COLUMBIA RIVER
SAILING ASSOCIATION

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**Important Notes: All bridge operators request contact by radio on VHF13. They report that small horns are not audible.**

**Weather related closures: Temps above 90° will cause bridge operators to inspect tracks/roadway for expansions to ensure they can open/close. 100° likely to remain closed. Sustained winds of 35 knots may prohibit openings of some bridges.**

## Columbia River. (CRD is Columbia River Datum)

Vancouver Burlington Northern Bridge (39 ft vertical clearance @ CRD)
Hail- "**KQ 9049 Vancouver**", ***preferred method.***
PH-360-418-6320
Horn signal - 1 long, 1 short, bridge will match if able to open.
A return of 5 shorts indicates the bridge is closing.

I-5 Interstate bridge (Vertical clearance 72 ft @ CRD in the Alternate South Channel)
Hail "**KBM Interstate**", ***preferred method.***
PH-971-673-6120. Horn signal -2 long, 1 short.
Closed 0630-0900 and 1415-1800 weekdays except major holidays.

## Columbia Slough / North Portland Harbor (Vertical clearance 39 ft @ CRD)

Unmanned. Call 360-418-6320 **2 hours prior to arrival** for opening.
Hail " **North Portland Harbor bridge"** on arrival for opening.

## Willamette RIver - All depths are CRD

St Johns RR Bridge (vertical clearance 54 ft)
Hail "**KQ 9050 St Johns**", ***preferred method***.
Ph. 503-241-4492
Horn signal - 1 long, 1 short, bridge will match if able to open.
A return of 5 shorts indicates the bridge is closing.

Steel Bridge UPRR (Vert Clearance 26 ft / 71 ft / 161 ft)
Hail "**KQU934-Steel bridge**" also will answer to "**Steel Bridge**", ***preferred method***.
Ph. 503-249-2292
Horn Signal 1 L, 1 Short, however not recommended because of background noise

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## Willamette RIver-Multnomah County Bridges

Broadway (89 ft Vert Clear.), Burnside (64 ft Vert Clear.) and Morrison (69 ft Vert Clear) are not normally manned. Downtown bridges do not open 0700-0900, 1600-1800 (M-F). For unmanned bridges, call 1 hour prior during the work week and 2 hours nights and weekends. Call Hawthorne Bridge to coordinate opening these bridges.
Hail by bridge name. **“Broadway”, “ Burnside”, “Morrison”**
Horn signals are reported as not used at the four Multnomah County Bridges.

Hawthorne Bridge (49 ft Vertical clearance) - **Operator can report gauge height**
Hail “**KTD521 Hawthorne bridge**” ***Preferred method***
Phone 503-988-3452

Marquam Bridge ODOT ( Fixed vertical clearance 119ft)

Tillicum Crossing TriMet (Fixed vertical clearance 77ft for center 150 ft).

Ross Island Bridge ODOT (Fixed vertical clearance 119ft)

Sellwood Bridge (Fixed vertical clearance of 75ft at the center. 45ft on the edge)

## Willamette RIver-Clackamas County Bridges

Milwaukie RR Bridge (Fixed vertical clearance 72ft)

I-205 Abernathy Bridge ODOT (Fixed vertical clearance 76ft)

Hwy 43 Oregon City-West Linn (Fixed vertical clearance 74ft)

## Multnomah Channel-Multnomah County Bridges

Sauvie Island Bridge (Fixed vertical clearance 77ft)