



- Has exemplified superior feats in previously unchallenged whitewater: e.g. an adventurer, scientist or expedition leader.

#### CHAMPION

- Has been/was engaged in any competitive whitewater discipline for at least five (5) years.
- Has a distinguished record of achievement at the highest levels of competitive whitewater sport.

#### ADVOCATE

• Has promoted whitewater pursuits vigorously through grassroots advocacy, environmental stewardship or by producing significant products or services.

- Has served the whitewater community in a leadership role for a period of twenty (20) years or more.

Note: All nominees: 1) may be living or deceased, and 2) may be an individual or a team.

**Nominee:**

### **Mikhail Kolchevnikov (1947-2005)**

#### **V. BASIS FOR NOMINATION:** Provide a brief summary statement.

«Mikhail Kolchevnikov died while passing Akkem kanyon (on Katun River, Altai) on August 10, 2005» - that is an extract from the Obituary in newspaper. His life couldn't end some other way - he was always acting in zone of risk.

He could be nominated in most of the suggested categories, but Pioneer and Advocate looks more appropriate.

**As a Pioneer:** Mikhail did more than 50 river descends and among them unique(first descents): Bashkaus- Devils Bridge(grade 6) 1974, Chuya River – first descent of continuous Majoy rapids(grade 6) 1976, upper section of Onot River(grade 6) 1977, Bogoyash- Chulyshman(grade 6) 1979, Akalaha-Argut-Katun rivers(grade5-6) 1982, Orto-Tentek rivers( grade 6) 1984.

**As Advocate:** In 1978 Mikhail initiated first whitewater Festival in Siberia – Chuya Rally. This festival later became the first venue for Project Raft(Jib Ellison).

Project Raft later evolved into Camel Whitewater Challenge and finally forming a system of International rafting competitions worldwide headed by IRF( World Rafting Champs, Continental Champs, World Cup Series, Youth competitions etc.). Chuya Rally 1989 is a landmark in the history of International competitive rafting and this year( 20 Anniversary) we will celebrate this historic event. These competitions are held annually in the begining of May and are considered as major whitewater Event in Siberia and Russia.

Mikhail was one of the founders(2000) of now popular competitions : Russian Cup -Ak Talay Margan held annually on Katun river. These competitions were the venue of World Rafting Cup in 2006. Competitions are done in the format of IRF(TT, H2H, slalom and downriver) + supermarathon race – downriver with 40 km distance.

Majoy Rally(2003) named after continuous whitewater section of Chuya River. They are held regularly and gather only technically prepared whitewater enthusiasts.

The idea of Youth rafting competitions on Kumir river also belonged to Mikhail. First competions were held in 2003. Since that time this river was twice the venue of All-Russia youth Champs(2005,2007). This year competitions on this river is announced as Russian Youth Open(open to all international youth teams). Russian Rafting Federation(RRF) considers this river as a good venue for international youth competitions of a higher rank and in near future we will send official bid to IRF.

**VI. ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Please list accomplishments pertinent to the nominee's category. Examples: competitions, first descents, expeditions. Coaches and organizers/leaders: years involved, notable events in which he/she was involved, notable associates (e.g. athletes he/she coached) along with relevant information regarding awards received, team placement, etc.

**Year Event Location Placement/Award**

Additional information here:

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**Nominee:**

**VII. CONTRIBUTIONS:** Please list any contributions pertinent to the nominee's category. Examples: contributory causes, designs and inventions, skills/technique contributions, and industry participation/ leadership.

**Year Nature of Contribution Role**

**VIII. WHITEWATER ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Role/Position</b>
2001-2005	Altai Regional Rafting Federation	President

Additional information here.

Additional information here.

**Nominee:**

**IX.**

**BOOKS WRITTEN:**

Year	Title	Published? (Y/N)
1984	Altai tourist tracks	yes
1985	Cruising on the timber raft(plot)	yes
1987	Destinations»: Alatai Region	yes

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**HONORS/AWARDS RECEIVED:**

Year	Honor/Award	Granting Organization
1979	Master of Sport of USSR	USSR Sport Committee
2001	Honoured Master of Sport	State Sport Committee of Russian Federation

Additional information here.

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**Nominee:**

**XI.**

**FURTHER SUPPORTING EVIDENCE:** Please use this space to provide any further information on the above, evidence of integrity, sportsmanship, and character and all additional information to support consideration of the Nominee. **Please submit additional materials, photos, published manuscripts or articles, videos, DVDs, and/or website URLs or links. This information will be considered by our screening committee and should the nominee be elected to the IWHoF, will also be used in the production of the annual DVD honoring the new Class of Honorees.**



