2020 Oregon Boating Laws - Effects on CBYC Activities

CBYC is a "Clean Marina" member and has pledged to follow all Oregon boating, environmental and other applicable regulations.

The CBYC kayak and paddle boards will require a Waterway Access Permit attached. It is transferable. A recommendation is to attach it to the club owned boats.

Motor Boat operators (over 10 HP) all require an Oregon Boater Education Card. There is no longer a "grace period" of 60 days for newly acquired boat, operator, or out of state visitor; it is treated the same as a drivers license.

Waterway Access Permit

The Waterway Access Permit (WAP) replaces the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) permit for non-motorized boats.

- Oregon residents and out-of-state operators of non-motorized boats: canoes, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, rafts, drift boats and other manually powered boats, which are 10 feet in length or longer and sailboats under 12 feet long, must purchase a one week (\$5), one year (\$17) or a two year (\$30) permit when operating on Oregon waters. o One permit is required per boat, o is transferable from boat to boat, and o is not required for youth 13 and younger.
- Permits are not required on certain stretches of federally designated wild and scenic rivers already requiring permits.
- The permit funds two programs: AIS Prevention Program and non-motorized access. These programs will improve facilities by adding single parking spaces, non-motorized boat launches, restrooms, low-freeboard docks, etc. and will continue to inspect boats for aquatic invasive species at the roadside inspection stations.
- There are four purchasing options: o In person at the OSMB office in Salem; o In person at ODFW license agents; o OSMB Online system (downloadable PDF to save on mobile device or printed out); or o ODFW Electronic Licensing System to print out permit or display using the ODFW App.

Agency Fee Increases

In order to maintain the current levels of service for marine law enforcement and boating facility grants, the agency asked for and received approval to increase boat registration and title fees, and the Boating Safety Education and replacement card fees.

• Registration: \$5 plus \$5.95 per foot. Go to the following link to view the fee schedule: https://www.oregon.gov/osmb/titleregistration/PublishingImages/2019_2021BoatRegistrationFees.pdf.

• Boat Title: \$75

• Replacement Title: \$75

Duplicate title with no changes: \$25Boating Safety Education Card: \$20

• Boating Safety Education Card Replacement: \$16

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Boating Safety Education Card

• Requires out-of-state boaters to carry their states' boater education card when operating a motorboat over 10 hp. If your state doesn't require boating safety education, you will need to take Oregon's mandatory boater education course and purchase the Oregon card before operating on Oregon

"Pull the Plug" Law

• Boaters are required to "pull the plug" when leaving a waterbody and during transport to allow any water-holding compartments to drain (transporting live crab or fish is against the law per ODFW regulations). This reduces the risk of aquatic invasive species being spread from one waterbody to another. o The fine for failure to pull the plug is \$30 for non-motorized and \$50 for motorized and is a Class D violation.

Oregon Boater Education Card

There's no longer a 60-day boating safety education card exemption for new boat owners. Taking a boating safety course and carrying a boating safety education card is now required when operating a motorboat over 10 hp, regardless of when the boat was purchased. A new boat owner will need to take an approved boating safety education course and carry a boater education card before taking the boat out for a spin, just like a motor vehicle requires a valid driver's license. Most states have some form of mandatory education requirement and out-ofstate boating safety education cards are accepted; however, if the resident state doesn't have boating safety education, the boat operators will need the Oregon boater safety education card. The mandatory education program was first enacted in 1999, so the program is now 20-years old.