



Sheriff - Boating Safety 11003.811.

Mission Statement

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

Function

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

Trends/Events

The CCSO Marine Unit works with Washington State Parks to promote boating safety. The unit patrols waterways during times of peak recreational activities that mostly include fishing and kayaking. During the summer months, the waterways of Clallam County are utilized by a large number of tourists participating in these water activities. Clallam County is an attractive tourist destination that hosted over 3.25 million visitors in 2019 (Jim Vleming-Clallam County Profile). Washington State ranks 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

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

	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	6/30/25 Actual
Reportable activity to Washington State Parks	113	193	145
Hours spent actively patrolling waterways	96.25	214.5	145
Number of Safety Inspections completed	28	104	26
Boating accidents investigated	3	2	2
Marine Search and Rescue missions completed	0	0	0
Public events attended by the Unit	3	6	1

Grant Funding Sources

1. Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission

Revenues

	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	6/30/25 Actual	2026 Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	11,546	26,834	27,865	29,180
Taxes	0	0	0	0
Licenses and Permits	0	0	0	0
Intergovernmental Revenues	137,938	13,900	0	22,500
Charges for Goods and Services	0	0	0	5,000
Fines and Forfeits	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Revenues	3,150	2,888	1,575	3,270
Other Financing Sources	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	170,000	0	0	0
Total	322,634	43,622	29,440	59,950

Expenditures

	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	6/30/25 Actual	2026 Budget
Ending Fund Balance	26,834	27,865	18,176	35,500
Salaries and Wages	2,396	2,717	3,642	3,500
Personnel Benefits	1,439	1,237	680	454
Supplies	3,257	2,546	2,735	8,125
Other Services and Charges	7,049	9,258	4,208	12,371
Intergovernmental Services	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlays	156,658	0	0	0
Interfund Payments for Services			0	0
Transfers Out	125,000	0	0	0
Total	322,634	43,623	29,440	59,950

Staffing

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