

C&M Stables offering new adult riding club

In response to requests from local customers, C&M Stables is creating an adult horseback riding club beginning in February.

The Riding Club will be open to anyone age 18 or older, and no previous riding experience necessary.

The Riding Club will meet once a month for four months. Each session will be two hours and will include trail, dune and beach rides, with a 30-minute orientation during the first session.

Those who are interested in learning how to groom and saddle a horse as a part of the experience are welcome to come 30 minutes before each session.

C&M Stables will provide participants with the tools necessary, as well as instruction on how grooming and saddling a horse is done. For some, those activities are one of the best parts of riding.

The Riding Club will run from February through May. If this program is successful, C&M Stables would like to host two additional sessions during the off season, October through January, then again February through May.

For more information or to sign up for The Riding Club, stop by C&M Stables, 90241 Highway 101, north of Florence, or call 541-997-7540.

Oregon State Marine Board seeks public input on new facility plan

SALEM — Every six years, the Oregon State Marine Board (OSMB) solicits feedback from boaters and facility owners to create a catalog of boating facility needs, and then assigns priorities to sites for grant funding.

This information is compiled into the "Statewide Boating Access Improvement Plan," commonly referred to as the "Six-Year Plan."

The agency invites boaters to participate in a survey to help identify where the needs are around the state.

"With over 1,100 boating access sites in Oregon operated and owned by more than 160 different recreational boating facility owners, the Marine Board relies heavily on feedback about the condition of boating facilities from all recreational boaters; motorized and non-motorized," said Janine Belleque, Boating Facility Manager for the Marine Board. "We leverage the dollars brought in through boat registration fees and marine gas tax with federal grants and matching dollars

from facility owners to maintain, as well as build, new recreational boating access in the state."

The Marine Board does not own or operate any boating facilities in the state; however, the Marine Board's Boating Facilities Section provides technical assistance to boating facility owners in the form of design, facility engineering, surveying, waterway permitting and grant funding to facility owners.

The Oregon Marine Board invites recreational boaters to

complete an online survey and provide feedback on how to improve the area where you boat.

Boaters can access an online survey at www.boatoregon.com, or go to the survey directly at www.surveymonkey.com/r/GWGC7L6.

The survey will be available online through March 31.

For more information, contact the Marine Board's Facility Section at 503-378-2727.

B&G Club seeks referees for basketball season

Boys and Girls Club of Western Lane County is looking for teens, ages 14 to 18, to be paid referees for its Rip City Academy Basketball Season.

They must have a basic knowledge of basketball and will need to participate in a half-day referee course on Saturday, Jan. 14, at the B&G

Club Teen Center.

Once trained, referees will receive a stopwatch, whistle and referee jersey, along with a per-game stipend.

Referees must be available on Saturdays beginning Jan. 21, through Feb. 25.

Call Tracy Aaron at 541-902-0304 for information.

Government grants available for park and rec projects

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) announces the opening of the 2017 Local Government Grant Program (LGGP) grant cycle for funding public parks and recreation projects.

Large, small and planning grants are available for cities, counties, metropolitan service districts, park and recreation districts and port districts look-

ing to fund the following types of projects: planning, development, rehabilitation, acquisition, and acquisition and development.

To help applicants navigate the process, OPRD will host a webinar workshop Thursday, Jan. 26, from 10 a.m. to noon, and a live workshop in Salem Friday, Jan. 27, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Registration for workshops

is required.

To register and receive workshop notification, send contact information to Mark Cowan at mark.cowan@oregon.gov.

The Local Government Grant Program is designed to help local government agencies acquire property for park purposes and fund outdoor park and recreation areas and facilities. The grants are funded

from voter-approved lottery money.

The LGGP awards more than \$4 million annually to Oregon communities for outdoor recreation projects and has awarded nearly \$50 million in grants since 1999.

Applications, a grant manual, application deadlines and other information are online at oprdrants.org.




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Sailors from 1B

points, the Sailors went for a shot beyond the perimeter in hopes of tying the game at the buzzer.

"We did a good job of getting

into position and executing the play, but the ball wouldn't drop for us," said Crook. "Our guys fought hard for most of the game and really battled in the fourth quarter.

"We just need to get better at playing a complete game."

Hunter Simington had 18 points, 11 rebounds, 3 steals and 3 blocked shots. Gabe Simington had 13 points, 13 rebounds, 1 steal and 1 block. Dominic Wells had 11 points, 18 rebounds, 3 steals and 4 blocks. Evan Moso had 7 points, 6 rebounds and 2

steals. AJ Foster had 3 points, 1 rebound and 3 steals.

Tuesday, the Sailors will be at Marshfield to take on its JV team. Tipoff is set for 7:15.

The girls will play first at 5:15 p.m.

Fishing from 1B

COOS COUNTY LAKES/PONDS: Trout
Rainbow trout were stocked in **Upper Empire, Bradley, Saunders, Powers and Butterfield** lakes in October. Fishing for these stocked fish has slowed down. Coos County lakes and ponds will not be stocked again until the spring.

COOS RIVER BASIN: Dungeness crab, bay clams, rockfish, steelhead
Trout fishing in streams is closed until May 22. A few steelhead have been caught the past few weeks in the **West Fork Millicoma, East Fork Millicoma, and South Fork Coos** rivers.

The West Fork Millicoma was the only river in the basin that was fishable over the past weekend.

Anglers are drifting eggs or corkies along the stream bottom or using a jig suspended under a bobber. Anglers fishing the South Fork Coos River above Dellwood will need a permit from Weyerhaeuser,

which they can pick up at the Dellwood office.

In the Coos Basin 1 additional hatchery steelhead may be retained per day for a total aggregate of 3 adult fish harvested daily.

Anglers have been catching a few rockfish and surfperch along the jetties and submerged rock piles. Fishing for rockfish in the bay has been spotty. The marine fish daily bag limit for bottom fish (rockfish) is 7 fish and a separate daily limit for lingcod (2).

The 7 fish marine bag limit will remain in place, with these adjustments for 2017: Create a sub-bag limit of 6 black rockfish, remove the sub-bag limit for canary rockfish, add China/quillback/copper rockfishes to the sub-bag limit with blue/Deacon rockfish and change the limit from 3 to 4.

Finally remove the 10-inch minimum size for kelp greenling.

Retention of cabezon is not allowed until July 1.

Recreational crabbing is now open in all Oregon waters. Crabbing was decent

over the weekend in Coos Bay.

Crabbing from a boat has been better than crabbing from the dock but dock crabbers are picking up a few legal crabs.

Recreational harvest of bay clams remains open along the entire Oregon coast. Clamming is excellent during low tides near Charleston, off Cape Arago Highway, and Clam Island.

There are also good places to dig clams even on positive low tides in Coos Bay.

Recreational harvest of razor clams and mussels is closed from the entire Oregon coast due to elevated levels of domoic acid.

This includes all beaches and all bays. Before any shellfish harvest trip, make sure to check the Oregon Department of Agriculture website for any updates.

COQUILLE RIVER BASIN: Crab, steelhead, salmon
Trout fishing in streams is closed until May 22.

Steelhead anglers have reported catching a few steelhead in the North Fork Coquille at LaVerne Park and the South Fork Coquille rivers. Anglers have had success drifting eggs or corkies.

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Crabbing is very slow in the lower Coquille River due to the large amounts of freshwater coming downstream.

TENMILE BASIN: Trout, bass, yellow perch, steelhead
Trout fishing in the streams of the Tenmile Basin are now closed until May 22. Trout fishing in Tenmile Lakes is open all year.

A few steelhead have been reported in Tenmile Creek. Anglers will have success plunking near the acclimation sites or fishing a jig under a bobber. Eel Creek is now open to steelhead fishing.

Largemouth bass fishing has slowed down over the past few weeks. Anglers are catching bass near structure or on the deep end of the weed lines using jigs or rubber worms.

Fishing for yellow perch has picked up in Tenmile Lakes. Anglers have been catching a few yellow perch measuring 14 to 15-inches long.

Worms fished near the lake bottom work very well for catching yellow perch.

Anglers should fish in water depths of 15 feet or deeper to find bigger yellow perch.



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