable manner. The use of cut-outs or open exhaust stacks is prohibited, except:

(1) On motorboats competing in a regatta, race or trial for speed records authorized as provided in ORS 488.108.

(2) On racing motorboats while the boat or equipment on the boat is being tried or tested in compliance with ORS 488.102. [1959 c.686 §41, 1967 c 536 §1]

**488.055 Notice to board on noise violation charge; board to supply information to court; suspension of certificate.** (1) Before hearing any charge for violation of ORS 488.052, a court shall notify the State Marine Board of the name of any person cited for violation of ORS 488.052 and the number of any boat used in the alleged violation.

(2) Upon receipt of a notification under subsection (1) of this section, the board shall:

(a) Notify the court of whether the person cited is the owner of the boat; and

(b) If the person is not the owner of the boat, notify the boat owner that the certificate of number of the boat will be suspended under ORS 488.780 if the person cited for operating the boat is convicted and there is no evidence to satisfy the court that the boat has been brought into compliance with standards for sound levels established by the board for purposes of ORS 488.780.

(3) At a hearing for violation of ORS 488.052, the court shall allow the owner of the boat used in the violation to show that the boat has been brought into compliance with standards for sound levels established by the board.

(4) If a court finds that a person has operated a boat in violation of ORS 488.052, the court shall provide the board with information necessary to suspend the certificate of number for the boat under ORS 488.780 unless evidence has been presented to the satisfaction of the court that the boat has been brought into compliance with the standards for sound levels established by the board. [1981 c 625 §3]

**488.060** [Renumbered 488 610]

**488.061 Whistles and horns.** Each motorboat 16 feet in length and over shall be provided with a whistle or horn as follows:

(1) Sixteen feet or longer, but less than 26 feet—one hand, mouth, or power-operated whistle or horn capable of producing a blast of two seconds or more in duration and audible for at least one-half mile.

(2) Twenty-six feet or longer, but less than 40 feet—one hand or power-operated whistle or horn capable of producing a blast of at least two seconds duration and audible for a distance of one mile.

(3) Forty feet to not more than 65 feet in length—one power-operated whistle or horn, capable of producing a blast of at least two seconds duration and audible for a distance of one mile. [1957 c.467 §6, 1959 c.686 §67; 1961 c.185 §5, 1969 c.77 §1]

**488.065 Bells.** In addition to the warning devices required by ORS 488.061, each boat 26 feet and over in length shall be provided with a bell which produces a clear, bell-like tone of full, round characteristics when struck. [1961 c.185 §2]

**488.070** [Amended by 1953 c.219 §2; part enacted as 1955 c.440 §1, 1957 c.126 §1, renumbered 488.620]

**488.071 Carburetors.** Carburetors on all engines of motorboats, other than outboard motors, shall be fitted with a U. S. Coast Guard approved device for arresting backfire. [1957 c.467 §7]

**488.080 Ventilation systems.** (1) Motorboats using fuel having a flashpoint of 110 degrees Fahrenheit or less shall have ventilating systems that meet standards provided by the board for the purpose of properly and efficiently ventilating the bilges of every engine and fuel compartment in order to remove any inflammable or explosive gases.

(2) The board may, in accordance with ORS 183.310 to 183.550, adopt regulations providing standards for ventilating systems. Motorboats so constructed as to have the greater portion of the bilges under the engines and fuel tanks open and exposed to the natural atmosphere at all times are not required to be fitted with ventilators. [1957 c.467 §8, 1967 c.153 §2]

**488.090 Fire extinguishers.** Every motorboat shall carry on board, fully charged and in good condition, the following U. S. Coast Guard approved hand portable fire extinguishers:

(1) Motorboats with no fixed fire extinguishing system in the machinery space and which are:

(a) Less than 26 feet in length, one extinguisher.

(b) Twenty-six feet or longer, but less than 40 feet, two extinguishers.

(c) Forty feet or longer, three extinguishers.

(2) Motorboats with a fixed fire extinguishing system in the machinery space and which are:

(a) Twenty-six feet or longer, but less than 40 feet, one extinguisher.

(b) Forty feet or longer, two extinguishers.

The extinguishers required by this section are Class B-I extinguishers described in 46 Code of Federal Regulations 25.30, but one Class B-II extinguisher described in that regulation may be substituted for two Class B-I extinguishers. [1957 c.467 §9, 1959 c.686 §67a]

**488.092 Safety devices on boat operated in tidewater.** No person shall operate a boat in the waters of this state which rise and fall with the ebb and flow of the tide unless the boat is equipped with safety devices of a type prescribed by regulations of the board made in accordance with ORS 183.310 to 183.550. [1959 c.686 §42]

**488.094 Additional equipment.** The board may require by regulation that all boats or any class of boats shall carry or install additional equipment which in the opinion of the board is necessary for the safety of persons and property. The regulations shall be made in accordance with ORS 183.310 to 183.550 and, to the extent considered by the board to be consistent with safety of persons and property, shall conform to the regulations promulgated by the United States Coast Guard for inland waters. [1959 c.686 §63, 1967 c.153 §4]

**488.098 Records of operator of boat livery.** The operator of a boat livery shall make and preserve for at least six months a written record of:

(1) The name of each person who hires a boat from the livery.

(2) The identifying number of the boat.

(3) The date on which the boat is hired, and the hour of departure from the livery.

(4) The expected date and hour of return.

(5) The date and hour of return. [1959 c.686 §55]

**488.099 Unsafe operation.** A person commits the crime of unsafe operation of a boat if the person operates a boat in a manner that endangers or would be likely to endanger any person or property. [1981 c 53 §3]

**488.100 Reckless operation; speed.** (1) A person commits the crime of reckless operation of a boat who operates a boat carelessly and heedlessly in wilful or wanton disregard of the rights, safety or property of others.

(2) No person shall operate any boat at a rate of speed greater than will permit that person in the exercise of reasonable care to bring the boat to a stop within the assured clear distance ahead.

(3) Nothing in ORS 488.011 to 488.180 and 488.600 is intended to prevent the operator of a boat actually competing in an event which is authorized as provided in ORS 488.108 from attempting to attain high speeds on a marked racing course. [1957 c 467 §10, 1959 c 686 §68, 1979 c 206 §3, 1981 c.53 §1]

**488.101 Operator to maintain lookout.** The operator of a boat shall keep a proper lookout at all times while underway. [1961 c 185 §3]

**488.102 Testing racing motorboat.** (1) No person shall operate a racing motorboat, for the purpose of trying or testing the boat or equipment on the boat, in any areas or during the time when one of the following conditions exist:

- (a) Where boats are anchored.
- (b) Where people are swimming.
- (c) Near populated beaches.
- (d) Among water skiers.
- (e) Among boats underway.
- (f) Where persons or property will be endangered because the area is otherwise congested.
- (g) Where persons or property will be disturbed or endangered because the waters on which the boat is operated are within a residential area.

(2) Subject to subsection (1) of this section, motorboats may be operated on public waters without effective muffling devices as required by ORS 488.052, for the purpose of trying or testing the equipment on the boat, in areas and during times designated by the board by regulations adopted under ORS 488.600.

(3) Within any county in which areas and times for trying or testing boats or the equip-

ment on boats have been designated by the board under ORS 488.600, if a person wishes to operate a boat for such a purpose on public waters within the county, outside the designated testing area, he shall apply to the sheriff of the county for a permit to do so. The permit, which may be issued upon application, shall be conditioned upon compliance with subsection (1) of this section, and shall designate the areas where and the times when the boat may be operated for such purpose. Provided, however, the sheriff in issuing such a permit may waive paragraph (g) of subsection (1) of this section if the boat being tested is muffled in accordance with ORS 488.052.

[1959 c 686 §41a, 1967 c 536 §2, 1973 c.624 §1]

**488.108 Authorization required to hold marine event.** (1) At least 30 days before holding a regatta, boat race, marine parade, tournament or exhibition on the waters of this state, the person who will be in charge of the event shall apply to the board for authorization to hold the event.

(2) The board shall provide by regulation for the manner of applying for and granting authorization and shall approve all applications for authorization which are consistent with the safety and pleasure of the public.

(3) The board may make rules and regulations restricting the operation of boats necessary to insure safety two hours prior to, during and two hours after the approved event.

(4) No person shall hold a regatta, boat race, marine parade, tournament, trial for speed records or exhibition on the waters of this state, unless the authorization of the board has been secured, except that the board's authorization is not required if authorization or the equivalent has been secured from an appropriate agency of the United States.

(5) An authorization by the board does not exempt a person holding an event from compliance with applicable federal law. [1959 c.686 §48, 1963 c 355 §3; 1979 c 206 §4]

**488.110 Operation rules as between boats.** (1) (a) Except as provided by paragraph (b) of this subsection, when two boats are approaching each other "head on" or nearly so (so as to involve risk of collision), each boat shall bear to the right and pass the other boat on its left side.

(b) On rivers, or those sections of rivers, which are state waters, boats proceeding

downstream shall have the right of way over boats proceeding upstream.

(2) When boats approach each other obliquely or at right angles, the boat approaching on the right side has the right of way.

(3) One boat may overtake another on either side but shall grant right of way to the overtaken boat. [1957 c.467 §11, 1969 c.412 §2]

**488.120 Traffic lanes.** (1) No person shall so anchor a boat for fishing or other purposes on any body of water over which the state has jurisdiction in such a position as to obstruct a passageway ordinarily used by other boats.

(2) No person shall operate a boat within a water area which is clearly marked by buoys or some other distinguishing device as a bathing or swimming area. [1957 c.467 §12]

**488.124 Reporting lost boat.** If any person finds a boat which is lost or adrift he shall report the whereabouts of the boat to the owner or to any peace officer at the earliest possible time. [1959 c 686 §54]

**488.130 Overloading.** No boat shall be loaded with passengers or cargo beyond its safe carrying capacity, taking into consideration weather and other normal operating conditions. [1957 c 467 §13]

**488.140 Riding on decks and gunwales.** (1) No person operating a motorboat shall allow any person to ride or sit on either the starboard or port gunwales thereof or on the decking over the bow of the boat while under way unless the motorboat is provided with adequate guards or railing.

(2) Nothing in this section is intended to prevent passengers or other persons aboard a boat from standing on the decking over the bow of the boat in order to moor the boat to a mooring buoy, float or dock or to cast off from such a buoy, float or dock or for any other necessary purpose. [1957 c.467 §14, 1961 c.185 §6]

**488.144 Water skiing, surfboarding and similar activities.** (1) No person shall ride or manipulate any water skis, surfboard or similar device in a reckless or negligent manner so as to endanger any person or property.

(2) No person shall operate a boat for the purpose of towing a person on water skis, surfboard or similar device, and no person shall engage in water skiing, surfboarding or similar activity at any time after one hour

after sunset and before one hour before sunrise. This subsection does not apply to a person while engaged in a professional exhibition or to a person engaged in an activity authorized under ORS 488.108.

(3) No person shall operate or manipulate any boat, tow rope or other device by which the direction or location of a person on water skis, surfboard or similar device may be affected or controlled in a reckless or negligent manner so as to cause the person on water skis, surfboard or similar device to collide with or strike against any person or object.

(4) No person shall ride or manipulate any water skis, surfboard or similar device while under the influence of an intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance.

(5) No person shall operate a boat on any waters of this state, towing a person on water skis, aqua-plane, surfboard, saucer, or similar device, unless another person in the boat is continuously observing the person being towed or unless the boat is equipped with a curved, rear view mirror placed so that the operator may continuously observe the person being towed. [1959 c 686 §§44, 45, 46, 47; 1961 c.185 §7, 1979 c 744 §45]

**488.150 Mooring to buoys and beacons; defacing or destroying navigational markers.** (1) No person shall moor a boat to any of the buoys or beacons placed in any waters of this state by the authority of the United States, an agency of the United States or by the board nor in any manner hang on with a boat to such buoy or beacon

(2) No person shall deface, remove or destroy any buoy, beacon or other navigational marker maintained in the waters of this state.

(3) This section does not apply to any action prohibited by ORS 783.610 regarding a buoy or beacon established or erected by the United States Coast Guard. [1957 c 467 §15; 1959 c.686 §69; 1967 c 176 §1]

**488.160 Operating boat while under influence of intoxicating liquor or controlled substance.** (1) No person under the influence of an intoxicating liquor or controlled substance, or who is a habitual user of controlled substances, shall operate, propel or be in actual physical control of any boat.

(2) No owner of a boat or person in charge or in control of a boat shall authorize or knowingly permit the boat to be propelled or operated by any person who is under the influence

of an intoxicating liquor or a controlled substance or any person who is a habitual user of controlled substances. [1957 c 467 §16, 1979 c 744 §46]

**488.164 Duties of operators and witnesses at accidents.** (1) The operator of any boat involved in an accident which results in injury or death to any person or causes damage to property immediately shall stop his boat at the scene of the accident, or as close thereto as possible, and shall remain at the scene of the accident until he has fulfilled the requirements of subsection (2) of this section.

(2) The operator of any boat involved in an accident resulting in injury or death to any person or damage to property shall:

(a) Give to the other operator, surviving occupant or any person not injured as a result of the accident, his name, address and the identifying number of the boat which he is operating, and the name and address of any other occupants of the boat.

(b) Render reasonable assistance to any person injured in the accident, including the conveying or the making of arrangements for the conveying of the person to a physician, surgeon or hospital for medical or surgical treatment, if it is apparent that treatment is necessary or if conveyance is requested by any injured person.

(3) Any witness to the accident shall furnish to the operator, occupant or injured person, his name and address. [1959 c 686 §49]

**488.168 Accident report required.** (1) The operator of any boat involved in an accident resulting in injury or death to any person or damage to property in excess of \$100 shall forward a complete written report of such accident to the board. A report required by this section must be made:

(a) Within 48 hours of a death as a result of a boating accident.

(b) Within 48 hours of the occurrence if a person loses consciousness or receives medical treatment or is disabled for more than 24 hours or disappears from a boat.

(2) Whenever a report is insufficient in the opinion of the board, it may require the operator to file a supplemental report and may also require a witness to the accident to render a report to the board.

(3) Whenever the operator of a boat is physically incapable of making a required accident report and there was another occu-

pant in the boat at the time of the accident capable of making a report, the occupant shall make or cause the report to be made. [1959 c.686 §50, 1973 c 520 §2; 1975 c.584 §2]

**488.170** [1957 c.467 §17, repealed by 1959 c 686 §72]

**488.172 Form of report; sending death certificate to State Marine Board.**

(1) The board shall prepare and make available to the public forms for accident reports required in ORS 488.168. The report shall call for sufficiently detailed information to disclose the cause of an accident, conditions then existing, and the persons and vehicles involved. Every accident report shall be made on a form approved by the board.

(2) The State Health Officer shall on or before the 15th day of each month forward to the board a copy of the death certificate covering the death, resulting from a boat accident, of any persons within his jurisdiction during the preceding calendar month. [1959 c 686 §51]

**488.176 Confidential nature of report.**

(1) All accident reports made to the board shall be without prejudice to the individual reporting and shall be for the confidential use of administrative and enforcement agencies only.

(2) The board upon written request, shall, if available, disclose the following information to any party involved in the accident, or, in the event of the party's death, to any member of the party's family, or to the party's personal representatives:

(a) The identity of the owner, operator, occupants and the identifying number of a boat involved in an accident;

(b) The names of any companies insuring the owner or operator; and

(c) The identity of any witnesses to the accident.

(3) No such report shall be used as evidence in any trial, civil or criminal, arising out of the accident. The board shall furnish, upon demand of any person who has or claims to have made such a report or upon demand of any court, a certificate showing that a specified accident report has or has not been made to the board, solely to prove a compliance or a failure to comply with the requirement that such a report be made to the board.

(4) The board shall compile and may analyze all accident reports and shall publish annually, or at more frequent intervals, statistical information relating to boat accidents.

(5) In response to any request duly made by an authorized official or agency of the United States, or in compliance with any requirement under the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971, the board shall transmit any information compiled or otherwise available to the board from the accident reports required by ORS 488.168 and 488.172. [1959 c 686 §§52, 53; 1979 c 206 §6]

**488.178 Liability of owner for negligent operation of boat.** (1) The owner of a boat shall be liable for the negligent operation of the boat in the same manner and to the same extent as the owner of a motor vehicle is liable under the rule of law which holds one person liable for the act of another who operates a motor vehicle for a family purpose.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section does not apply in actions in which courts of admiralty have jurisdiction. [1959 c 686 §58]

**488.180 Other laws not affected.** (1) Nothing in ORS 488.011 to 488.180 and 488.600 is intended to affect the provisions of ORS 488.600 to 488.620, 488.705 to 488.730, 488.735 to 488.762, 488.780 to 488.820, 488.825 to 488.870 or 783.610.

(2) The provisions of ORS 488.011 to 488.180 and 488.600 are in addition to and not in lieu of any other statutes. [1957 c 467 §19, 1959 c 686 §70]

**488.190 Report of accident resulting in death or disappearance; duties of passengers.** (1) When, as a result of an occurrence that involves a boat or its equipment, a person dies or disappears from a boat, the operator shall, without delay, by the quickest means available, notify the nearest sheriff department, state police post, Coast Guard station or other law enforcement agency of:

(a) The date, time and exact location of the occurrence;

(b) The name of each person who died or disappeared;

(c) The number and name of the boat; and

(d) The names and addresses of the owner and operator.

(2) When the operator of a boat cannot give the notice required by subsection (1) of this section, each person on board the boat shall notify the casualty reporting authority or determine that the notice has been given.

[1975 c 584 §12]

**488.200 Boating safety educational program; youthful boat operator program.** (1) In order to protect the public interest in the prudent and equitable use of the waters of this state and enhance the enjoyment of pleasure boating and other recreational water sports thereon, the board shall establish and pursue comprehensive educational programs designed to advance boating safety.

(2) The board shall put into effect a program to train youthful boat operators. For the purpose of giving the courses of instruction, the director may designate as his agent any person he deems qualified to act in such capacity. No charge shall be made for any instruction given. [1975 c 339 §2]

**488.210** [1967 c 620 §§3, 5, 1979 c 477 §8, renumbered 153 330]

**488.220** [1967 c 620 §4, 1971 c.388 §2, 1979 c 477 §9, 1979 c 744 §47, renumbered 153 335]

**488.230** [1967 c 620 §6, renumbered 153 340]

**488.240** [1967 c 620 §7, 1979 c 477 §10, renumbered 153.345]

**488.250** [1967 c 620 §8; renumbered 153.350]

**488.260** [1967 c 620 §9, 1981 c 625 §4, renumbered 153.355]

**488.270** [1967 c 620 §10, renumbered 153 360]

**488.280** [1967 c 620 §11; renumbered 153 365]

**488.290** [1967 c 620 §12, renumbered 153 370]

**488.300** [1967 c 620 §13, renumbered 153 375]

**Note:** Section 12, chapter 842, Oregon Laws 1977, is operative July 1, 1982, and provides

**Sec. 12.** ORS 488 400, 488 405, 488 410, 488 415, 488 420, 488 425 and 488 430 relating to commercial boat operators are repealed. The sections are set forth for the users' convenience

**488.400.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, no person shall operate on the waters of this state a boat carrying passengers for hire unless he holds a valid boat operator license. Any person performing the duties of a pilot or guide for one or more boats in a group is an operator.

(2) However, nothing in subsection (1) of this section applies to

(a) A person operating a boat on the navigable waters of the United States in this state and who is in possession of a valid United States Coast Guard boat operator license for the type of boat he is operating. As used in this paragraph, "navigable waters of the United States" means any waters declared navigable by the United States Coast Guard

(b) A person who holds a valid guide license issued pursuant to ORS chapter 497, if the license bears the indorsement of the State Fish and Wildlife Commission

indicating that the holder is qualified to operate a boat, motorboat or raft

**488.405.** An applicant for a boat operator license shall submit his written, verified application to the board. The application shall be in such form and contain such information as the board requires

**488.410.** (1) Upon receiving an application for an operator license, the board shall determine the competency of the applicant in the operation of a motorboat, a raft which is not propelled by machinery or a boat which is not propelled by machinery. The demonstration of competency may include such examination as the board considers appropriate. The board may further examine the applicant if he proposes to operate a boat on any river which has been designated hazardous

(2) The board, by rule, shall provide the examiners appointed pursuant to ORS 488 830 a criterion for conducting an examination. An examination may include a test of the applicant's knowledge of safety rules and an actual demonstration of his ability to operate a boat.

(3) A boat operator license shall be issued to qualified persons 18 years of age and older. A trainee boat operator license may be issued to persons 16 years of age and older. A trainee shall only be permitted to operate a boat in the presence of and under the direct supervision of a person holding a valid boat operator's license

**488.415.** A boat operator license is valid for a period of two years from the date of issuance or renewal. A license may be renewed every two years unless suspended or revoked.

**488.420.** (1) The board may suspend, revoke or refuse to issue a boat operator license on finding that the licensee or person has violated any of the provisions of this chapter or the rules adopted pursuant thereto. The board may also revoke any license upon any grounds which authorize the refusal to issue a license. The board shall suspend any license held by a licensee in a case where that individual's guide license has been suspended by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission pursuant to subsection (3) of ORS 497 200 or the commission has refused to renew the individual's guide license pursuant to subsection (2) of ORS 497 200. Such suspension shall be on the same terms as the commission's suspension or determination not to renew

(2) The board shall determine the period of time during which a suspension of a license, or the right to apply for a license shall continue. The board shall not renew a license which has been revoked until the expiration of one year after the date of such revocation, unless the revocation was for a cause which has been removed.

**488.425.** The fee for issuance of a boat operator license is:

(1) An original or renewal boat operator license for a resident person, \$20. An original or renewal trainee boat operator license for a resident person, \$5

(2) An original or renewal boat operator license or trainee boat operator license for a nonresident person who resides in a state that requires residents of the State of Oregon to pay a license fee in excess of \$50 to carry passengers for hire in that state, such fee in excess of \$50 as is charged residents of the State of Oregon to carry

passengers for hire in the state where the nonresident person resides

(3) An original or renewal boat operator license or trainee boat operator license for all nonresident persons other than those referred to in subsection (2) of this section, \$50.

**488.430.** A boat operator license issued by the board shall state the type of boat the licensee is authorized to operate when carrying passengers for hire

(1) A motorboat,

(2) A boat or a raft not propelled by machinery, or

(3) A motorboat, boat and raft; a motorboat and boat, or a motorboat and a raft

**488.400** [1973 c 304 §3, 1977 c 77 §2, repealed by 1977 c 842 §12]

**488.405** [1973 c 304 §4, repealed by 1977 c.842 §12]

**488.410** [1973 c 304 §5, 1975 c 584 §3, repealed by 1977 c.842 §12]

**488.415** [1973 c 304 §7, repealed by 1977 c 842 §12]

**488.420** [1973 c 304 §8; 1979 c 615 §5, repealed by 1977 c 842 §12]

**488.425** [1973 c 304 §9, 1975 c 584 §4, repealed by 1977 c 842 §12]

**488.430** [1973 c 304 §10, repealed by 1977 c 842 §12]

## REGULATIONS FOR SPECIFIC AREAS

**488.600 Regulations for specific areas.** (1) The board, upon consideration of the size of a body of water and traffic conditions, may make special regulations consistent with the safety and the property rights of the public or when traffic conditions become such as to create excessive congestion, relating to the operation of boats in any waters within the territorial limits of any political subdivision of this state. The regulations may include, but need not be limited to, the establishment of designated speeds, the prohibition of the use of motorboats and the designation of areas and times for testing racing motorboats.

(2) The governing body of a political subdivision of this state may apply to the board for special regulations relating to the designation of moorage areas on lakes or reservoirs which are under the jurisdiction of a public agency, or to the operation of boats on the waters within the territorial limits of the political subdivision. Within a reasonable time, the board shall act upon the application in the manner provided in subsection (1) of this section. When special regulations have been established within a political subdivision

in accordance with this subsection, the governing body shall establish and maintain the navigational markers prescribed by the board.

(3) The board may make special regulations relating to the operation of boats, including the establishment of designated speeds and prohibition of the use of motorboats for the protection of game and game fish at the request of the State Fish and Wildlife Commission, or for carrying out the provisions of the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, Public Law 90-542, and the Oregon Scenic Waterways Act, ORS 390.805 to 390.925. Action necessary to implement this section, including but not limited to the operation and manner of operation of boats, shall be by a permit system initiated by the board.

(4) The board may designate certain rivers or sections of rivers as hazardous. In making such designations, the board may consider recommendations of guide associations incorporated in this state.

(5) Regulations regarding operation of boats pursuant to this section shall be adopted in accordance with the provisions of ORS 183.310 to 183.550.

(6) Any speeds in excess of the speeds designated by the board, as provided in this section, shall be prima facie evidence of the violation of ORS 488.100. [1959 c 686 §62; 1961 c 292 §1, 1965 c 539 §3, 1967 c 536 §3; 1969 c.412 §3, 1971 c 734 §§75, 75a, 1973 c.304 §12, 1979 c 206 §5, 1981 c 102 §2]

**488.610 Use of motors prohibited on certain lakes; exceptions.** No person, other than the Department of State Police and governmental agencies of this state and the Federal Government having jurisdiction over the following described waters, shall use a motor for propelling a boat or for any purpose on the following named waters of this state located in the counties named:

Counties	Lakes, Reservoirs and Rivers
Clackamas	Trillium Lake
Deschutes	Charlton, Devils, Irish, Lucky, North and South Twin, Taylor, Three Creek and Todd Lakes
Douglas	Opal and Timpanagos Lakes
Hood River	Lost Lake
Jackson	Squaw Lakes
Jefferson	Horseshoe, Dark and Olallie Lakes, and on that portion of the Deschutes River between

Lane	Pelton Dam and the Wasco County line
Linn	Gold Lake
Marion	Clear Lake
Wasco	Breitenbush Lake
	Frog Lake, and on that portion of the Deschutes River bordering the Warm Springs Indian Reservation

[Formerly 488 060, 1961 c 420 §1, 1967 c 547 §1, 1969 c.162 §1, 1971 c.537 §1; 1973 c 493 §1]

**488.620 Speed restrictions in certain areas.** (1) No person shall operate a boat with an outboard or inboard motor at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour during those hours of the day and on those days of the year that it is lawful to fish, on East Lake, Paulina Lake and Elk Lake in Deschutes County; Magone Lake in Grant County; Timothy Lake in Clackamas County; Davis Lake in Deschutes and Klamath Counties and Diamond Lake in Douglas County.

(2) No person shall operate a boat with an outboard or inboard motor at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour on the following named waters of this state located in the counties named:

Counties	Lakes and Reservoirs
Clackamas	Clear Lake and on that portion of the waters of the reservoir known as North Fork Reservoir which lies upstream from a line drawn across the reservoir at right angles to the thread of the stream at a point 2.3 miles upstream from the North Fork Dam measured along the thread of the stream
Deschutes	Hosmer, Lava, Little Cultus, Little Lava, Sparks Lakes and Crane Prairie Reservoir
Jefferson	On that portion of the waters behind Pelton Dam, known as Lake Simtustus, which lies upstream from a line drawn across the lake at right angles to the thread of the stream at a point .85 miles upstream from the Pelton Dam measured along the thread of the stream
Klamath	That portion of Upper Klamath Lake that lies west of a line beginning at a point on the north shore of Pelican Bay one-

quarter mile east of Crystal Creek and extending due south to the opposite shore of the lake; any stream, creek or canal that leads into the portion of Upper Klamath Lake described above including Crystal Creek, Recreation Creek and Four-Mile Creek, also known as Harriman Creek

Lane	Waldo Lake
Linn	Smith and Trailbridge Reservoirs

[Formerly 488.070; 1959 c 148 §1, 1961 c 420 §2, 1967 c 547 §2, 1969 c 134 §1, 1971 c.143 §1, 1973 c 493 §2]

**488.625 Temporary suspension of speed restrictions.** The governing body of a political subdivision of this state may apply to the board for a temporary suspension of a speed restriction on a specific body of water within the territorial limits of the political subdivision and, after a hearing upon notice, the board may suspend the restriction, such suspension not to exceed 72 hours. [1967 c 547 §3]

**488.630** [1967 c 467 §2, 1973 c 520 §3, 1974 ss c 8 §1, repealed by 1975 c 584 §8]

**488.635** [1967 c 467 §3; repealed by 1975 c 584 §8]

**488.640** [1967 c 467 §4(1), repealed by 1975 c 584 §8]

## ABANDONED BOATS

**488.650 Abandoned boats; disposition by sheriff.** (1) Any boat left on the waters of this state, except at an established or attended moorage, for a period in excess of three months shall be considered abandoned. No person may abandon a boat upon public or private property. If a sheriff finds a boat which appears to have been abandoned upon the waters of this state, he shall proceed as provided in subsection (2) of this section. If a sheriff finds a boat which appears to have been abandoned on public or private property he shall proceed as provided in subsection (2) of this section. If any other peace officer finds such a boat, he shall notify the sheriff of the county in which the boat was found of the place where the boat was located and of any available information as to the ownership of the boat.

(2) Upon being notified of, or upon finding, a boat which appears to have been abandoned, the sheriff shall make reasonable efforts to ascertain the names and addresses

of the owners, security interest holders or persons entitled to possession of the boat. If the names and addresses of such persons, or any of them, can be ascertained, the sheriff shall notify each of them to appear and claim the boat by presentation of satisfactory proof of ownership or right of possession, or the boat will be taken into custody and sold or otherwise disposed of as provided by ORS 488.665. If the boat has an identifying number, notice is considered given when a registered or certified letter addressed to the owner of the boat, and a similar letter addressed to the security interest holder, if any, at the respective latest address of each as shown by the records of the State Marine Board, return receipt requested and postage prepaid thereon, is mailed at least 30 days before the boat is sold or otherwise disposed of as provided by ORS 488.665. [1967 c 128 §2, 1973 c 485 §1]

**488.655 Taking abandoned boat into custody.** If the owner, security interest holder or person entitled to possession does not claim the boat within 30 days after the date notice is mailed as provided by ORS 488.650, the boat shall be taken into custody by the sheriff and held at the expense of the owner, security interest holder or person entitled to possession of the boat. The sheriff may utilize his own personnel, equipment and facilities for the removal and preservation of such boat, or may hire other personnel, equipment and facilities for that purpose. [1967 c 128 §3]

**488.660 Owner reclaiming boat.** The owner, security interest holder or person entitled to possession of a boat taken into custody and held by the sheriff under ORS 488.655, may reclaim the boat at any time after it is taken into custody and before it is sold or disposed of under ORS 488.665, upon presentation to the sheriff of satisfactory proof of ownership or right to possession and upon payment of the costs and expenses incurred in the removal, preservation and custody of the boat. However, the owner, security interest holder or person entitled to possession of the boat shall not be liable for nor required to pay storage charges for a period in excess of 90 days. [1967 c 128 §4]

**488.665 Sale of boat if not reclaimed; other disposition; right of former owner to boat.** If a boat is not reclaimed under ORS 488.660 within 90 days after it is taken into custody, the sheriff of the county in which the boat was located at the time it was taken into custody under ORS 488.655 shall sell the boat

at public auction in the manner provided in ORS 23.450 to 23.480. If a bid for the boat is not offered at the public auction, the sheriff may destroy or otherwise dispose of the boat. After any boat has been sold or otherwise disposed of under this section, the former owner, security interest holder or person entitled to possession has no further right, title, claim or interest in or to the boat itself. [1967 c 128 §5]

**488.670 Certificate of sale; issuance of certificate of number for boat.** When any boat is sold under ORS 488.665, the sheriff, at the time the purchase price is paid, shall execute a certificate of sale in duplicate. The original certificate of sale shall be delivered to the purchaser and the copy shall be retained by the sheriff. The certificate of sale shall contain the name and address of the purchaser, the date of sale, the consideration paid, a description of the boat and a stipulation that no warranty is made as to the condition or title of the boat. The purchaser, upon presentation of the certificate of sale to the State Marine Board and payment of the fees required by law, is entitled to be issued a certificate of number for the boat. [1967 c 128 §6]

**488.675 Transmitting return of sale and balance of proceeds.** (1) When a boat is sold under ORS 488.665, the sheriff selling the boat shall transmit to the State Marine Board and to the county treasurer a return of sale setting forth a description of the boat, the purchase price, the name and address of the purchaser, the costs incurred in the sale and the costs and expenses incurred in the removal, preservation and custody of the boat.

(2) The sheriff shall transmit to the county treasurer, with the return of sale, the balance of the proceeds of the sale after deducting the costs incurred in the sale and the costs and expenses incurred in the removal, preservation and custody of the boat. Upon receipt of the return of sale and such proceeds, the county treasurer shall deposit such proceeds in the general fund of the county and file the return of sale in his office. [1967 c 128 §7]

**488.680 Claim by former owner to balance of proceeds.** At any time within one year after the sale of a boat under ORS 488.665, the former owner of the boat may recover the proceeds transmitted by the sheriff to the county treasurer under ORS 488.675 by filing a claim with the county treasurer. The claim shall be audited and paid as are

other claims against the county. [1967 c 128 §8]

## NUMBERING, TITLES AND LICENSES

**488.705 Definitions for ORS 488.705 to 488.870.** As used in ORS 488.705 to 488.730, 488.735 to 488.762, 488.780 to 488.820 and 488.825 to 488.870, unless the context requires otherwise:

(1) "Board" means the State Marine Board.

(2) "Boat" means every description of watercraft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water, but does not include aircraft equipped to land on water, boathouses, floating homes, air mattresses, beach and water toys or single inner tubes.

(3) "Boathouse" means a covered structure on floats or piles used for the protected moorage of boats.

(4) "Dealer" means a person who engages wholly or in part in the business of buying, selling or exchanging boats, floating homes or boathouses, either outright or on conditional sale, bailment lease, chattel mortgage or otherwise.

(5) "Floating home" means a moored structure that is secured to a pier or pilings and is used primarily as a domicile and not as a boat.

(6) "Length" means the length of a boat measured from end to end over the deck excluding sheer

(7) "Operate" means to navigate or otherwise use a boat on water.

(8) "Owner" means a person or persons who have a property interest other than a security interest in a boat, floating home or boathouse and the right of use or possession of the boat, floating house or boathouse, but does not include a lessee.

(9) "Ownership" means a property interest other than a security interest.

(10) "Security interest" means an interest reserved or created by agreement which secures payment or performance of an obligation as more particularly defined by ORS 71.2010 (37).

(11) "State of principal use" means the state on whose waters a boat is used or to be used during most of a calendar year

(12) "Waters of this state" means all waters within the territorial limits of this state, the marginal sea adjacent to this state and the high seas when navigated as a part of a journey or ride to or from the shore of this state. [1959 c 686 §1, 1963 c 355 §4, 1965 c 477 §1, 1973 c 520 §4, 1977 c 615 §3]

**488.710 Policy.** It is the policy of this state to promote safety for persons and property in and connected with the use, operation and equipment of boats and to promote uniformity of laws relating thereto. [1959 c 686 §2]

**488.715 Application of ORS 488.715 to 488.760.** (1) ORS 488.715 to 488.730 and 488.735 to 488.760 do not apply to:

(a) A boat which has a valid marine document issued by the Bureau of Customs of the United States or any federal agency which succeeds to the duty of issuing marine documents.

(b) Foreign boats operated only temporarily in the waters of this state.

(c) A boat owned and operated by the United States or a state or by an entity or political subdivision of the United States or a state, except recreational type public vessels.

(d) A ship's lifeboat used solely for lifesaving purposes.

(e) A boat belonging to a class of boats which has been exempted from the provisions of ORS 488.715 to 488.730 and 488.735 to 488.760 by the board as provided in ORS 488.830 (9).

(f) A boat already covered by a number in full force and effect which has been issued to it pursuant to federal laws or a federally approved numbering system of another state; provided that such boat shall not have been within this state for a period in excess of 60 consecutive days.

(2) ORS 488.715 to 488.730 and 488.735 to 488.760 do apply to all boats other than boats described in subsection (1) of this section which are propelled by machinery, whether or not the machinery is the principal source of propulsion and to sailboats which are 12 feet or more in length [1959 c 686 §3, 1961 c 185 §8, 1963 c 355 §5, 1971 c 631 §1, 1973 c 520 §5, 1974 s.s. c 8 §2, 1975 c 584 §5]

**488.718 Identifying number required on floating homes and boathouses; certificate of title required; fee.** (1) No person shall use a floating home or boathouse on the waters of this state unless:

(a) There is affixed to the floating home or boathouse in plain sight an identifying number awarded to the floating home or boathouse by this state;

(b) The owner of the floating home or boathouse holds a valid, effective certificate of registration issued in his name as owner; and

(c) The certificate of registration is located on the floating home or boathouse.

(2) No person shall use a floating home or boathouse for which an identifying number is required unless the owner has secured from the board a certificate of title for the floating home or boathouse. A certificate of title is prima facie evidence of the ownership of the floating home or boathouse or a security interest therein. A certificate of title is good for the life of the floating home or boathouse so long as the certificate is owned or held by the legal holder of the certificate. The board shall charge a fee of \$2 for issuing each certificate of title. [1977 c.615 §8]

**488.720 Certificate of number required on boat.** No person shall operate a boat on the waters of this state and no owner of a boat shall knowingly allow another to operate the owner's boat on the waters of this state unless:

(1) The owner of the boat holds a valid, effective certificate of number issued in the owner's name as owner:

(a) By this state, as provided in ORS 488.705 to 488.870; or

(b) By an agency of the Federal Government; or

(c) By the state of principal use which issued the certificate of number under a federally approved numbering system.

(2) The certificate of number is carried on the boat. [1959 c 686 §4; 1973 c.520 §6; 1981 c.52 §1]

**488.725 Identifying number on forward half of boat.** No person shall operate a boat on the waters of this state unless:

(1) There is painted on or attached to each side of the forward half of the boat a valid, effective identifying number awarded to the boat:

(a) By this state; or

(b) By an agency of the Federal Government; or

(c) Subject to the provisions of ORS 488.755, by another state which awards iden-

tifying numbers under a federally approved numbering system.

(2) The identifying number described in subsection (1) of this section is painted or attached on each side of the forward half of the vessel in such position as to provide clear legibility for identification. The numbers shall read from left to right and shall be in block characters of good proportion not less than three inches in height. The numbers shall be of a color which will contrast with the color of the background and so maintained as to be clearly visible and legible; i.e., dark letters on a light background, or light letters on a dark background.

(3) No number other than the identifying number described in subsection (1) of this section appears on the forward half of the boat.

(4) No person or dealer shall sell or display for sale a boat previously numbered by this state, by an agency of the Federal Government, or by another state which issued a certificate of number under a federally approved numbering system unless the identifying number appears on each side of the forward half of the boat. [1959 c 686 §5, 1961 c 185 §9, 1965 c 539 §4, 1977 c 62 §1]

**488.726 Application for floating home or boathouse identifying number; fee; issuance of certificate of registration.** (1) The owner of a floating home or boathouse that is used principally on the waters of this state shall apply to the board for an identifying number. The application shall include the true name of the owner, the residence or business address of the owner, a description of the floating home or boathouse, the location of the floating home or boathouse and any other information required by the board. The application shall be signed by the owner and be accompanied by a fee of \$6.

(2) Subject to ORS 488.727, if the application is in order, the board shall issue to the owner a certificate of registration. The registration certificate shall contain the name and address of the owner, a description of the floating home or boathouse, the issue date, the location of the floating home or boathouse and a statement that the registration is valid and effective only so long as ownership and location remain the same. [1977 c 615 §9]

**488.727 Validity of certificate of registration; expired certificates; new certificates; fee.** (1) A certificate of registration for

a floating home or boathouse is valid and effective only as long as ownership and location remain the same.

(2) The board may require the surrender of an expired certificate of registration before issuing a new certificate of registration.

(3) The identifying number issued by the board shall remain the same when a new certificate of registration is issued.

(4) Application for a new certificate of registration shall be made in the manner provided in ORS 488.726. The application shall be accompanied by a fee of \$6. The board shall issue the new certificate of registration in the manner provided in ORS 488.726. [1977 c 615 §10]

**488.728 Rules.** In accordance with ORS chapter 183, the board shall adopt rules necessary to carry out the provisions of ORS 488.718, 488.726 and 488.727. [1977 c 615 §11]

**488.730 Application for boat number.** Subject to the provisions of ORS 488.760, the owner of a boat which is operated principally on the waters of this state shall apply to the board for an identifying number. The application shall include the true name of the owner, the residence or business address of the owner, a description of the boat and any other information required by the board. The application shall be signed by the owner and shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee. [1959 c 686 §6, 1963 c 355 §6, 1965 c 477 §2]

**488.732 Certificate fees.** (1) The biennial fee for the original or renewal certificate of number or registration shall be for:

(a) Motorboats less than 12 feet in length, \$11.

(b) Motorboats and sailboats 12 feet in length or more but less than 16 feet, \$17.

(c) Motorboats and sailboats 16 feet in length or more but less than 20 feet, \$21.

(d) Motorboats and sailboats 20 feet or more in length, \$21, plus \$2 for each foot or part of a foot in excess of 20 feet in length.

(e) Boats that are assessed by the Department of Revenue under ORS 308.505 to 308.660, \$6.

(f) Amphibious vehicles that are licensed by the Motor Vehicles Division of the Department of Transportation, \$6.

(g) Boats owned by eleemosynary organizations which are operated primarily as a part of organized activities for the purpose of

teaching youths scoutcraft, camping, seamanship, self-reliance, patriotism, courage and kindred virtues, no fee required.

(2) Except for the licenses referred to in paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of this section, the fees provided by this section are in lieu of any other tax or license fee.

(3) The operator of a boat livery holding five or more boats ready for hire may pay a biennial certificate of number fee of \$55 plus \$6 for each boat instead of the fee otherwise provided in this section. [1963 c 355 §§9, 11, 1965 c 86 §2, 1965 c 431 §2, 1967 c 536 §4, 1971 c.475 §1; 1977 c 62 §2, 1977 c 884 §27, 1979 c 206 §9, 1981 c 349 §1]

**488.735 Issuance of certificate of number and validation stickers; stickers placed on boats.** (1) Subject to the provisions of ORS 488.740, if the application is in order, the board shall issue to the owner a certificate of number which shall state the identifying number awarded to the boat, the name and address of the owner, the description of the boat, the issue date and the expiration date of the certificate of number. The certificate of number shall be pocket size.

(2) The board shall issue a set of validation stickers bearing the year through which the certificate of number is issued. The stickers shall be placed three inches to the rear of the identifying number placed on the boat as required by ORS 488.725. [1959 c 686 §7, 1969 c 366 §1, 1977 c.62 §3, 1979 c 206 §10]

**488.740 Expiration of certificate of number; renewal of certificate and stickers.** (1) A certificate of number expires on December 31 of the year indicated on the certificate.

(2) The board may require the surrender of the expired certificate of number before issuing a new certificate of number.

(3) The identifying number awarded to a boat by the board shall remain the same.

(4) An application for renewal of a certificate of number shall be made in the same manner as provided in ORS 488.730. The application shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed by ORS 488.732. The board shall renew certificates of number and issue validation stickers in the same manner as provided in ORS 488.735. [1959 c 686 §§8, 9; 1963 c.355 §7, 1969 c.366 §2; 1977 c.62 §4; 1979 c.206 §11]

**488.750 Report of transfer, abandonment or destruction of boat, boathouse or floating home or change of address of**

**owner.** (1) Within a reasonable time after the transfer of all or any part of his interest in a boat, boathouse or floating home, or the abandonment or destruction of a boat, boathouse or floating home, for which a valid identifying number has been awarded by this state, the owner shall notify the board of the transfer of interest, destruction or abandonment.

(2) Within a reasonable time after any change in his address, the owner of a boat, boathouse or floating home for which a valid identifying number has been awarded by this state shall report the change to the board. [1959 c.686 §9a, 1977 c 615 §12]

**488.755 Application by owner having number awarded by Federal Government or another state.** The owner of any boat covered by a number in full force and effect which has been issued to it pursuant to the then operative federal law or a federally approved numbering system of another state, shall make application within 10 days after the 60-day reciprocity period provided in ORS 488.715 (1)(f). Such application shall be in a manner pursuant to the procedure required for the issuance of a number in ORS 488.730. [1959 c.686 §10; 1961 c 185 §10; 1973 c.520 §7]

**488.760 Dealer or boat manufacturer number.** (1) A dealer or boat manufacturer:

(a) May apply to the board for one or more identifying numbers issued under this section.

(b) Shall display an identifying number issued under this section on a boat while operating or using the boat for a purpose related to the testing, buying, selling or exchanging of the boat.

(2) The application for a number under this section shall include the name and the business address of the dealer or boat manufacturer. Any number of identifying numbers may be requested in the same application.

(3) An application for a number under this section shall be accompanied by the following fees:

(a) For the first number applied for, \$28.

(b) For each additional number applied for in any application and all renewals, \$6.

(4) The board shall issue a certificate of number or registration for each identifying number awarded under this section in the same manner as provided in ORS 488.726 or 488.735. Numbers and certificates issued under this section are subject to the following:

(a) An identifying number is valid for not more than two years.

(b) No boat shall be described in the certificate and each certificate shall state that the identifying number has been awarded to a dealer or boat manufacturer.

(c) A certificate of number issued under this section expires on December 31 of the year indicated on the certificate.

(5) The provisions of ORS 488.740 (2) and (4) apply to a certificate of number issued under this section. ORS 488.727 (2) and (4) apply to a certificate of registration issued under this section.

(6) An identifying number issued under this section shall be displayed on a boat of a dealer or boat manufacturer in the same manner as provided in ORS 488.725 (2), except that the number may be temporarily attached.

(7) No person other than a dealer or boat manufacturer or a representative of a dealer or boat manufacturer shall display or use an identifying number issued under this section.

(8) No person shall use an identifying number issued under this section for any purpose other than the purpose described in subsection (1) of this section. [1959 c 686 §§11, 12, 13, 14, 1963 c 355 §12, 1971 c 475 §2, 1977 c.62 §5; 1977 c 615 §13, 1981 c 103 §1, 1981 c 104 §1, 1981 c 349 §2]

**488.762 Certificate of title; exceptions.** (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, no person shall operate a boat for which an identifying number is required under ORS 488.715 to 488.760, unless the owner has secured from the board a certificate of title for the boat. This subsection does not apply to operation of:

(a) Amphibious vehicles that have a valid title issued by the Motor Vehicles Division of the Department of Transportation.

(b) A boat for which an identifying number issued under ORS 488.760 is required.

(2) A certificate of title is prima facie evidence of the ownership of a boat or a security interest therein. A certificate of title is good for the life of the boat so long as the certificate is owned or held by the legal holder of the certificate.

(3) In accordance with ORS 183.310 to 183.550, the board shall make regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of this section.

(4) The board shall charge a fee of \$2 for

issuing each certificate of title. [Formerly 488.770; 1981 c 103 §2]

**488.763 Perfection of security interest in boats, boathouses and floating homes covered by certificate of title; applicability of Uniform Commercial Code.** (1) Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the exclusive means of perfecting a security interest in a boat, boathouse or floating home covered by a certificate of title is by application for and notation of the security interest on the certificate of title in accordance with the provisions of ORS 488.718, 488.726, 488.730 and 488.762 to 488.774.

(2) A security interest may not be perfected by notation of the security interest on the certificate of title if the debtor who granted the security interest is in the business of selling boats, boathouses or floating homes, and the boat, boathouse or floating home constitutes inventory held for sale. The filing provisions of ORS 79.4010 to 79.4070 shall apply to security interests in such boats, boathouses or floating homes.

(3) The rights and remedies of all persons in boats, boathouses and floating homes covered by this section shall be determined by the provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code. [1977 c 260 §4 (enacted in lieu of 488 764), 1977 c 615 §14]

**488.764** [1965 c 477 §§6, 7; repealed by 1977 c.260 §3 (488 763 enacted in lieu of 488 764)]

**488.766 Notation on title of creation, satisfaction or assignment of security interest; fees.** (1) In the event of the creation of a security interest in a boat, boathouse or floating home for which a certificate of title has been issued, the owner shall sign in an application space provided on the back and deliver the certificate of title to the person in whom the security interest was created, who shall, within 10 days thereof, present the certificate to the board, with his name shown thereon. In the event a prior security interest holder is in possession of the certificate of title, the owner shall sign and may arrange for direct delivery by the prior security interest holder to the board. The board shall, upon payment of a fee of \$2, issue a new certificate of title, note the change upon the records in order of priority and mail the certificate to the security interest holder first named on the certificate.

(2) Upon satisfaction of a security interest in a boat, boathouse or floating home for

which a certificate of title has been issued, the security interest holder affected, if he is in possession of the certificate of title, shall sign a release on the certificate of title and deliver it to the security interest holder next named, if any, or if none, to the owner. In the event the security interest holder affected is not in possession of the certificate of title, he shall execute a release of his interest to the person entitled thereto who shall promptly deliver it to the holder of the certificate of title. Within 10 days after the delivery of the certificate of title or release, the holder shall present the certificate of title and release, if any, to the board. Upon the payment of a fee of \$2, the board thereupon shall note the change upon its records and issue a new certificate of title to the first security interest holder then named, if any, otherwise to the owner.

(3) A security interest holder may without the consent of the owner assign his interest in a boat, boathouse or floating home to a person other than the owner without affecting the interest of the owner or the validity or priority of the interest but a person without notice of the assignment is protected in dealing with the security interest holder until the assignee is named as security interest holder on the certificate. The assignee may have the certificate of title issued with the assignee named as security interest holder upon delivery to the board of the certificate with the signature of the assignor releasing his interest together with a fee of \$2. [1965 c 477 §5, 1977 c 615 §15]

#### **488.768 Transfer of title subject to security interest; dealer transferees; fee.**

(1) If an owner transfers his interest in a boat, boathouse or floating home for which an Oregon certificate of title has been issued, other than by the creation of a security interest as provided by ORS 488.766, he shall, with the signed consent of the security interest holder shown on the face of the certificate of title, indorse on the back of the certificate an assignment thereof, with warranty of title in a form printed thereon and a statement of all unsatisfied security interests shown on the face of the certificate. Except as provided in subsection (2) of this section, the transferee shall sign the certificate in an application space provided thereon, and shall indicate any new security interests in order of priority. The transferee or holder of the certificate shall, within 10 days after the transfer, present the certificate to the board, accompanied by a fee of \$2, or \$8 in the case of a boathouse or floating home, whereupon a new certificate of

number or registration shall be issued and delivered to the transferee and a new certificate of title shall be issued to the transferee, and delivered to the first security interest holder in order of priority, if any, or if none, to the transferee.

(2) If the transferee is a dealer who purchases the boat, boathouse or floating home for resale, the transferor shall merely indorse the certificate of title, and the dealer shall not be required to present the certificate of title to the board until he transfers the boat, boathouse or floating home. However, the dealer shall notify immediately the board that the boat, boathouse or floating home has been transferred to him. Upon the transfer of the boat, boathouse or floating home by the dealer, he shall deliver to the transferee the assigned certificate of title received by him. The transferee, unless he is a dealer purchasing the boat, boathouse or floating home for resale, shall sign the certificate and complete it in the manner provided in subsection (1) of this section, whereupon the board shall issue and deliver a new certificate of number or registration and a new certificate of title in the manner provided in subsection (1) of this section. [1965 c.477 §4, 1977 c 615 §16]

**488.770** [1959 c 686 §§15, 16, 17, 1961 c 185 §11, 1963 c 355 §15, 1965 c.477 §3, renumbered 488 762]

**488.772 Transfer by operation of law of title subject to security interest; fee.** (1) In the event of the transfer by operation of law of the interest of an owner or security interest holder in a boat, boathouse or floating home for which an Oregon certificate of title has been issued, the certificate of title, if available, shall be signed upon the reverse side by the executor, administrator, receiver, trustee, sheriff or other representative or successor in interest of the person whose interest is so transferred in lieu of the person. The representative or successor shall file with the board a notice of any transfer of the boat, boathouse or floating home by him, together with evidence satisfactory to the board of all facts entitling the representative or successor to make the transfer. Upon the receipt of satisfactory evidence of the facts, and a fee of \$2, or \$8 in the case of a boathouse or floating home, the board shall issue a new certificate of title and a certificate of number or registration. If a boat, boathouse or floating home is repossessed, satisfactory evidence must be presented to the board that the security interest holder has given at least 10 days' notice to the owner of the boat, boathouse or floating

home, by registered mail at his last-known post-office address of his intention to apply for a certificate of title.

(2) As used in subsection (1) of this section, a transfer by operation of law includes inheritance, devise, bequest, order in bankruptcy or insolvency, execution sale, repossession upon default in performance of the terms of a security agreement, or any transfers effected other than by the voluntary act of the person whose interest is transferred. [1965 c 477 §8, 1977 c 615 §17]

**488.774 Cancellation of title upon scrapping of boat, boathouse or floating home.** (1) An owner who scraps, dismantles or destroys a boat, boathouse or floating home and a person who purchases a boat, boathouse or floating home as scrap or to be dismantled or destroyed shall immediately cause the certificate of title to be mailed or delivered to the board for cancellation.

(2) Upon the destruction of the certificate of title record of any boat, boathouse or floating home, the board shall maintain a file disclosing the last owner and security interest holders, if any, of the boat, boathouse or floating home as shown by the destroyed certificate of title record [1965 c 477 §9, 1977 c 615 §18]

**488.775** [1963 c 355 §14, renumbered 488 778]

**488.778 Hull identification number required.** No person shall operate a boat on the waters of this state for which the board has issued a certificate of boat title unless such boat has a hull identification number. Hull identification numbers must be carved, burned, stamped, embossed, clearly imprinted or otherwise permanently affixed to the outboard side of the transom, or if there is no transom, to the outermost starboard side at the end of the hull that bears the rudder or other steering mechanism above the waterline of the boat in such a way that alteration, removal or replacement would be obvious or evident. No person, firm, association or corporation shall destroy, remove, alter, cover or deface the manufacturer's identification number. [Formerly 488 775, 1973 c 520 §8]

**488.780 Refusal to issue or cancellation of certificate of number, registration or title.** (1) The board may refuse to issue a certificate of title or a certificate of number or registration if the board determines at any time that an applicant for the certificate has:

(a) Given a false statement or false information in applying for the certificate; or

(b) Otherwise failed to comply with the applicable provisions under ORS 488.705 to 488.870 pertaining to application for certificates.

(2) After a hearing upon 10 days' notice, the board may cancel a certificate of title or certificate of number or registration if the board determines at any time that an owner, boat manufacturer or dealer named in the certificate:

(a) Gave a false statement or false information in applying for the certificate; or

(b) Otherwise failed to comply with the applicable provisions under ORS 488.705 to 488.730, 488.735 to 488.762, 488.780 to 488.820, and 488.825 to 488.870 pertaining to applications for certificates

(3) The board shall automatically suspend the certificate of number for any boat if the board receives notification of a conviction for violation of ORS 488.052 under ORS 488.055. The suspension under this subsection is not subject to hearing. The board shall reinstate a certificate of number suspended under this subsection when the boat owner submits proof satisfactory to the board that the boat has been approved by a person designated by the board as meeting the standards for sound levels established by the board. [1959 c 686 §18; 1977 c 615 §19, 1981 c 103 §3, 1981 c.625 §1]

**488.790** [1959 c 686 §§19, 20, 21, 1961 c 382 §1; repealed by 1963 c 355 §19]

**488.805 Duplicate certificates of number or registration, certificates of title or validation stickers; fee.** The board may issue a duplicate certificate of number or registration, or title, or a duplicate set of validation stickers upon application by the person entitled to hold a certificate or to be in possession of the validation stickers if the board is satisfied that the original certificate or validation stickers have been lost, destroyed or mutilated. The board shall charge a fee of \$1 for issuing a duplicate certificate or a duplicate set of validation stickers. [1959 c 686 §22, 1963 c 355 §16, 1969 c 366 §3; 1977 c 62 §6, 1977 c 615 §20]

**488.810 Record of certificates and numbers; fees for furnishing information.** The board shall keep a current record of outstanding certificates of title, certificates of number and registration and recorded numbers, which shall be a public record open to inspection by the public during reasonable office hours. However, the board may charge a reasonable fee for furnishing information

concerning a boat, boathouse or floating home or its owner. [1959 c.686 §23, 1961 c.185 §12; 1963 c.355 §17; 1977 c.615 §21]

**488.815 Distribution of lists of owners.** The board may publish and distribute to the sheriff, county assessor and county clerk of each county, the U. S. Coast Guard, Department of State Police and other interested agencies current lists of the names and addresses of boat, boathouse or floating home owners to whom valid, effective identifying numbers have been issued. The lists, if published, shall be arranged both alphabetically by the name of the owner and numerically by the identifying numbers. [1959 c.686 §25, 1977 c.615 §22]

**488.820 False information prohibited.** No person shall give any false statement or information or assist another to give any false statement or information in any application, notice, statement or report to the board. [1959 c.686 §24]

**488.823 Operation of certain boats without certificates of registration.** (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of ORS 488.715 to 488.760, no person shall operate a boat which is not used for commercial purposes and has a valid marine document issued by the Bureau of Customs of the United States or any federal agency which succeeds to the duty of issuing marine documents unless:

- (a) The owner holds a certificate of registration issued in his name as owner.
- (b) The certificate is carried on the boat.
- (c) A decal awarded to the boat is conspicuously displayed.

(2) The board shall issue a certificate of registration and a decal that recites its issuance by the board as prescribed by ORS 488.732 (1) to (3). [1963 c.355 §13, 1971 c.475 §3]

## STATE MARINE BOARD

**488.825 State Marine Board.** (1) There hereby is created the State Marine Board consisting of five members to be appointed by the Governor and to serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

(2) Each member shall be a resident of this state, a citizen of the United States, and at the time of his appointment shall have resided in this state for at least one year.

(3) All appointments of members of the board by the Governor are subject to confir-

mation by the Senate in the manner provided in ORS 171.562 and 171.565. [1959 c.686 §27, 1973 c.792 §18]

**488.830 Powers and duties of board.** In addition to the powers and duties otherwise provided in this chapter, the board shall have the power and duty to.

(1) Make all rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter. The rules shall be made in accordance with ORS 183.310 to 183.550.

(2) Devise a system of identifying numbers for boats, floating homes and boathouses. If an agency of the Federal Government has an overall system of identification numbering for boats within the United States, the system devised by the board shall conform with the federal system.

(3) Cooperate with state and federal agencies to promote uniformity of the laws relating to boating and their enforcement.

(4) Make contracts necessary to carry out the provisions of ORS 488.705 to 488.730, 488.735 to 488.762, 488.780 to 488.820 and 488.825 to 488.870.

(5) Advise and assist county sheriffs and other peace officers in the enforcement of laws relating to boating.

(6) Study, plan and recommend the development of boating facilities throughout the state which will promote the safety and pleasure of the public through boating.

(7) Publicize the advantage of safe boating.

(8) Accept gifts and grants of property and money to be used to further the purposes of this chapter.

(9) Exempt from any provisions of this chapter any class of boats if it determines that the safety of persons and property will not be materially promoted by the applicability of those provisions to the class of boats, but the board shall not exempt from numbering any class of boats unless it determines that the numbering will not materially aid in their identification and unless the secretary of the department of the Federal Government under which the United States Coast Guard is operating has exempted from numbering the same boats or classes of boats.

(10) Appoint and require the bonding of agents to issue a temporary permit to operate a boat. The agents may charge, in addition to

the prescribed fees, \$1 for their services in issuing the temporary permit.

(11) Publish and distribute to the interested public the boating laws of this state and resumes or explanations of those laws.

(12) Publish and distribute forms for any application required under this chapter and require the use of such forms.

(13) Make rules for the uniform navigational marking of the waters of this state. Such rules shall not conflict with markings prescribed by the United States Coast Guard. No political subdivision or person shall mark the waters of this state in any manner in conflict with the markings prescribed by the board.

(14) Make rules regarding marine toilets and their use consistent with the prevention and control of pollution of the waters of this state and not in conflict with the rules of the Health Division or the Environmental Quality Commission.

(15) Institute proceedings to enjoin unlawful obstructions injuring free navigation on the waters of this state.

(16) Appoint experienced boatmen as examiners of applicants for boat operator licenses. In appointing examiners, the board may solicit and consider recommendations of guide associations incorporated in this state. The board shall pay examiners a reasonable fee for their services. [1959 c 686 §34, 1961 c.292 §2; 1963 c 355 §18, 1965 c.478-§1, 1967 c 536 §5; 1973 c.304 §13; 1975 c 584 §6; 1977 c 615 §23; 1981 c.104 §2]

**488.833 Boating survey.** The board shall at least once every three years conduct a survey of owners and others to determine, by county, the kinds of boating activity on the various waters of the state during different periods of the year. Boating activity in a county shall be determined by taking into consideration the number and kinds of boats engaging in different boating activities in the county and the number of days during the last fiscal year that such activities were carried on in the county. The board may also consider other factors relating to the enforcement of boating safety and traffic regulations provided by this chapter and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto. [1971 c 475 §6; 1973 c 520 §9]

**488.835** [1959 c.686 §26; repealed by 1979 c 206 §14]

**488.840 Term of office of board members; vacancies.** The term of office of a member is four years beginning on July 1 of the

year of appointment. A member shall continue to serve until a successor has been appointed and qualifies. Before a member's term expires, the Governor shall appoint a successor to assume his duties on July 1 at the expiration of his predecessor's term. A vacancy in office shall be filled by appointment for the unexpired term. [1959 c 686 §28]

**488.845 Compensation and expenses of members.** Members of the board are entitled to compensation and expenses as provided in ORS 292.495. [1959 c.686 §30; 1969 c 314 §57]

**488.850 Officers; quorum; meetings.** The board shall select one of its members as chairman and another as secretary, each of whom shall hold office for one year, or until the selection of a successor. Three members of the board constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The board shall meet at least once every three months at a place, day and hour determined by the board. The board shall also meet at such other times and places as are specified by the call of the chairman or of three members of the board. [1959 c 686 §31]

**488.855 State Marine Director.** (1) The board shall appoint a State Marine Director who shall serve at the pleasure of the board.

(2) The director shall devote full time to the duties of his office. With the approval of the board, he shall:

(a) Administer the numbering, certifying, recording and licensing duties of the board.

(b) Perform any other duties assigned by the board.

(c) Hire subordinate employes and fix their compensation. [1959 c 686 §32]

**488.860 Disposition of moneys received by board.** (1) On or before the 10th day of each month, the board shall pay into the State Treasury all moneys received by the board during the preceding calendar month. The State Treasurer shall credit the moneys to the Boating Safety, Law Enforcement and Facility Account in the General Fund, which account hereby is created. The moneys in the account hereby are continuously appropriated to the board for the purpose of paying the expense of administering and enforcing the provisions of this chapter. The board shall keep a record of all moneys received and expended.

(2) After paying the necessary expenses incurred by the board in administering this

chapter, the funds available in the account shall be distributed, in the amounts required, for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this chapter and the regulations adopted pursuant thereto. The board shall determine the amount required for enforcement in each county, considering the survey conducted under ORS 488.833. The funds available shall be apportioned according to the amounts required and distributed, for enforcement in each county where there is a need, under a contract entered into with a city, with the Department of State Police or with the sheriff of the county. A contract with a city or a sheriff shall be entered into only with the approval of the governing body of the city or county. The board shall determine the intervals at which the moneys shall be distributed.

(3) The governing body of any county having within its boundaries a city providing recreational boating facilities including launching ramps, may contract with the city for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this chapter and the rules and regulations made pursuant thereto.

(4) If the city enters into a contract with the board or with a county, the county is relieved of its enforcement responsibilities within the city as agreed to by the county and the city or by the board and the city. [1959 c 686 §35, 1965 c 589 §1, 1967 c 536 §6, 1971 c 475 §4, 1973 c 762 §4]

**488.862** [1977 c 76 §4, repealed by 1979 c 515 §1]

**488.865 Disposition of fines collected.**

(1) Each fine resulting from prosecution under this chapter, except ORS 488.071, 488.080, 488.110, 488.120, 488.130, 488.140, 488.160, 488.610, 488.620 and 488.991 shall be paid to the Department of Revenue by the court or judicial officer collecting the fine or bail, after deducting any court costs in the proceeding. The Department of Revenue shall deposit the moneys in the Boating Safety, Law Enforcement and Facility Account.

(2) Payment of fines under this section shall be made within the first 20 days of the month following the month in which collected. [1959 c 686 §§36, 37, 1971 c 186 §4, 1971 c 475 §7]

**488.870 Consistency with federal law.** If any provision of ORS 488.705 to 488.730, 488.735 to 488.762, 488.780 to 488.820 and 488.825 to 488.870 conflicts with the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971 so that the system of identifying numbers for boats devised by the board is not approved by the secretary of the

department of the Federal Government under which the United States Coast Guard is operating, that provision of ORS 488.705 to 488.730, 488.735 to 488.762, 488.780 to 488.820 and 488.825 to 488.870 is inoperative to the extent that it so conflicts, but such conflict shall not affect the remainder of ORS 488.705 to 488.730, 488.735 to 488.762, 488.780 to 488.820 and 488.825 to 488.870. [1959 c 686 §37a, 1979 c 206 §7]

**488.875 Disbursement of funds for boating facilities; priorities; water quality protection; hearing.** (1) Amounts remaining in the Boating Safety, Law Enforcement and Facility Account in excess of funds obligated under ORS 488.860 (2) shall be distributed to cities, counties, park and recreation districts and port districts upon application as the need for facilities appear to the board.

(2) In granting funds under subsection (1) of this section, the board shall give first priority to applications for facilities designed to control water pollution or otherwise enhance water quality, including but not limited to pumping stations for recreational boat holding tanks, and to those other facilities for which there appears the greatest public need. Grants may also be given for construction and maintenance of boating facilities, for the acquisition of property therefor, and other related facilities such as parking, potable water, sanitation and other facilities for the convenience of the public using the boating facilities and for the removal of derelict structures floating upon and abandoned dock or boat mooring facilities situated in, upon or over the waters of this state if such structures or facilities constitute a hazard to boating upon such waters.

(3) Prior to making any grant under this section, the board shall hold a public hearing in the area where a facility is to be constructed or land acquired if in the judgment of the board, use of the facility would stimulate significant change in the character of the recreational use of the waters.

(4) The board shall make no grant under this section for construction or acquisition if in the judgment of the board the applicant has not included in the construction or acquisition plans adequate provision for protecting the quality of the waters affected by the plans. The board's denial of any application under this subsection must include specific notice to the applicant of the point or points of the plan

that are found by the board to be inadequate.

[1973 c 762 §3, 1975 c 584 §7, 1979 c 206 §8]

**DISPOSITION OF BOATS AND  
EQUIPMENT FROM WHICH  
IDENTIFICATION NUMBER  
REMOVED**

**488.900 Definitions for ORS 488.905 to 488.925.** As used in ORS 488.905 to 488.925:

(1) "Component" means any severable portion of a boat that possesses or did possess an identification number.

(2) "Identification number" means a distinguishing number assigned to a boat or component by the manufacturer, the board or a police agency. [1977 c 806 §11]

**488.905 Seizure of boats and equipment from which identification number has been removed; inspection of property; check for stolen boats; renumbering.** (1) When a police officer discovers a boat or component from which the identification number assigned to the boat or component has been removed, defaced, covered, altered or destroyed he may seize and hold it for identification and disposal as provided in ORS 488.905 to 488.920.

(2) The police agency having custody of the property shall have a specially qualified inspector or police officer inspect the property for the purpose of locating the identification number. If the identification number is found it shall be checked with the list of stolen boats maintained by the National Crime Information Center. If the identification number is not found the police agency shall apply to the board for renumbering as provided in ORS 488.920. [1977 c 806 §12]

**488.910 Return of seized property; investigation to determine ownership; notice to owner.** (1) When the property seized under ORS 488.905 is not listed as stolen by the National Crime Information Center and the identification number is established the property shall be returned to the person from whom it was seized if:

(a) He can establish that he is the owner of the property; or

(b) He executes a good and valid surety bond in an amount at least equal to the market value of the property and conditioned upon return of the property to the owner, if one can be established. The bond will be for a period of time determined by the board.

(2) If the person to whom the property was returned does not establish that he is the owner of the property the police agency holding the property shall make reasonable efforts to determine the names and addresses of the owner and all persons of record having an interest in the property. If the police agency is able to determine the names and addresses of the owner and such other persons it shall immediately notify the owner by registered or certified mail of the disposition of the property. [1977 c 806 §13]

**488.915 Public notice to persons having interest in seized property; court action; sale of property at public auction; disposition of proceeds.** (1) If the identification number of property seized pursuant to ORS 488.905 is not established or if the property is reported as stolen by the National Crime Information Center the police agency having custody of the property shall, after making reasonable efforts to ascertain the names and addresses of the owner and all persons of record having an interest in the property, notify the person from whom the property was seized, and the owner and such other persons if they can be ascertained, of their right to respond within 60 days from the issuance of the notice through court action for the return of the seized property. The taking of the property, the description thereof and a statement of the rights of an owner or other persons of record having an interest in the property to respond through court action for the return of the seized property shall be advertised in a daily newspaper published in the city or county where the property was seized, or if a daily newspaper is not published in such city or county, in a newspaper having weekly circulation in the city or county, once a week for two consecutive weeks and by handbills posted in three public places near the place of seizure.

(2) If court action is not initiated within 60 days from the issuance of notice the property shall be sold at public auction by the sheriff or other local police agency having custody of the property. Property seized and held by or at the direction of the Department of State Police under ORS 488.905 shall be delivered to the sheriff of the county in which the vehicle was located at the time it was taken into custody for sale under this subsection. The sheriff or other local police agency shall, after deducting the expense of keeping the property and the cost of sale, pay all the security interests, according to their priorities which are

established by intervention or otherwise at such hearing or in other proceeding brought for that purpose, and shall pay the balance of the proceeds into the general fund of the unit of government employing the officers of the selling police agency. [1977 c 806 §14]

**488.920 Renumbering; inspection requirement.** (1) A police agency having custody of a boat or component for which an identification number is not established or a person to whom a boat or component has been returned pursuant to ORS 488.910 shall apply to the board for an identification number.

(2) Except as provided in subsection (1) of this section the board shall not assign an identification number to a boat or component from which the identification number assigned to the boat or component by the board has been removed, defaced, covered, altered or destroyed unless the boat or component has been inspected pursuant to ORS 488.905. [1977 c 806 §15]

## PENALTIES

**488.990** [Subsection (6) enacted as 1955 c 440 §2, subsections (1) and (2) enacted as 1957 c 467 §18, 1959 c 148 §2, subsection (8) enacted as 1959 c 686 §38, 1961 c 185 §13, 1967 c 176 §3, subsection (7) enacted as 1967 c 467 §4 (2), 1967 c 620 §18, 1979 c 206 §12, 1981 c 53 §4, repealed by 1981 c 626 §18 (488.991 enacted in lieu of 488.990)]

**488.991 Penalties.** (1) A person who violates one of the following provisions of this chapter commits a Class B boating infraction: ORS 488.023, 488.024, 488.025, 488.026, 488.031, 488.041, 488.052, 488.061, 488.065, 488.071, 488.080, 488.090, 488.092, 488.094, 488.098, 488.099, 488.100 (2) and (3), 488.101, 488.102, 488.108, 488.110, 488.120, 488.124,

488.130, 488.140, 488.144, 488.150, 488.164 (3), 488.168, 488.190, 488.600, 488.610, 488.620, 488.650, 488.718, 488.720, 488.725, 488.726, 488.730, 488.735, 488.750, 488.755, 488.760, 488.762, 488.774, 488.778, 488.820 and 488.823.

(2) A person who violates one of the following provisions of this chapter commits a Class A misdemeanor: ORS 488.027 (2), 488.100 (1), 488.160 and 488.164 (1) and (2). [1981 c.626 §19 (enacted in lieu of 488.990)]

**488.992** [1973 c 304 §11, 1979 c 206 §13; repealed by 1981 c 626 §22]

**488.993 Penalty for purchase of boat or equipment from which identification number removed.** Any person who knowingly buys, receives, disposes of, sells, offers for sale or possesses any boat or component from which the identification number assigned to the boat or component has been removed, defaced, covered, altered or destroyed for the purpose of concealing or misrepresenting the identity of the boat or component commits a Class A boating infraction. [1977 c 806 §16, 1981 c 626 §20]

**488.995 Penalty for false certification.** Any person who in connection with the issuance of a citation, or the filing of a complaint, for a boating offense, as defined in ORS 488.005, wilfully certifies falsely to the matters set forth therein commits a Class A misdemeanor. [1967 c 620 §14, 1981 c 626 §21]

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**CHAPTERS 489 AND 490**  
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