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Our family has been enjoying watersports on the Newberg pool for over 30 years. In that time watersports and boats have changed significantly so I understand the concern of owners living on the river. It seems that we had a very good compromise in place a few years ago that allowed for different activities in different areas of the river. It was a bit complicated but once it was figured out, we knew where we could surf, wakeboard and waterski. This was much easier for enforcement and allowed everyone to continue to participate in activities they enjoyed. There are very few lakes close to Portland and the Willamette river has served this purpose well over the many years we have been using this beautiful waterway. Boating has been a favorite family activity and it allows us to stay close to our kids and their friends. it is a good wholesome activity that keeps kids out of trouble so I strongly support giving boaters access to more activities.