

OREGON BOATING FOUNDATION 2016 KAYAK PROGRAM REPORT

Our 4 adult classes and 5 Youth Kayaking Camps were taught by four of our ACA Certified Coastal Kayak Instructors. These instructor volunteers provided 28 days of classes with over 300 hours of instruction to 40 participants.

Adult classes were offered on:

June 5	Kayak Safety Day for the Yaquina Bay Yacht Club
June 18	“Coastal Kayak Basic Strokes and Rescues”
July 9	“Coastal Kayak Basic Strokes and Rescues”
July 30-31	“Coastal Kayak – Open Water Skills”

Youth Kayaking Day Camps were offered on:

June 27-July 1	Youth Kayaking Day Camp – Introductory
July 11-15	Youth Kayaking Day Camp – Intermediate
July 18-22	Youth Challenge Camp - Advanced
August 1-2	Youth Challenge Camp - Advanced
August 8-12	Youth Willamette River Trip and Campout

Participants in the Willamette River trip previously had taken at least 3 of our Youth Camps including an advanced level Challenge Camp. The trip itself involved paddling 50 plus miles over three days with overnight campouts at Peoria Park and Hyak Park. According to our GPS, at one time we were moving in current over 10 mph and over 8 mph on several other occasions. Although participants carried their own camping gear, shore support by two parents provided our meals. Two of our Coastal Kayak instructors and an instructor’s wife, who was also an experienced kayaker, accompanied the participants.

Finally, on September 15th two of our instructors (Brian and Richard) are scheduled to guide the “Coast Conscious” Orientation Trip on Beaver Creek for Ecological Leaders through the University of Oregon.

Since our registration fees were collected by several means it is difficult to precisely state our gross income. A best estimate is \$4925.00. Due to our area's economy, fees are kept intentionally low (\$100 for adult classes and \$150 for the Youth Camps). Comparable adult classes and 5-Day Youth Kayaking Day Camps in the Portland area are \$130 for adults and \$350 for youth camps.

Expenses for this year were \$1580.88. These expenses do not include instructor-born costs for certification and their own boats and equipment, pro-rated operational costs to OBF, or storage for the OBF kayaks and equipment which has been provided by one of the instructors for a number of years. Our net income of \$3344.12 exceeded last year's net income of \$2097.41.

Thanks to the following instructors who volunteered their skills and time for our classes this year:

Richard Appicello

Brian Getting

Steve Johnson

Tom Murphy

Additional support was provided by Karen Johnson who served as a third guide for our river trip and Michelle Schaffer and Christi McLean who provided our meals. Karel Murphy trailered our boats and equipment to our drop-off site and picked us up at the end of the trip.

After coastal current and tidal predictions are available for 2017 our instructors will set goals and the schedule for next year.

This report prepared by Tom Murphy.