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May 19, 2015

## **ORDER 41-15 OF THE CAPTAIN OF THE PORT PUGET SOUND**

LS 200 (O.N. 524812)  
ATTN: John Sellers  
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Vashon, WA 98070  
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**SITUATION:** On May 19, 2015, your vessel LS 200 (O.N. 524812) was noted by USCG Sector Puget Sound inspectors to be in violation of the following Federal regulations for recreational vessels:

1. Fire extinguishing equipment (46 CFR 25.30-20): No fire extinguishing equipment on board.
2. Navigation Lights (33 CFR 83): No functioning navigation lights on board.
3. Sound Producing Device (33 CFR 83): No sound producing device on board.

**DIRECTIONS:** Under the authority of the Ports and Waterways Safety Act, Title 33, U.S. Code 1221 et Seq., and the regulations issued under Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 160, I hereby order the passengers and crew of the vessel LS 200 to disembark the vessel until remedy of the above especially hazardous conditions is completed. You must contact Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound marine inspectors to verify that these conditions have been corrected prior to resuming operation of the vessel.

In addition, I am aware that the LS 200 has been advertised as being available for hire for events on board, for pay and consideration. Please note that anyone providing pay or consideration for such an event will be a passenger-for-hire; carriage of a passenger-for-hire by the LS 200 will require compliance with additional safety requirements, in accordance with the Passenger Vessel Safety Act of 1993. Depending on the number of passengers and passengers for hire carried, you will be required to complete applicable inspection requirements prior to carriage of passengers-for-hire.

**PENALTIES:** The Ports and Waterways Safety Act prescribes that whoever violates an order issued under the act is liable to a civil penalty of not more than \$40,000 for each violation. Each day of continuing violation shall constitute a separate violation. If such a violation is willful, you are subject to a criminal penalty of not more than \$50,000 and/or five years imprisonment. This criminal penalty is classified as a class "D" felony under federal law.

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This order is issued without prejudice as to the initiation of civil penalty proceedings for any violations that may have previously occurred.

**APPEALS:** Should you feel aggrieved by this order, you may, under the procedures prescribed in 33 CFR 160.7, appeal in writing to the District Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District. In preparing your appeal, you should clearly mark it as an appeal and identify the order which you are appealing. You must address it to the Captain of the Port (USCG Sector Puget Sound, 1519 Alaskan Way S., Seattle, WA, 98134-1192) for forwarding to the District Commander (Jackson Federal Bldg., 915 Second Avenue, Seattle, WA 98174). Your appeal must contain complete supporting documentation and evidence which you wish to have considered and should also include a copy of this order.

If the delay in presenting a written appeal would have a significant adverse effect on you, your appeal may be made to this office orally. Nevertheless, if the initial appeal is made orally, a written submission is required within five days of the oral presentation. While your appeal is pending, all provisions of this order will remain in effect.

**TERMINATION OF ORDER:** This order will remain in effect until cancelled by the Captain of the Port Puget Sound.

If you have any questions please contact our 24-hour watch at (206) 217-6002;  
fax (206) 217-6348.

Sincerely,



M. W. Raymond  
Captain, U. S. Coast Guard  
Captain of the Port, Puget Sound

Copy: Commander, Thirteenth Coast Guard District (drmc, dpi, dcc)  
Vessel Traffic Service Puget Sound  
USCG Station Seattle