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To: Chairman Ty Wessell
From: Cmdr. Wayne Edington *WE*
Date: 7-22-2022
RE: Marine Division (Inland Lake) Patrol Boat

It is my hope with this memorandum to provide a brief explanation of the equipment needs for the Marine Safety Division of the Leelanau County Sheriff's Office along with offering a possible solution to those current equipment deficiencies.

The Marine Safety Division currently has two (2) inland lake / rapid response trailerable patrol boats. One of which is a 32-year-old, 17-foot, Boston Whaler center console (Patrol Boat M3) and the other is 12-year-old, 15-foot, Boston Whaler center console (Patrol Boat M4).

The older 17-foot M3 is cosmetically old in appearance but has been highly modified and serves as a very good work platform for general patrol and the inland lake search and rescue work that the Marine Safety Division commonly performs. The only safety issue we are experiencing with M3 is that the current outboard motor is well past its useful / reliable lifespan and is in desperate need of replacement. The motor on M3 has broken down three (3) times in its last 4 months of use requiring that it and the deputies on board be towed in by passing fisherman. This motor problem obviously makes this boat unsafe for rough water rescues without unnecessarily jeopardizing the crew on board. The cost to reengine this boat is approximately thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) including all labor and instrumentation.

The newer (12 years old) 15-foot patrol boat (M4) is in good condition mechanically but is simply too small a boat on which to place a two-person crew or to launch in the rough water conditions normally associated with search and rescue operations. When the M3 patrol boat is out of service due to the runout motor and we attempt to utilize M4 in its place it has shown itself to be an untenable work space for the two deputies attempting to perform their duties.

It is my suggestion that we sell the 15-foot M4 patrol boat (approximate used value = \$15,000) and utilize the funds from that sale to purchase a new motor for Patrol Boat M3. This would make M3 a much safer and efficient piece of equipment for the Marine Safety Division's needs.

Since the sale of the 15-foot M4 patrol boat would leave the Marine Safety Division with a significant gap in its trailerable patrol boat fleet I would further suggest that a newer / used Boston Whaler be purchased to replace M4.

There is currently a used 2019 (19-foot) Boston Whaler for sale at a marine dealership in Manitowoc, Wisconsin for \$63,500. Although this boat is used, it only has 21 hours of time on its motor and for all practical purposes appears to be in "like new" condition and could be obtained at a \$20,000 savings from the cost of a comparable new boat.

I have provided accompanying documentation to support the values / costs that I have stated in this memorandum.

If the Leelanau County Board of Commissioners were to support the suggestions provided in this memorandum, I can confidently state that it would greatly improve the safety and reliability of our trailerable boat fleet along with expanding the capabilities for search / rescue operations and patrols on the inland lakes of Leelanau County.



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2019 Boston Whaler 190 Outrage 19ft

US\$69,900 *Negotiated to \$63,500*

Manitowoc, Wisconsin

Local Delivery Available

BASICS

Year:	2019
Make:	Boston Whaler
Model:	190 Outrage
Class:	Centre Console
Length:	18.83ft
Fuel Type:	Gas
Hull Material:	Fiberglass
Hull Shape:	Deep Vee
Hull Warranty:	10 Years



2023 Boston Whaler 190 Montauk 19ft

US\$83,494

Michigan City, Indiana

BASICS

Year:	2023
Make:	Boston Whaler
Model:	190 Montauk
Class:	Centre Console
Length:	19.33ft
Fuel Type:	Gas
Hull Material:	Fiberglass
Hull Shape:	Modified Vee
Hull Warranty:	10 Years



2006 Boston Whaler 150 Montauk

\$17,995

\$119/month | [Payment Calculator](#)

Metairie, LA 70003

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DETAILS

Year:	2006
Make:	Boston Whaler
Model:	150 Montauk
Class:	Other
Length:	15'
Fuel Type:	Gasoline
Location:	Metairie, LA 70003
Hull Material:	Other
Offered By:	Bent Marine