

## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO OBTAIN CUSTODY**

## **VESSEL** with Washington Registration # WN155BL

The Authorized Public Entity, King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Parks Division has declared the vessel with Washington Registration # WN155BL, as derelict or abandoned. The vessel is a blue and white Buccaneer small (approximately 14ft) sailboat tied to the mooring dock at Dockton Park on Vashon-Maury Island, WA.

King County DNRP, Parks Division, acting as an authorized public entity with the authority granted in RCW 79.100, intends to take custody of the vessel on **January 31st, 2025.** After taking custody of the vessel, King County Parks may use or dispose of it without further notice to the owner.

## In order to keep the vessel, before the Custody Date, the owner must:

- Get authorization to moor or anchor the vessel in its current location, or
- Move it to an anchorage area, moorage facility, or storage location that authorizes the vessel.
- Remove the vessel from the water.

If the owner wants to reclaim the vessel after King County Parks has custody, or wants to challenge King County Parks' decision to take custody, the owner must file a written appeal with the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) and serve a copy on King County Parks. Addresses are in the boxes below:

Pollution Control Hearings Board (send one original and one copy)

Physical address: 1111 Israel Road, Ste. 301

Tumwater, WA 98501

Mailing address: PO Box 40903

Olympia, WA 98504-0903

**Phone:** 360-664-9160

King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Parks Division

201 S Jackson St, Suite 700

Seattle, WA 98104

The appeal must include the following information:

- A copy of this notice or a copy of the notification letter to the owner.
- Your name and address (mailing and legal, if different) and, if applicable, the name and address of your representative.
- A daytime phone number.
- A brief statement why you are appealing.
- A statement of what you want the Pollution Control Hearings Board to do.
- Your signature or that of your representative. This signature certifies that the content of the appeal is true.

See <a href="http://www.eluho.wa.gov/Global/Reader?title=PCHB%20Appeal%20Process&path=Procedure\_Appeal\_PCHB">http://www.eluho.wa.gov/Global/Reader?title=PCHB%20Appeal%20Process&path=Procedure\_Appeal\_PCHB</a> or call the PCHB at the number above with appeal questions.

The owner may submit the appeal immediately, but the PCHB must <u>receive</u> it no later than March 17th, 2025. The owner waives the right to a hearing if the PCHB does not receive an appeal on or before the Appeal Date. The owner is then liable for any costs incurred by King County Parks in responding to the vessel.

These costs may include all administrative costs incurred by King County Parks, removal and disposal costs, and costs associated with environmental damages directly or indirectly caused by the vessel. If there is a law suit, the successful party may receive reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

King County Parks also may pursue any other remedies available under law. For example, King County Parks may take temporary possession of the vessel under the circumstances described in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 79.100.040(3). You can find a copy of this law online at <a href="http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=79.100">http://apps.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=79.100</a> . For more information, contact Joe Van Hollebeke at King County Parks at (206)510-3941 or joe.vanhollebeke@kingcounty.gov.