

**WASHINGTON YACHT CLUB**  
**Extraordinary Budget Proposal – Replacement of Whaler Outboard Motor**

Submitted by: MirMattia Ottaviani, 10/9/25

To be presented at: General Meeting of the Washington Yacht Club 10/16/25

\*\*\*\*\*

**1. Purpose**

The outboard engine on the blue whaler (Blue) has seized and is no longer functional. A complete teardown and rebuild will almost certainly be necessary to diagnose and repair this. This will take considerable time, effort, and funds. Instead, purchasing a newer, good condition, reliable outboard will return Blue to our teaching and rescue fleet for many years to come, hopefully reducing costs and downtime. Currently, Club operations are supported exclusively by the white whaler:

**We are one breakdown away from having to indefinitely suspend dinghy sailing and teaching.**

\*\*\*\*\*

**2. Description of Item**

- **Item:** Outboard Motor
- **Manufacturer / Model:** Honda BF50D4LTRA
- **BF50:** This is the model family, indicating a 50 horsepower, four-stroke outboard engine.
- **D:** This designates the engine series or a significant model update. In this case, it indicates the BF50D series which came with specific feature updates.
- **4:** This represents the version number or a specific configuration change within the series.
- **L:** This indicates a **20-inch long shaft**.
- **T:** This specifies **power trim and tilt**.
- **R:** This denotes a **remote control** (not a tiller handle).

- **A:** This indicates the version of the engine, often related to a specific product revision.
- **Estimated Cost (USD):** \$5000
- **Example:**  
[https://albanymarinesupply.com/?product\\_cat=honda-outboard-motors&s=bf50&post\\_type=product](https://albanymarinesupply.com/?product_cat=honda-outboard-motors&s=bf50&post_type=product)

\*\*\*\*\*

### 3. Funding Source

Funds to be drawn from the General Fund, pursuant to By-Laws Art. VII §A-4 and §B-4-a.

#### Financial Statement:

|               |                    |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Checkings:    | \$33,691.93        |
| Savings:      | \$35,082.99        |
| <b>Total:</b> | <b>\$68,774.93</b> |

---

#### 4. Financial Impact and Rationale

The replacement is a one-time capital expenditure necessary to maintain fleet safety and support the Club's instructional program. The newer motor will likely cost less to maintain and suffer less downtime than the old one did.

---

#### 5. Approvals Required

Because the proposed expenditure exceeds \$1,000, approval by the **General Membership** is required under By-Laws Art. VII §B-4-a and §A-5. Notice of this proposal shall be posted to the Club email list at least seven (7) days before the meeting at which the vote will be taken.

---

#### 6. Proposed Motion

**Motion:** That the General Membership approve an extraordinary expenditure of **up to \$5,000** from the General Fund for the purchase of one **BF50D4LTRA** outboard motor to replace the current engine on Blue as outlined in this proposal.

---

#### 7. Supporting Documents

<https://discord.com/channels/644636493062733855/1273508983822356480/1425975760203681803> -Kregg's determination of what outboard to buy

---

**Prepared by:** MirMattia Ottaviani, 10/9/25  
*Commodore, Washington Yacht Club*