

IDAHO PADDLE SPORTS LAWS

Non-motorized vessels, such as:

RAFTS • CANOES • KAYAKS • STAND UP PADDLEBOARDS (SUP)

A Coast Guard approved, wearable life jacket is required for each person. Life jackets must be readily accessible. Throw cushions do not meet this requirement.

For SUPs, life jackets must be on board, not attached by a line or strap. Leashes cannot be used to satisfy the life jacket requirement above.

Persons 14 years old and under must wear a life jacket while underway.

All vessel operators must have a whistle. Consider attaching it to your life jacket.

If the vessel is propelled by a motor (either gas or electric) it must be registered and display the current year validation sticker.

All non-motorized vessels must display the Idaho Invasive Species Sticker with the exception of small rafts and other inflatable vessels less than 10' in length.

It is unlawful to operate the vessel under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances. Impaired operators are subject to arrest.

Use or possession of alcohol by individuals who are underage is prohibited.

All vessels must be able to exhibit a white light or lantern after sunset or during times of restricted visibility.

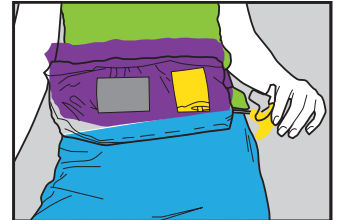
All vessels are subject to inspection.

All navigation rules apply.

Keep a proper lookout at all times.

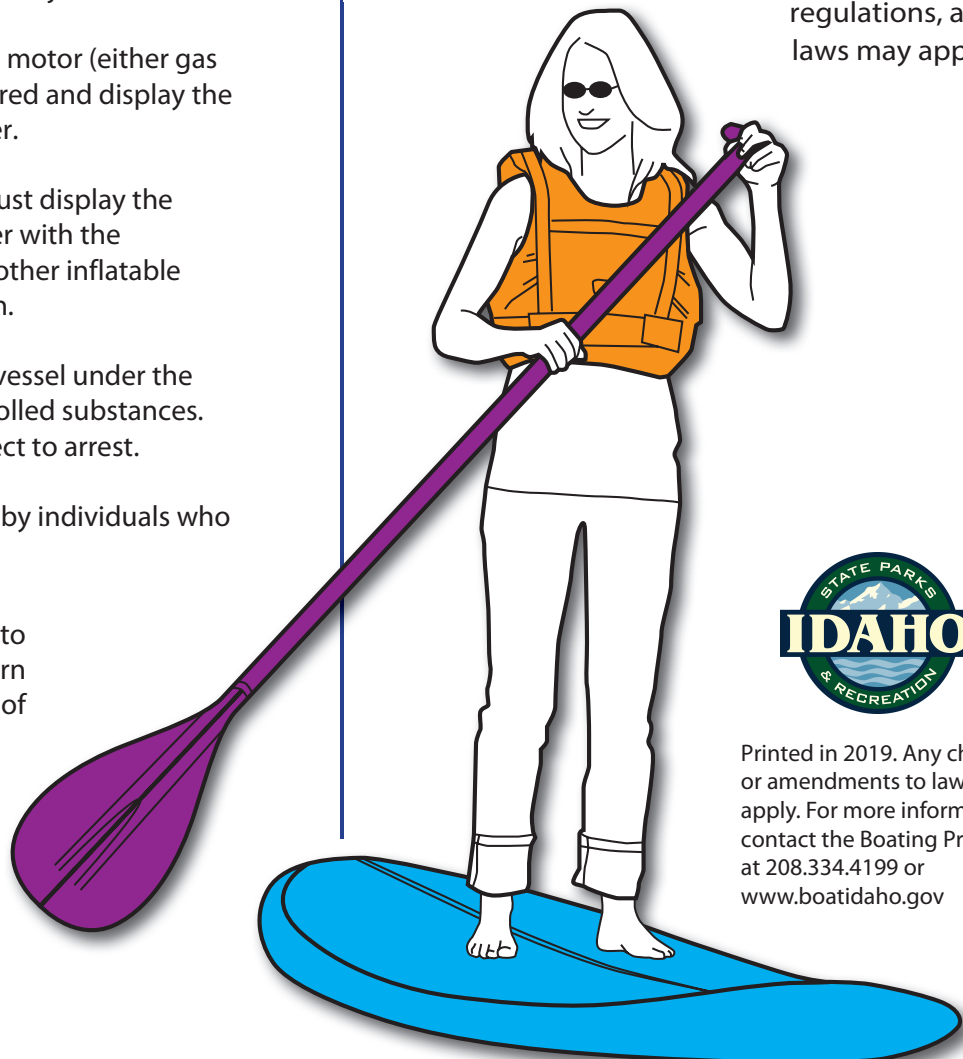
OTHER HELPFUL HINTS:

Inflatable belt pack life jackets need to be worn with the device in front of the body, not turned to the back side of the body. Inflatable life jackets are not approved for anyone less than 16 years old.



If possible, refrain from paddling in the middle of a navigation channel to leave room for motorized boats.

Other rules, regulations, and laws may apply.



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