



# WASHINGTON

## BOATING REQUIREMENTS

(Grande Ronde River)



**Note: Motorized watercraft is prohibited on the Grande Ronde River upstream of the Oregon-Washington State Line.**

### NON-Motorized Boats of Any Length:

- One U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III, or V wearable personal flotation device (PFD) of suitable size for each person on board. PFD's must be readily accessible and in good and serviceable condition. Children 12 and under must **wear** their PFD on boats under 19 ft. in length when boat is underway.
- Horn, whistle, or bell
- Nighttime visual distress signals
- At least one lantern or flashlight

### Motorboats under 26 feet in length:

- Vessel Registration on board, if motor is more than 10 hp, or if boat is 16 feet or more in length.
- Registration Decals and Registration Numbers displayed, if motor is more than 10 hp, or if boat is 16 feet or more in length.
- Washington Boater Education Card, if motor is more than 15 hp (see chart)
- One U.S. Coast Guard approved Type I, II, III, or V wearable personal flotation device (PFD) of suitable size for each person on board. PFD's must be readily accessible and in good and serviceable condition. Children 12 and under must **wear** their PFD on boats under 19 ft. in length when boat is underway.
- Type B-1 fire extinguisher
- Backfire flame arrestor, except on outboard engines
- Ventilation system
- Muffler
- Horn, whistle, or bell
- Nighttime visual distress signals
- Navigation lights, between the hours of sunset and sunrise
- CO warning sticker
- Type IV throwable device (only required if boat is 16 feet or more in length)

### When do I need my card?

| Year | Your Age       |
|------|----------------|
| 2008 | 20 and younger |
| 2009 | 25 and younger |
| 2010 | 30 and younger |
| 2011 | 35 and younger |
| 2012 | 40 and younger |
| 2013 | 50 and younger |
| 2014 | 60 and younger |

Persons required to have a Boater Education Card must carry it on board whenever operating a motorboat with 15 horsepower or greater.

### Additional requirements for use of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lands above the high-water mark:

- **River Permit:** every boater or boating group must obtain a Self-Issue River Permit prior to launch, available at most public river access points. Permits are free, self-issued, and do not restrict number of trips or limit trip itineraries. *(Note: commercial outfitters and guides need to obtain a Special Recreation Permit. Call the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) at 541-523-1256 for more information.)*
- **Portable Toilet:** you must carry and use a portable, containerized toilet during float trips. Human waste may not be disposed of except at designated locations or fixtures provided for that purpose.
- **Fire Pan:** when not prohibited, all open fires must be completely contained in a fire-proof container (i.e., fire pan or fire blanket) with sides of sufficient height to contain all ash and debris, and all ash and charcoal must be removed from the river corridor.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

BLM River Station at Minam (541-437-5580) or visit: [www.blm.gov/or](http://www.blm.gov/or)  
 Washington Boater Information Website: [www.parks.wa.gov/boating](http://www.parks.wa.gov/boating)