

SCANNED

ORDINANCE NO. 191

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PROVIDING PENALTIES AND
PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

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RAPID CHATTER

By I. Ben Rowen

The summer's winding down and I just returned from a very safety-intensive week in preparation for a sort-of career change.

So, I'm thinking about safety in an industrial setting and how companies can mandate certain behaviors that help to keep employees safe in various situations and wham!, I'm slammed with the news of one of the most senseless deaths on a river in some time.

Indeed, returning from the Boise Airport to my home in Long Valley Saturday, we were caught up in the traffic jam in the area of mileposts 73-75 along the Main Payette River that was created by a river accident that resulted in the needless, tragic and sad death of a young woman, who was identified Monday by the Boise County Coroner Monday as Micaela Redlich, age 20.

Though there is still no real detail about what happened, several witnesses have been quoted as saying that Redlich and a girlfriend of hers were attempting to swim across the Payette without their lifejackets, which they'd taken off. They were apparently attempting to follow two young men who had reportedly also removed their lifejackets and had swam the river successfully to jump off a large rock into the river.

Well, Micaela didn't make it across. Neither did the other young woman, but, according to reports, she was rescued.

Attempts to revive Micaela using CPR were unsuccessful and the river claims another

victim and the entire activity of white-water boating again comes under scrutiny.

People, when are we going to wake up? When are folks who go to the river to recreate going to realize that this isn't a water park or local swimming pool with lifeguards who will save your butt if you get into trouble?

Now, of course, this diatribe is directed at those of you, who hopefully might read this, who have never been down a river before, or are what might be considered inexperienced. It's been discussed by long-time boaters on the Payette river system all summer long—the increase we've seen in the number of ill-equipped, overly ambitious, overly lubricated boaters on Cabarton, Staircase and the Main.

Why? Most agree that some of it is due to the closing down of drinking on the Boise River. Many of those folks now see the Payette stretches as the place to bring their little K-Mart and Wal-Mart plastic boats and whatever lifejacket they've got—or, none, as was the case in several instances I've seen myself this past summer—along with a cooler full of beer to enjoy a day in the sun on the water.

People, the various branches of the Payette are not like the Boise River in any way, shape or form.

At least once a summer for the past several years, I've seen people leave the Cabarton put-in in a small, cheap plastic raft, overloaded and with the boaters inside loaded

in another way. These are simply tragedies waiting to happen, and happen they will. It's actually a miracle that more people haven't drowned.

Of course, some scoff at it as being Darwin's principle at work, weeding out the gene pool as it were. But, most boaters do care. We don't mind sharing the river, but we'd like to share it with folks who can take suggestions, people who have a modicum of common sense, and people we are going to have to interrupt our float to haul out of some situation.

So, these last few statements are directed right at those of you who want to come up and enjoy these rivers we're blessed with having so close at hand.

Don't do it:

- Unless you know what you're doing or you're going with some friends who know what they're doing;
- Unless you have a properly-fitted, adequate, in good condition, Type III or better lifejacket, and there's one for everyone in the boat, and they get worn and not just ride out the trip in the bottom of the raft;
- If you're planning on getting so drunk that you have to be carried to the shuttle rig; and,
- Unless you're willing to act responsibly.

That is by no means a comprehensive list, but it's a start.

Those of us who boat these rivers reg-

ularly are always willing to help out, always willing to lend some advice, but more and more of us are also willing to tell you to turn around and go home if you haven't got your act together. And some are getting to the point of even being willing to turn their backs on you altogether.

If we get to the point of having more laws about who can go and who can't float a particular river, very early on in the law-making process I'd like to see one that doesn't hold me liable if I happen to slip with my river knife and slash a two-foot long gash in the \$19.99 discount store raft you're planning to take down Cabarton ... IF that is the only way to keep you off the river.

Such a boat doesn't belong there, period. The same goes for inadequate lifejackets. Folks, the river is a dangerous enough environment without stupid temptations of fate.

If we, as a boating community, don't begin pushing those who smear our sport, the next thing you know there will be a law enforcement officer there at the put-in, telling all of us what we can and can't do. And, that will be the fault of stupidity, and that will make a whole lot of us boaters very angry.

We're blessed with a wonderful river resource in Idaho. Let's take care of it.

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SECTION 5. RESTRICTIONS ON USE:

The tennis courts are for tennis only. No Skateboards, Bicycles, Roller Blades or any other recreational devices shall be allowed. Persons found violating this section of this Ordinance will be subject to a fine not to exceed \$100 or by imprisonment in the County Jail for not more than five (5) days or by both such fine and imprisonment. Persons in violation of this section more than once shall be subject to double fines and imprisonment. Anyone wishing to give lessons on the courts must receive authorization from the city and pay, in advance, a \$5.00, (five dollar) fee per individual lesson.

SECTION 6. BALL MACHINE:

In the event that The City of Donnelly purchases a tennis ball machine, it shall be used for free by individual members of the Donnelly Tennis Club and if the machine is used for lessons, the machine will be rented from the City of Donnelly at a rate of \$5.00 per lesson. In the event that a non-member rents the machine, it shall be rented at a rate of \$5.00 per hour.

SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effective from and after the 18th day of August 2008.

Dated this 16th day of August 2008


Brad Backus, Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy Linman, City Clerk

City Council Approval Date: Aug 18th 2008

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