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Thieves Break into PT-658 Boat Shelter, Steal Tools worth Thousands of Dollars

Volunteers working on the ongoing restoration of PT Boat 658 became victims of thieves, who stole over \$6,000 worth of tools from the boat's shelter on Swan Island sometime during April 28/29. PT-658 is the only fully restored PT boat in the world that is operational; it is also on the National Historic Register. Built in 1945, PT-658 is currently undergoing major repairs to the hull, requiring replacement of outside planking, frames, trusses and bulkheads.

“We thought our tools were safe, locked in the boathouse, said Bob Alton, President of Save the PT Boat, Inc., a non-profit organization. The thieves were very organized and took tools that could be quickly sold. They accessed the boathouse from the water, not land. It's frustrating because most of the tools belong to our volunteers, several of which are original “Greatest Generation” servicemen, who contribute their time and equipment to help restore and preserve this historic WWII vessel.”

The incident is being investigated by Portland police (Case #13-34042). If you have any information about this crime, please call Portland Police Officer Bert Nederhiser at 503-823-5700. If you are able to donate tools or money to help with this effort, please contact Bob Alton, PT-658 Board President, 503-209-8203. For more information about PT-658 and about needed tools, go to www.savetheptboatinc.com.