

City of Warrenton Marina Advisory Committee Minutes
 City Hall, 225 S. Main Warrenton, OR 97146
 Monday December 15, 2025

1. Marina Advisory Committee meeting called to order at 2:00 pm.

<i>Members</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Jen Fowler, Chair	X	
Bill Kerr, Vice Chair	X	
Larry Ausman	X	
Mike Balensifer	X	
Lylla Gaebel	X	

Staff Members Present	
Jessica McDonald	Harbormaster
Shara Ford	Marina Office Secretary

2. Consent Calendar

*Items on the Consent Calendar have previously been discussed and/or are considered routine. Approval of the Consent Calendar requires a motion, a second, and no discussion, unless requested by a member of the City Commission.

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Motion:	Move to approve the consent calendar as presented.				
Moved:	Balensifer				
Seconded:	Chair Fowler	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recused
Vote:	Gabel	X			
	Balensifer	X			
	Fowler	X			
	Kerr	X			
	Ausman	X			
Passed:	5/0				

3. Public Comment

- i. None

4. Reports

A. Harbor Master report

- i. Harbor Master Jessica McDonald presented her End of Review Harbor Master Report. Mrs. McDonald reflected on the year 2025 and asked the board if they had any questions. Chair Fowler asked if the price for the piling replacement is a set price for all the piling and the work being done. Mrs. McDonald noted the price is a set price.

5. Business Items

A. Officer Elections

Motion:	Move to approve Jen Fowler to Chair				
Moved:	Balensifer				
Seconded:	Kerr	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recused
Vote:	Gabel	X			
	Balensifer	X			
	Kerr	X			
	Ausman	X			
	Fowler	X			
Passed:	5/0				

Motion:	Move to approve Bill Kerr to Vice Chair				
Moved:	Fowler				
Seconded:	Balensifer	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Recused
Vote:	Gabel	X			
	Balensifer	X			
	Fowler	X			
	Ausman	X			
	Kerr	X			
Passed:	5/0				

B. Review of the Crab Pot Christmas Tree Event

- i. The committee made a review of the Crab Pot Christmas Tree event. Chair Fowler noted the event was a success and noted Santa was very popular this year. This also led to a discussion to hold the event at 5pm.

6. Discussion Items

A. Crab Cooking

- ii. Mr. Balensifer is concerned about patrons cooking crab and dumping the crab water on the grass in the Hammond Marina. Mr. Balensifer noted the grass is dying in those places. Mr. Balensifer would like to move the discussion item to a business item at the next meeting on 1.26.26.
- iii. Mr. Balensifer suggested placing zinc on the pilings in the marinas to keep corrosion away. Mrs. McDonald said she will look into it.


7. Good Of the Order

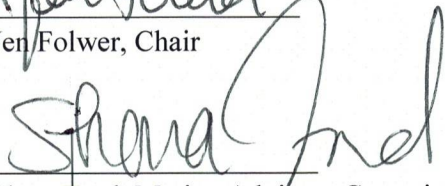
- i. Mr. Ausman raised concerns about the parking area at the new restaurant, Battery 245. Mrs. McDonald shared that a meeting is in the works with City Manager Ester Moberg to talk about this concern.
- ii. Bill Kerr announced he will have to step away from the committee for a period of time.
- iii. Mr. Balensifer raised a concern about D Dock being sunk in the middle. Mrs. McDonald noted that new hinges are being fabricated and the new repairs to D dock are almost finished. Mrs. McDonald share D dock should be done by middle of January this year.

- iv. Mr. Balensifer asked if dredging in Hammond can be made deeper than when it was done last time. Mrs. McDonald noted yes, they are dredging deeper and closer to shore.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business Chair Jen Fowler adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.

Approved: 
Jen Folwer, Chair

Attest: 
Shara Ford, Marina Advisory Committee Secretary