



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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PRESS RELEASE

Sailboat Damaged in Collision with Sheriff's Boat

June 10, 2016—Sheriff's Deputies were in a collision with a sailboat on the Willamette River during Fleet Week patrols. The wooden sailboat received minor damage.

On June 9, 2016, at about 5 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Marine Patrol Deputies were assisting with scene security for the Rose Festival Fleet Ships on the Willamette River. Washington County, along with Marine Patrols from across the state, provides security every year for this event.

Boats that wish to pass through the secure zone around the ships are stopped, checked for weapons or explosives and then wait to be escorted through a designated zone. All Marine Patrol boats have their emergency overhead lights turned on throughout the entire event.

A sailboat, known as the Golden Rule peace boat, approached the secure zone under power, apparently wanting to travel upriver. The Golden Rule had reportedly traveled downstream through the secure zone earlier in the day. Sheriff's Deputies flanked the sailboat's starboard, with overhead lights on, trying to get to the operator to stop prior to entering the secure zone.



The sailboat changed course as it turned toward the port of the Sheriff's Patrol boat. The Sheriff's Patrol boat made an emergency maneuver to avoid an impending serious collision. The port aft of the Sheriff's Patrol boat collided with the starboard of the sailboat causing the minor damage seen in the inset photo.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office is honored to assist with this security detail every year as it has for many years.