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This ol' river keeps on rollin', though, no matter what gets in the way or which way the wind does blow...

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Board meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM (except December).

Please visit <http://www.wrrr.org/> for meeting locations.

THE WATERLOG

EARN BIG-TIME RIVER KARMA! Flip less often! Get shuttles from bikini models! Stop losing your hair! Your boat will look better; your beer will be colder; the sun will shine every day you're on the river and it will rain every day you're off the river! All you have to do is...**SUBMIT ARTICLES TO THE WATERLOG!** (Photos & cartoons too! It's just that easy) The Waterlog is published 11 times a year. (Monthly except December) Material for publication should reach the editor by the 25th of the month. An attempt will be made to place submissions received after the 25th. However, no guarantees are given. The editor reserves the right to edit all submissions for clarity and length. Articles and editorial comment do not necessarily reflect the view or opinions of WRRR, its Board of Directors, or its membership...They seem to think it's important that I print that last bit for some reason, go figure. Authors are solely responsible for the content of their articles.

Submit material for publication in The Waterlog to the editor:

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Bob Johnson Memorial Wenatchee Rendezvous

June 4th to June 7th, 2015



For Immediate Release: The WRRR SPFTWBJMG-CIO2015 committee unanimously approved camping Friday May 18 at 7:24pm

7 Ayes, 5 barks, and 0 grunts FOR and , 0 nahs, 0 barks, 1 grunt against

Come join your fellow WRRR members for our annual Bob Johnson Memorial Wenatchee Rendezvous. Be a part of the greatest flotilla of inflatable boats on the Wenatchee followed by camping, raffle prizes, and a potluck dinner.

Don't Miss It!

Boating: The main float is Saturday morning for some Summertime Class 3 fun! Due to low flows, we will be putting in at the Peshastin Put in.

Saturday:

- The main meet is at the campground at 9am,
- Shuttle from Peshastin 10:00am (Turn North off of Hwy 2 and take the first right at the school. The dead

end is the put in),

- The main flotilla Saturday is launching from 11:00 am 11:30am.

- Call any board member and we will relay the information to others and try to help you out. You may also coordinate with other boaters on the Yahoo Group and/or WRRR's Facebook page. The shuttle is a game of skill, so make sure you coordinate well and pay attention!

- 6:30pm Potluck Dinner on the Leavenworth side of Chiwaukum Creek up approx. a 1/2 Mile.

- 6:45pm General membership meeting and prizes!

THE RUN: Please remind your people of the dangers of the DRYDEN DAM! This is a drowning machine. The safest way to navigate is to portage on river right. There is a cart to assist that WRRR negotiated to have there a long time ago. There is an alternate way to run left of the lowhead staying far away from the drowning machine. It is IMPERATIVE that you make sure your Pod

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understands what is going on. Please be careful not to lead other boating groups astray. Thankyou for your consideration to this matter. The Dryden dam can be easily scouted by heading north at the BIG Y Café and then heading right at the “fishing access” sign just before the bridge across Peshastin Creek. If this is your first time running the Wenatchee please contact a trip leader and they will be happy to assist you.

SAFETY: Please follow the American Whitewater safety code. PFD's, Helmets, Wetsuit, Etc. The weather should be great so pack some water and a lunch and enjoy the day. Please pay attention to the boaters around you. With the big flotilla fun also comes some danger in the form of you getting lost in the group. Please make sure that 2-5 people are looking after you and you are looking after them. Boating in many pods in the main group are our key to success. There will be an official WRRR lead boat (I am launch) and WRRR Sweep boat launch.

There will be Friday and Sunday trips also depending on interest. Check the Campground, trip leaders, or Yahoo/FB/Forum Groups for Friday trip planning. Sunday plans will be made in the campground Saturday night or Sunday morning. In 2013, there was a trip at 7am, so you never know unless you create it!

Most folks run the Wenatchee but there are some other nice rivers nearby, like the Chiwawa, Entiat, Methow, Icicle Creek, and Peshastin Creek. Make plans on the Yahoo Group or in the campground. If your schedule is tight, hit the Sky on your way home. There's plenty of runs on the “WET” side of Hwy 2. River runs ranging from class 1-5 abound in the area, so there is always something for everybody.

Camping: Free camping is at CHIWAUKUM CREEK, located on the SOUTH side of U.S. 2 about 11.5 miles west of Leavenworth. This is dispersed camping and there are many great spots to camp along both sides of the creek. The Quiet zone will be on the Seattle Side of the creek, while the potluck and noise action will be on the Leavenworth side of the creek. We will setup a zip line to cross the creek in preparation for the Zdrag competition at the Wenatchee River Festival 2 weeks after this event!

Directions to camping: Across from HWY 2 and “upstream” approx. 1/2 Mile from Tumwater Campground to Chiwaukum Creek. the parking area. There are two separate roads within 1/4-1/2 mile of each other on either side of the creek. RV and trailers are recommended to pull into the road on the Leavenworth side of the creek. This is the location of the Potluck, Raffle and General Membership meeting. WRRR will be providing portolets on the Leavenworth side of the creek. There is a significant amount of parking near the hwy 2 for RV's and trailers. If you are looking for more privacy than the group area, please head up Chiwaukum Creek road and take a left. There are many quiet spots to camp along the creek. This camping is first come first serve. Folks on the quiet side have access to pit toilets at the Alpine Lakes Trailhead (100 yards from camping turnoff) or can bring a groover. We will be ask that dogs be on leash or in a vehicle during the potluck/raffle. Please pickup after your pooch and respect other peoples areas. Keeping your dog on leash or in a fenced area guarantees that Pet doodoo is picked up and everybody has a great weekend. Please be courteous to our neighbors.

Saturday Night Potluck Dinner: We will be having a great meal, but we need your creative and wonderful campfire cooking skills. You bring food and your own beverages. WRRR will bring paper plates, plastic utensils, cups and napkins. Dinner is at 6:30 PM on Saturday to allow time for the raffle and general membership meeting

Anybody with a Dutch oven will be coveted this evening. If you aren't sure what to bring the following is a suggestion for the type of dish to make or bring. If you have a specialty or preference please bring what you like. Last name begins with:

A-Z Main dish A-Z Side dish or salad A-Z Dessert

Raffle: Following dinner on Saturday at the Tumwater group camp the club will raffle off some great river gear. You can buy your tickets at the campground before the raffle starts (or you can buy tickets from the newsletter editor after the raffle is over for half price!)

Leaders: Rebecca Post, Matt Holmes, Brennan Filippini

Summer Sauk Over- Nighter



WRRR overnight rafting trip!!! JUNE 27th-28th

Come join us on the river for a WRRR sponsored OVERNIGHT rafting trip!!! We meet June 27th at 11am to rig the rafts and get going. We will launch when everyone is ready and float down to a camp on the river that is NOT accessible by car. We will be sharing group gear and meals, but you may do your own thing if that floats your boat. We had scheduled to do the Sauk from Bedal to the Mill, but with the low flows will move down stream. Our primary plans now will be either to do the Suitttle from Rat Trap Bridge to Sauk Park (Class 3) , or Sauk Park to the Skagit (Class 1-2) Stay tuned for more info and check back on the WRRR.org forums for final updates and trip planning. If you are not sure your skills are up to it, please contact a trip leader.

This is also a rowers progression / IK clinic and the focus will be on loading your craft for overnight rapid

running. We will spend an extra few minutes going over gear rigging and enjoying whatever weather the PNW throws at us. We will have tarps for the sun or rain as well as some first class BBQ food. If fire bans are already on we will have propane fire pits to keep the magic going!

We will be doing a potluck grill dinner Saturday night and WRRR will be providing breakfast food on Sunday. BYO Drinks and coffee.

Meet time 11:00AM June 27 Darrington IGA

Trip leaders: Brenan and Kim Filippini, Jason Cohen, Chris Koker

Green River Cleanup



“Low flow still goes, Joe.” I don’t need to remind him, he’s seen the Nozzle as low as anyone. I wonder who we can talk into this fool’s errand.

A fair number of folks, as it turns out. Herman, Koker, the Larkins, our illustrious president: even at fish flows, god knows, the crew’s all here! There a WKC crew and even a mini cataraft.

While the ground crews were fighting Himalayan blackberry and collecting evidence of Litterus Humanus, the small boats worked small seams and eddies and pulled several bags of trash from the river. Some of it we didn’t even put there ourselves.

The gorge itself is resplendent with low water. Spring’s fresh leaves have matured into a uniform green, but the low water has exposed the lush mosses and fluted shapes of features usually buried while we navigate the hydraulic shadows they cast.

We catch dynamic focused surf features. At Bob’s hole,

the line is unchanged and we line up the shoulders of pour-overs to weave a clean seam through the steepest section.

Pipeline is so fun we hike back over dry bedrock on the right to run laps. The surf at the bottom is violently flushing everyone who surfs it, but the view alone is worth it, as folks pick their way through a minefield of boulders searching for a route. All roads lead to this steep, constricted set of holes. A few swims result. No problems.

We drift down, past the sunny wall at Let’s Make a Deal, through the steep bit above Sunny Beach. Paradise is still surfable, and the bedrock! The maples palpably cool the canyon walls, the waves splash. We linger in the sun, savor the color and vibrance of a place that seems laid bare, exposed by the low water.

We’ll have it all summer! Who’s ready for a low water picnic at The Nozzle? The whitewater is fine and the swimming is friendly!



Top: Mini cat in Pipeline **Bottom** Brian comes through in the packraft.



TOP: Stacey styles Pipeline **Bottom:** Lyles boofs, Tiger goofs.



TOP: In Mercury, David demonstrates Rule #2 (swim the line). **Bottom:** Joe makes the critical move at the Nozzle



TOP: Looking upstream from Hand of God **Bottom:** Now sometimes we float on down the Green River..



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DAY/DATE	RIVER/DESCRIPTION	CLASS	CONTACT
May 2nd	GREEN RIVER CLEANUP	IV	WRRR Board
May 30th - 31st	CEDAR RIVER RIVER RESCUE CERTIFICATION	III	Rebecca Post repo461@yahoo.com
June 6th	BOB JOHNSON MEMORIAL WENATCHEE RENDEZVOUS	III+	WRRR Board
June 13th - 15th	WENATCHEE RIVER FESTIVAL	III+	Mike Curtis riverbooty@yahoo.com
June 27th - 28th	SAUK SUMMER OVERNIGHTER	III+	WRRR Board
July 18th - 19th	WHITE SALMON RETREAT	III+	WRRR Board

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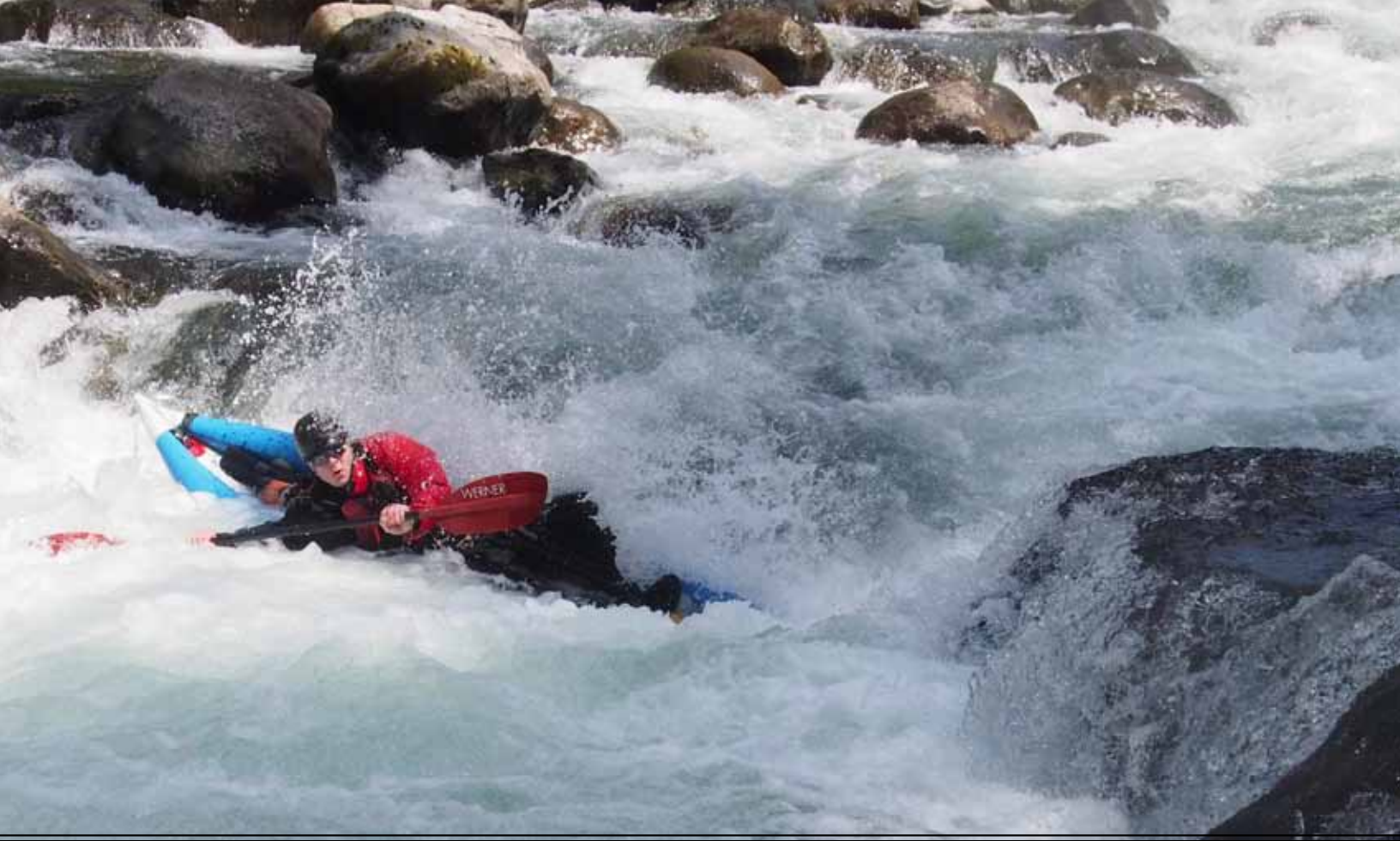
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