

Viks from 1B

narrowly escaping an early pin. In the second round, it was Hayden's turn to put Natanee on her back, and Natanee would not be able to avoid the pin."

Yoskar Delamora and Arrianna Brown also posted strong performances, placing third in their varsity weight-classes, earning the Viks 16 and 12 points

for the Viks, respectively.

"Yoskar defeated three Californians after a hard-fought loss in the semi-finals on his way to the consolation championship," Wartnik said. "Arrianna recorded her first varsity wins at this tournament and wrestled with great composure and tenacity, pinning her last two opponents."

Elijah LaCosse placed fourth, earning the team 22

points.

"His bracket was loaded with exceptional wrestlers," said Wartnik. "He had a 4-2 record.

In his consolation finals match, LaCosse nearly avenged a loss the previous week to Matthew Bolanos of Crater. The final score was 10-8, but there were a number of questionable refereeing judgments in the match, said Wartnik. Regardless, it was a

major improvement over his performance at the Coast Classic."

Wartnik also praised Ryan Jennings and Matthew Horillow. Though Renning didn't place, he went 4-2 at the tournament and continues to improve, Wartnik said.

Horrillo earned the team 5 points, coming back to the mat after missing the two previous tournaments with knee and ankle inju-

ries.

In Grants Pass, Horrillo made it to the championship round but lost in a tie breaker.

"In JV action, Ian Sissel paced the team with a championship in the 160-lb. weight class," Wartnik said. "He pinned his way through the tournament, pinning five opponents. He is off to an exceptional start, having won two 30-team JV tournaments

this year."

Cayden Gray and JC Henry both placed fourth for their weight classes.

Siuslaw will be traveling to Bend this Saturday, Jan 4, for the Bend Invite, which includes teams from Sisters, Willamette and Mazama.

The tournament begins at 10 a.m.

Laws from 1B

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-of-state 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 en-

acted in 1999, so the program is now 20-years old.

• The definition of reckless boating was updated to reflect the motor vehicle code. The Marine Board and the courts can now suspend a boating safety education card if the operator is convicted for reckless boating or boating under the influence of intoxicants (BUII).

Suspensions allow for up to one year for convictions of reckless boating and 1-3 years for BUII. On another note, the fine was reduced for not carrying a properly fitting life jacket from a Class B violation (\$265) to a Class D violation (\$115), to mirror a seat belt infraction in the motor vehicle code.

• Motorized boat titles and registrations were increased by 33 percent, or \$1.45, and fees are combined into a flat fee based on boat length.

Title fees will increase to \$75 and the boating safety education card will increase to \$20. Replacement boating safety education cards will increase to \$16.

• The Waterway Access Permit replaces the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Permit for non-motorized boats 10' long and longer. Permits are available online through ODFW's eLicensing System beginning Jan. 1, the one- and two-year permits are available through the Marine Board's Boat Oregon Store.

There are three permit

options: one week (7-days) for \$5 (through ODFW), one year for \$17, and two years for \$30. Rental businesses for non-motorized boats can receive bulk discounts for Waterway Access permits.

A portion of the revenue will continue to support aquatic invasive species prevention program and new revenue will support non-motorized boating facility grants to facility providers for improvements or development of non-motorized boating access.

Non-Agency Legislation:

• HB 2652 – "The Helmet Law," requires outfitter guides to offer helmets (whether for purchase or rent) to customers when recreating on waterways with Class III or higher whitewater rapids.

• HB 3168 – Grants authority to the Marine Board to make rules for non-motorized lakes previously regulated in statute to allow the use of electric motors at not-to-exceed slow-no wake speed. Since the passage of the bill, two petitions have been received/noticed for Gold Lake and North and South Twin Lakes, which the Board will consider during its Jan. 22 Board meeting in Salem.

• HB 2352 – Creates a towed watersports education program within the Marine Board and requires an endorsement for boaters who wakeboard and wake surf on the Willamette River between river miles

30–50 (the Newberg Pool).

This education requirement applies to the boat operator who must pass an approved towed watersports education course (with a minimum passing score of 70 percent) and affix a special decal on their boat.

The education course will consist of a home study manual (downloadable PDF) and a proctored exam held in various locations near the Newberg Pool, the local sheriff's office and the Marine Board office in Salem.

The cost of the course is \$60 and the boat operator may apply for their towed watersports education card and decal for their boat at that time. The decal is specific to the boat. The boat operator must also report the factory loading weight and other manufacturer data to the Marine Board in the decal application.

Course and application materials will be available on the agency's website and the test available at the Marine Board office in Salem by Jan. 1. The Towed Watersports Education Card and decals are valid for two calendar years and must be renewed. There are no additional testing requirements after first earning the Towed Watersports Education Card.

• HB 2835 – The bill requires state agencies to post notice before restricting or closing a site on state public lands where the public may access floatable natural wa-

terways. The bill also requires the Oregon Department of Transportation to notify certain agencies of recommendations to fund bridge projects under the draft Statewide Transportation Improvement Program and consider public access sites near proposed bridge projects.

The Marine Board will be notified by state agency partners of any construction closures and will post this information on the agency's interactive Boat Oregon Map, which currently shows all of the developed public access sites in the state. Public boating access facilities are owned and operated by city, county, state and federal entities.

With all of these program updates and fee changes, the agency is working closely with marine law enforcement and other agency partners, rental businesses and facility managers to implement these new laws as smoothly as possible and to allow time to coordinate education and outreach.

The OMB said the ultimate goal is not to cite people, but to educate and improve safety for all water users, protect our waterways from aquatic invasive species, and understand the impacts of boat operations on shorelines, sensitive habitats, and property.

For more information about your Oregon State Marine Board, visit www.boatoregon.com.

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