

Education and Information: What are the best tools and delivery mechanisms for educating the general public and your user group about boater safety, rules and regulations? Is there any additional information that the Marine Board should provide to the public?				
Education	Mandatory Education	Hands-on Education Courses	Life Jackets/Nav Rules/Regs/Hazards	Miscellaneous Comments/Questions Asked
<p>Boater Safety Course is a great idea but you don't see it out on the water. Very little is being done as far as law enforcement. Laws are not being enforced. Example Anchored boats people ski right through them and within feet of anchored boats. We have a boat with an outboard. If I see people paddling in small floating boats we always avoid them. On a few occasions we have had people paddle right at us when we have tried to avoid them and have to change our direction to avoid them again. Not sure what the answer is to get people to use common sense and be courteous to others on the water. There is plenty of water for everyone to use.</p>	Required boater safety course	Hands on courses	More information on PFD use and making sure that user use them.	An important issue, but one that has a between the lines intended purpose. Note how the OMB injects itself as the ultimate information and education provider to the public at large; "Is there any additional information that the Marine Board should provide to the public?"
<p>The Marine Board should tell people where they can get free life jackets. Other education is great, but realistically it can be gotten from a class or from simply experience. I never took a class, but from going out with others over a 35 year period I've learned to read water and be a competent boater. I would hate any restrictions to having to learn the Marine Board's way, and of course to pay a fee for it as well. Please no new fees or restrictions; the rivers should be free and accessible to all.</p>	<p>The current on-line information and training for non-motorized boaters is effective. However, more information and improved outreach about the potential presence and limitations of many non-motorized craft should be made available to other boaters and perhaps be part of their mandatory training or skills exam.</p>	<p>Incentives for education, on-water class for new users, gain skills and swift water rescue techniques</p>	<p>I still can't believe the lack of life jackets on SUPs. They need more education.</p>	<p>Casual users to not bother wildlife, wildlife protection important to me</p>
<p>Open clinics in the various counties helps. and asking marine shops to participate is great.</p>	<p>Every user needs to pass a course and obtain a boaters education card.</p>	<p>Hands-on education opportunities</p>	<p>The importance of life jackets.</p>	<p>No suggestions to stop people from doing things that endanger themselves</p>
<p>Boating classes held on weekend at the docks and boat landings during boating season.</p>	<p>Mandatory boater education for all boaters.</p>	<p>OSMB to provide, like ACA, teaching (i.e. provide insurance liability – would help clubs to teach on-the-water)</p>	<p>Kiosk w/free life jackets to use.</p>	<p>Boater safety, education, training, -- the non-motorized craft seem to attract those who think they already know all that it takes to properly operate the craft. Not True!</p>
<p>There is always the potential for power boater - paddler conflicts on the Willamette River in the area around Rogers Landing. More could be done to educate power boaters about respecting the rights of river use for all boaters, and the specific needs of non-motorized boaters. Slowing down when in the vicinity of paddlers is perhaps the most important item for motorized boaters.</p>	<p>I feel that all users should have to take a basic boating safety course and receive a certificate that they have been fully informed on the basic safety issues and why these are important for their and others safety on the water. People need to be aware of being safe for themselves and in the event other boaters need assistance. What to do.</p>	<p>Club safety events and meetings on-water training</p>	<p>The Marine Board should tell people where they can get free life jackets. Other education is great, but realistically it can be gotten from a class or from simply experience. I never took a class, but from going out with others over a 35 year period I've learned to read water and be a competent boater. I would hate any restrictions to having to learn the Marine Board's way, and of course to pay a fee for it as well.</p>	<p>We do not need the OSMB to spend a pile of cash to educate us to wear PFDs and keep a whistle with us at all times. Perhaps that need is different for the sea kayaker or SUP user who is new to using the waterways.</p>

Holding boater safety meetings with certificates of achievement would help. Keep the public informed.	I believe safety, rules and regulation classes should be required before users get their permit.	Swift water rescue classes readily available	Not sure of delivery mechanisms but the general public does not understand the dangers of high water. I do not think that most of the general public reads the signs provided at many sites. Too many people do not wear adequate life jackets. Many of the life jackets shown on signs are inadequate. Show a decent life jacket on your signs	I whitewater kayak. This isn't a sport that you just get on the river and do. There's classes that you take to learn river safety and boating etiquette. I don't believe that there is any further information that Marine Board should provide the public.
Likewise, a paddler education program focusing on new paddlers and the general public on these two issues stands to have the most bang for the buck. We have people in clubs and folks on guided tours covered, and experienced paddlers already understand the needs. It is folks with no knowledge who are at risk.	Boater Safety class should be required for non-motorized and motorized boaters. Right now only motorized drivers are required but it would be good if everyone had to take it.		Personal flotation device loaner stations seem useful, but they are not a resource I use personally,	I wish I knew. With the way I observe motor boaters using the lake, I question whether there is any safety education or "rules of the road" at all. The Ashland Rowing Club adheres to an established traffic pattern which we teach to all new members. We are responsible for our own safety on the water.
Consider putting together a short course that can be offered in schools similar to what the NRA used to do w/ gun safety (although I am NO fan of the NRA). We don't need more rules or regulations... what we have is sufficient in terms of safety. However we need to maintain and increase public access to public water ways, e.g. an upper section to Thomas Creek is not available for the most part b/c the land is owned by a timber company - that is a regulation - public access that needs to be addressed.	Why not have mandatory education? 1) People don't want to be told; 2) "like" mandatory seatbelt; 3) Requires legislation; 4) Mandatory harder to have acceptance		The marine board should kind of butt out unless it can simply make more free life jackets available along rivers commonly floated.	The best safety education comes from experienced peers. Non-motorized boaters would not benefit from additional safety information from the Board. Widely distributed information would be too broad to effectively educate active and aspiring boaters.
Tutorials on safety, Training classes available.	Could it be required to rent/buy a kayak that they take a class/video? 1) Challenges of time (especially liveries); 2) No set standard		Life jacket kiosk at Veteran's Park – empty on the backside – good location for education sign – concern life jackets being used by kids swimming – no adult	The licensing of boat operators for motorized equipment seems to satisfy this need
Whitewater safety and rescue courses are available if paddlers seek them out. I see a lot of recreational river users (people floating in tubes, hanging out on the beach) who are often exposed to river hazards without being aware of the danger (downstream rapids, sieves, strainers) and there is no signage posted in popular areas to warn them except maybe a sign about swift currents.	Need to take a mandatory Rules of the Road course for driving a boat		Mandatory PFD wear	OSMB should weigh in on dam removals or reconstructions to advocate for safety benefits.
Paddlers need less infrastructure at access – need more education	Should have a requirement for non-motorized		PFD <u>USE!!</u>	The signage on the north Santiam for the log jam seemed like it was in the wrong places.
Education – low compliance – one or two time user won't take education – others may have a "catch-me" attitude ...How would you enforce?	Boat shops should have an on-line education program		Make sure that people understand PFD's, cold water, etc.	None that I am aware of
General public user a "Boat Oregon" type of class	To operate a car you need to take a test		SUPs in shipping lanes with no PFDs	I just don't see much of a place for the Marine Board as far as interacting with my user group which is whitewater boaters.

Try to integrate state perspective on education/information for all users: such as short class (45 min) on navigability issues	Mandatory requirement should be determined by the risk – can't put flat water with Class 4 rapids education – complete difference in safety		People putting the incorrect PFD on kids	No
Use a similar "Boat Oregon" class to reach/target paddlers	Where you are? Who is operating?...Details of a mandatory system will be different due to such difference of platforms and type of water		Rules and Regs difficult – If NM know why the rule/regs. is, there easier to accept	I am for the citizen being totally responsible for their actions and would like less Marine Board supervision.
Voluntary education class, at first – if they get a ticket, have them take a class with a fee for the course	Don't agree with voluntary education – mandatory education is for boaters that need to be informed for non-motorized boating – gets information to people		Participation is process of rules/regs.	Not for non-motorized sites
Passive education	Mandatory education for paddlers with basic information (PFD, hypothermia, tides, etc.)		Hazards	Motorized craft should know that rowing shells are much more unstable on the water: swamping a rowing shell can lead to sinking or flipping the craft and jeopardizing the rowers.
ATV approach for education? 1) "Jump on board while it is free"; 2) Hands-on for 16 years of age and younger; 3) Online test	Have a requirement for an education program/permit (i.e. similar to ATV Program)		Help people understand how dangerous it can be – be respectful of danger – that way volunteer to get class/education	Made extensive comments in the listening session.
Get voluntary 1 st then if needed maybe then go to mandatory education	Should be mandatory...Laws and navigation only information		WKCC posted OMSB link to down tree – did not know about OSMB web information until today – public needs to know about hazards	No comment
Can't combine education – have one for motorized and one for non-motorized	Mandatory education		On-river visible marking (waterway markers) for take-outs ...Hazard notes – fixed hazards	There is very little information that the marine board needs to provide, as nearly all whitewater kayakers know the risks, and take appropriate safety measures.
Inconsistency in knowledge of new non-motorized participants ... Voluntary certification?	Create a standardized test – base line of knowledge – mandatory		How to convey new and current strainers? ...Tualatin Riverkeeper model; volunteers – website	Its dangerous as is any other outdoor activity use common sense
Inconsistency in knowledge of new non-motorized participants ...1) Shop or retail training; clubs often push to retailers; 2) Rolling and self-rescue – retailer, clubs or OSMB?	All (motorized & non-motorized) boaters, if on navigable waters to show proof of education		Basic "rules of the road" – online by OSMB	For the most part the people who run whitewater know more than the marine board does about how to do their thing. The ignorant few who get in over their heads are hard to educate.
There is a disconnect with non-motorized community – just don't know safety – lack of knowledge and skills	Mandatory Ed (knowing others are educated)(include voluntary options?)		Is it the OSMB to notify the public of a particular river problem (hazard) or of a fatality on the rivers?...There is a discrepancy between accident reports confidentiality and informing the public of facts about an accident	Concerns that signs don't meet needs of "Walmart" boaters, new tourists, and people unfamiliar with area

Have voluntary education in beginning but become mandatory...One person disagreed; others did not comment	Mandatory Ed at liveries and retailers		Boater launch etiquette	Concerns – new boater are not looking or using resources
Promote education as an opportunity	One person wants mandatory, another leaning towards mandatory on-line course.		Paddlers – “Rules of the Road” confusion – need certification	Avoid print materials – costly and out-of-date quickly
Need education for the people who don’t know what they are doing or new to non-motorized	Maybe mandatory education with regarding to safety ...1) Messages for non-motorized, short and sweet; 2) Boat OR for non-motorized		User conflicts in water and at launch site - More education across user groups about other users	No suggestions to stop people from doing things that endanger themselves
New paddlers, not knowledgeable	AIS tag could provide more education... 1) On-line education test; 2) Advocate mandatory education to travel to different areas		Info needs to be current (hazard, etc.)	Let Darwin sort them out – all sorts of stickers information is on boat
But at what point does someone need education?	Mandatory education to address casual users		Education/safety to ‘other’ tubers, new users, casuals	Feel non-motorized users generally don’t know or see OSMB as source for education/information
Education classes beneficial	Lack of common sense!!!! Ignorance of the rules of the road while on the water. As more uneducated nonmotorized vessel users start using our waterways conflicts and accidents will occur. Everyone who uses Oregon’s water ways needs to be educated.			Personal responsibility to educate themselves
Recognize need for education – too easy to just throw a boat into the water and go (lack of overall knowledge of boating/safety)				Are there educational programs in State Parks on water safety? ...State Parks – Jr. Ranger Program includes some boating/water safety information
One for voluntary – more comfortable is not forced				The more rules you add – people may not remember information learned – if you take a mandatory test years ago, once, they will not remember
Need education to both (motorized and non-motorized) on access				Net surfing difficult to find
Educate user groups – basic skills				Hard to communicate with the beginners and novice. People buying from big box stores, etc. just don’t know and get into trouble on water
No mandatory education – pull them in a different way for education				In reality will never have a state certificate for a white water course – just too difficult
				How does OSMB prevent other water deaths from the banks?
				AIS – How to get permit – fast 1) 1 day permit; 2) Get AIS at Fred Myers, print on-line, expand dealers
				Against visual clutter on rivers

				Continued outreach to people who may not be in clubs or in traditional settings
				There is an outreach issue with non-motorized
				Weakness in OSMB paddling information – lost on website – website is cluttered
				Advisory Committee's Education list/proposal very comprehensive
				Clackamas cracked down on the high use areas
				Should there be an age cut-off to be in a kayak?
				Some kids start young in controlled area or with a guide
				99% of our website is motorized boaters
				You could do a lot more, but not wanting to pay for it, you could find more on other sites
				Outfitter/Guide safety requirement below Class III – CPR, First aid, Swift Water Rescue training to be able to take people on the water – make sure they know what they are doing
				Respect wildlife, sea creatures, etc. (look-don't touch)
				Change of demographics from historic user being mentored/taught – now cheaper to get on water=lack of education
				Some just don't read signs...State Parks has OSMB signs up
				Education/watercraft safety checklist for non-motorized...Lessons/rental safety
				AIS permit = good thing, keeps invasive out and connect environmental steward with user educational (i.e trash receptacles, sewage - how to deal with it)
				I'd like to see all kids, groups be encouraged and enabled to use our waterways - outreach, ?, access before they become adults without these experiences.