

Whitewater Community to Honor Legends, Compete for National Honors

The CCA is helping with a major whitewater event taking place in our area: on Saturday evening (September 25th), whitewater paddlers from the US and around the world will gather to induct the *International Whitewater Hall of Fame* (IWHOF) Class of 2010 - at Bretton Woods Recreation Area; followed on Sunday (September 26th) with US National Whitewater Slalom Championships at Dickerson, MD. CCA has volunteered to start off the weekend with an informal gathering to honor the IWHOF honorees on Friday evening (September 24th - see details below).

Check out the excellent website at <http://www.iwhof.org/> to learn more about the International Whitewater Hall of Fame, and the event on Saturday night. The 2010 Induction will honor five paddlers from five countries:

- Pioneer – Theo Bock (Germany – Organizer of the first German National Championships)
- Explorer – Mikey Abbott (New Zealand) – paddling’s first truly global adventurer
- Champion – Michal Martikan (Slovakia), winner of more Olympic whitewater medals than any other individual in four Olympic Games (2000-2008)
- Advocate – Helen Brownlee (Australia)
- Advocate - Risa Shimoda (US – our home-town river steward)

FRIDAY, 9/24/10 – please plan to attend a meet and greet gathering for the IWHOF inductees and their friends and families. This will be a pot-luck, casual gathering at Barb Brown’s house in Potomac, Maryland (10801 Admirals Way) at 7:00 PM (directions below). **PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE** (like we do at our winter meeting/gear swap). The CCA will provide drinks and meat.

SATURDAY, 9/25/10 – check out the link to the IWHOF above for information about the dinner and inductee ceremony, which will also include Bethesda Center of Excellence’s acknowledgement of the US’ best slalom racers (who will race on Sunday) and the annual alumni meeting of the Whitewater Slalom Foundation (i.e., some of the best slalom racers in the US will be there).

SUNDAY, 9/26/10 – attend the US National Whitewater Slalom Championships at the Dickerson Whitewater Course, located immediately below the Mirant power generation plant in Dickerson, MD to watch the country’s best compete for national honors (after you have met them the evening before).

Directions to Barb Brown’s home: River Road exit from the Washington, DC beltway towards Potomac. Travel six miles. Turn left on Admirals Way (first left after Swain’s Lock Road). 10801 is at the end of the cul de sac (~1/4 mile from River Road). Phone: 301-765-9115.