

On September 3, 2020, I was dispatched to the report of a sinking boat on the Multnomah Channel. I arrived to see a 1953, 32 foot, wood construction cabin cruiser, tied off to the Coon Island dock. All but the bow of the boat was sunk.

I loosened the lines to reduce the strain on the dock. The back of the boat was under the dock so when low tide came, the dock would sit on the boat slightly twisting the dock.

Columbia County made arrangements to have the boat removed. The only way to safely remove the boat and not risk damaging the million-dollar dock, was using a barge with a crane on it. The final cost for the removal was about \$40,000. The Oregon State Marine Board was able to assist with about \$4,000 of the expense.

On this one event I put in about ten hours on the day the boat sunk and five more doing follow up checks on the boat and making phone calls to assist in its removal.