



## Sheriff - VRF Boating Program 11004.811.

### Mission Statement

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

### Function

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

### Trends/Events

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The CCSO Marine Unit works with Washington State Parks to promote boating safety. The unit patrols waterways during times of peak recreational activities that mostly include fishing and kayaking. During the summer months, the waterways of Clallam County are utilized by a large number of tourists participating in these water activities. Clallam County is an attractive tourist destination that hosted over 3.25 million visitors in 2019 (Jim Vleming-Clallam County Profile). Washington State ranks 11th nationally in recreational boating related deaths. From 2015 through 2022 the CCSO Marine Unit investigated 16 boating accidents resulting in injury, 8 resulting in death, and 2 accidents where a recreate boater remains missing. In 2022 the unit had patrol boats on the water for 135.5 hours, with --- officer hours attributed to those patrols. During the summer of 2021 and continuing through the summer of 2022, the CCSO Marine Unit increased its patrol presence on Lake Sutherland with a goal of 10 additional patrols during peak lake usage. The CCSO has plans for replacing "slow/no wake" buoys on Lake Sutherland as well as improving signage to deter wakes within 100 feet off shore to improve safety of swimmers and reduce damage to moored vessels and docks. Additional deputies are scheduled for training in Washington State Basic Marine Law Enforcement classes in the coming year.

## Goals

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

## Workload Indicators

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	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	6/30/25 Actual
Hours spent actively patrolling waterways	96.25	214.5	145

## Grant Funding Sources

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No grant funding.

## Revenues

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	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	6/30/25 Actual	2026 Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	143,151	44,652	73,068	81,617
Taxes	0	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	0	46,426	0	25,210
Charges for Goods and Services	0	0	0	0
Fines and Forfeits	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	0	0	0	0
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	0	0	0
Total	143,151	91,078	73,068	106,827

## Expenditures

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	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	6/30/25 Actual	2026 Budget
Ending Fund Balance	44,652	73,068	68,407	75,281
Salaries and Wages	12,137	12,598	1,394	15,000
Personnel Benefits	993	2,196	265	1,946
Supplies	178	800	235	4,000
Other Services and Charges	3,131	2,416	2,767	10,600
Intergovernmental Services	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlays	82,059	0	0	0
Interfund Payments for Services	0	0	0	0
Transfers Out	0	0	0	0
Total	143,151	91,078	73,068	106,827

## Staffing

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	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	6/30/25 Actual	2026 Budget
Full Time Equivalents	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00