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Nominations for Whitewater Hall of Fame Sought for Year VII

A New Class of Legends to be Honored

(Bryson City, NC) – The International Whitewater Hall of Fame is calling for nominations for the Class of 2011, honoring the world’s most accomplished whitewater Pioneers, Explorers, Champions and Advocates.

“We’re excited to once again build participation from the International Canoe and Rafting Federations from past years,” notes Rafael Gallo, Class of 2009, owner of Rios Tropicales and member of the IWHOF Board of Governors. “We hope to hear from whitewater enthusiasts around the world to nominate their heroes and heroines through an IWHOF Affiliate.” Nominations must be submitted through an IWHOF Affiliate Organization, whose leaders are able to confirm the validity of the submitted materials.

“Nominations will be accepted through July 12, and then reviewed along with past nominees to develop a slate of candidates,” says Pam Dillon, Board of Governors member and retiring Chief, Watercraft Division of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. “The IWHOF electorate, comprised of whitewater experts from around the world, will be asked to vote on the inductees July 25-31. We’re excited to accept new nominations, and see familiar names back on the ballot.”

Nominators should update their submission each year for the (six year) life of the nomination. Submissions should illustrate nominees’ accomplishments with documents, articles, photographs, video, and mentions in news stories. For those who are elected, these materials will be used to produce a DVD highlighting their achievements at the 2011 IWHOF Induction to be held October 15, 2011, in Coloma, Calif.

“IWHOF encourage honorees, electorate members and other interested parties to join the IWHOF Facebook Page to start discussions,” adds IWHOF Chair Risa Shimoda. “A great deal of our inductee accomplishments are documented, so we hope they and their friends will upload photos and videos, to generate interaction with others in the whitewater community.”

The 2011 IWHOF nomination forms, instructions, election procedure and timeline are now available on the IWHOF website Nominations Page at www.iwhof.org.