



WALTER promotes safe recreational boating

The **Washington State Parks Boating Program** leads Washington state's efforts to create a culture of safety in the recreational boating community. One of the many ways the program engages communities is through **WALTER**—a bright yellow 23-foot aluminum powerboat.

WALTER stands for:

Washington's **A**ll-equipped **L**aw Enforcement **T**raining & **E**ducation **R**esource boat.

The Boating Program uses WALTER for community-based outreach, public education and safety demonstrations. The boat helps increase the visibility of the program by focusing on boater engagement through face-to-face interactions on the water.



About WALTER

- Launched: March 2, 2015
- Length: 23 feet at waterline
- Displacement: 6,000 pounds
- Maximum speed: 32 knots
- Builder: Aluminum Chambered Boats (ACB) in Bellingham, WA
- Built: 2005
- Material: Constructed of airtight aluminum chambers, arranged like a 'honeycomb,' making it virtually unsinkable.
- Purchase cost: \$80,000, thanks to a grant from the U.S. Coast Guard.
- Annual maintenance and operation costs: \$15,000, which includes fuel and maintenance — paid for by a grant from the U.S. Coast Guard.

Washington State's Boating Program

State Parks administers the state's Boating Program, which includes the Recreation Boating Safety and Clean Vessel Act Grant programs. Funding for these programs comes from the Sport Fish Restoration and Boating Trust Fund. The goal of the Boating Program is to reduce accidents and fatalities, increase stewardship of Washington waterways and keep recreational boating a safe, accessible and enjoyable pastime. Partners include law enforcement agencies, volunteer groups such as the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and U.S. Power Squadron, recreational boating associations and marinas across Washington.

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