

# Commercial Marine User Fee

## Proposed Program Updates & Bylaw Amendments

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City of  
**Kelowna**



# Purpose

To update the fee structure associated with the Commercial Boat Operator's Program and to amend the associated bylaws which govern our municipal boat launches

Rationale for changes:

- ▶ Better align fees with largest user base
- ▶ Streamline program administration
- ▶ Simplify compliance and enforcement

# Background

The Program was implemented in 2022 with primary goals of:

1. Maximizing safety & efficiency of boat launch operations and
2. Targeting cost recovery for commercial users' proportionate share of costs with consideration for Fees & Charges Bylaw Policy 395

# Program Performance

	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Total Fees Collected</b>	\$140,000	\$84,500	\$104,000	\$61,000

# Stakeholder Engagement

1. Greater number of commercial boat operators than initially estimated
2. Current language doesn't adequately capture larger boat service and sales companies
3. Current fee is cost prohibitive to economic viability of smaller commercial operators

# Recommended Program Changes

<u>Type</u>	<u>Fee/boat</u>
Dryland Rental	\$2,000
Dryland Boat Club	\$2,000
Dryland Rental Jet ski / Sea Doo	\$1,000
Boat in Valet Service	\$200
Tour Boat	\$2,000



Type	Flat Fee
1-20 Watercraft	\$2000
21-40 Watercraft	\$10,000
41+ Watercraft	\$20,000

# Conclusion

Program has successfully generated close to \$400,000 in non-taxation revenue:

- ▶ Revenue has contributed to on-going dredging of Cook Rd. boat launch
- ▶ Replacement of the Water St. docks

Recommended changes:

- ▶ Better reflect commercial user ecosystem
- ▶ Streamline administration
- ▶ Simplify compliance
- ▶ Overall Program revenue remains steady
- ▶ Promotes equity and transparency within commercial user base



*Questions?*

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