WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING

Vessel Impound Authorization and Inventory
Notice of Impoundment

This vessel, of which you are the owner of record, has been impounded and is moored/ stored at the facility below. If you have questions, contact the impound facility.

If the operator of a vessel is arrested for operating a vessel in a reckless manner, or while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, the arresting officer may impound and secure the vessel if a reasonable alternative is not available.

Vessel information

Decal/Registration #	St/Prov	HIN (Hull Identification #)	Make	Vessel type Choose one	Length

Impound information

Name of person authorizing impound	Badge	Agency		
Signature **X** **Person authorizing impound: When completed, print this out, and sign here.**		Impound date	Time of impound ☐ a.m. ☐ p.m.	
Facility where vessel is moored/stored		Contact name		
Address *(Street address)*		City	State	ZIP code
(Area code) Phone number	Days and hours of operation		Storage fee per day	
Evidentiary hold ☐ The vessel will be held for evidence at the direction of law enforcement for _____ days.				
Vessel operator name	Is operator vessel owner ☐ Yes ☐ No		Impound notification date	

Vessel inventory

	Yes	No
1. Seat (front)	☐	☐
2. Seat (back)	☐	☐
3. Other seats	☐	☐
4. VHF radio	☐	☐
5. CB radio	☐	☐
6. Other radio	☐	☐
7. Vessel stereo	☐	☐
8. Tapes/CDs	☐	☐
9. Radar	☐	☐
10. Outboard engine	☐	☐
11. Inboard engine	☐	☐
12. Sails (#)	☐	☐
13. Canvas cover	☐	☐
14. Keys	☐	☐
15. Other vessel items (list)	☐	☐
16. Personal items (list)	☐	☐

Vessel release and hearing

As the person or business seeking to redeem an impounded vessel, you are hereby notified that you have certain statutory rights and obligations.

Who will the impound facility release the vessel to?

- If you were the operator of the vessel, and the registered or legal owner, you may not redeem the vessel within 12 hours of your arrest.
- The registered or legal owner or their representative may redeem the vessel within 15 days. You must show proof of ownership or written authorization from the vessel's registered or legal owner. Call the facility contact during hours of operation to schedule an appointment.
- Before the vessel is released, you must pay all storage and removal fees. Payment is by cash, major bank credit card, or a personal check drawn on an in-state bank if accompanied by two pieces of valid I.D., one of which has a photograph. The law provides penalties for stopping payment on credit card charges, using invalid credit cards, stopping payment on a check, or issuing a check with non-sufficient funds.
- After 15 days, if the vessel has not been redeemed, foreclosure proceedings may begin. When the foreclosure process is complete, the owner will forfeit all ownership interest in the vessel.

Hearing

You have the right to request a hearing in the district/municipal court in the county where the vessel was taken to contest the validity of the impoundment or the towing and storage fees. Your hearing request must be received by the court within 10 days of the impound notification date. A filing fee is required when you file the hearing request form with the court clerk.

The Impounded Vessel Hearing Request form is available at dol.wa.gov.

Owner information

Registered owner of record

Name			
Address *(Street address or PO Box)*	City	State	ZIP code

Owner of record indicated on Report of Sale

Name			
Address *(Street address or PO Box)*	City	State	ZIP code

Legal owner of record

Name			
Address *(Street address or PO Box)*	City	State	ZIP code

Law enforcement instructions

Impound alternatives

Unless required for evidentiary purposes, find a reasonable alternative to impounding the vessel. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Locate a qualified operator within 30 minutes of the arrest to take possession of the vessel.
- Leave vessel at a marina, dock, or moorage facility:
  - Providing owner is present and signs a liability waiver and agrees to pay any mooring charges and fees.
  - If owner, who was not the vessel operator at the time of arrest, meets impounding officer within 30 minutes to take possession of the vessel.

Impound notification

- If the operator of the vessel is not the registered or legal owner, send this form to each registered and legal owner within one business day after the impound date by first-class mail, email, or fax.
- Days are defined as calendar days

Marina owner instructions

Vessel release

- Within 15 days of impoundment, or until foreclosure is completed, the vessel may be:
  - Redeemed by any person who (1) shows proof of ownership (i.e. Vessel registration or title), (2) has written authorization from the registered or legal owner; and pays all towing and storage fees.
  - Viewed without charge by any person who (1) shows proof of ownership or (2) has written authorization from the registered or legal owner, or (3) the vessel's insurer.
- You may request a representative of the impounding agency is present when the vessel is redeemed.

Vessel foreclosure

- If an impounded vessel is not redeemed within 15 days of its impoundment, the impound facility, or the impounding agency if requested by the impound facility, may begin foreclosure.
- The foreclosing entity must mail notice of its intent to each vessel owner and lienholder/secured interest on the Notice of Intent to Foreclose on Impounded Vessel ("Notice") available at dol.wa.gov.
- Foreclosure is complete 20 days after mailing the Notice, unless the owner or lienholder pays all impound towing and storage fees. Foreclosure may not be completed if a hearing is pending.
- Once foreclosure has ended, the vessel must be sold. Sale proceeds are applied first to impound towing/storage fees and sale expenses, then to the owner or to satisfy any liens/security interests. If the proceeds are less than the impound charges, the foreclosing entity may file a claim against the vessel owner.
- If more than $1,000 remains after proceeds disbursement, the foreclosing entity must remit monies to the Department of Licensing on the Forfeited Vessel Disposition Report available at dol.wa.gov.

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