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Signed _____ Date _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Mail your check and signed Agreement to:
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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.

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Election Results

The ballots are in and the votes have been counted. Here's your new 2014 WRRR Board:

President: David Elliott

VP Business: Jason Cohen

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VP River Ops: Brenan Filippini

Directors at Large:

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Many thanks to the new board's members for their commitment to this great club!

Thanks to the Board

What a year 2013 has been! Take a moment and say thanks to your outgoing board members. They've done a heck of a job and brought us some truly fantastic group events this year.

The Board has made strides in all areas this year, from streamlining events, improving WRRR's tax status, commissioning new logos and slogans, even improving bylaws and club business.

There's an awful lot that goes into keeping this club running smoothly and making sure the food, venues, and logistics are so dialed in that we can all relax and float. So thank a board member -- they do a lot to make WRRR the fun and welcoming club it is!

2014 Tilton Trek

February 15-17

WRRR is pleased to announce that the Tilton Trek is a new annual club trip! The Trek will be President's Day Weekend February 15-17.

Located near SR-12 some 30 miles east of I-5, the Tilton is a class III-IV run suitable for all craft. It is less technical than the Green River Gorge, but it tends to be a little more pushy as it is more constrained in a tight bedrock channel. The run is 7 miles long and starts with a mellow class II warmup. When you reach the canyon, it's game on!

The Tilton carves a deep canyon. over 5 miles long. Many rapids ranging from steep but short ledges to complex boulder rapids fill the canyon. Bouncy wave trains are loads of fun. Waterfalls pour over moss covered walls. Surf abounds. There's a great lunch beach.

And the best part of all is the take out: Washington State Park's Ike Kinswa park on Mayfield Lake. There are campsites and also 5 cabins available at Ike Kinswa park and reservations can be made online. The cabins sleep 5 people each (1 dbl futon, and a bunk bed with a dbl lower and single upper bunk), have parking for

2 vehicles, and have heat, power, lights, and an outside picnic table and firepit. They can be reserved online for around \$60.

The Tilton is a rain fed run, so flows could be all over the place. It's a great IK run down to as low as 500cfs. Above 2000 or so, it gets a bit burly in IKs unless you are a big water IV fan. We'll be a go in big boats at any flow 4000 or less. An upper II-III run offers 8 miles of backup plan if flows get huge. The Tilton is run at higher flows, up to 8000, but can develop class V character. If the Tilton is not in, many good nearby runs exist, such as the III+ Upper Cispus, the II Cowlitz, the III+ Toutle, and the III Kalama.

If you haven't had a chance to run the Tilton, put this on your calendar! It's among the most scenic and action packed runs in the state, full of great rapids, surf spots, and all set in one of the most under appreciated canyons in Washington. If you like the Green, you'll love the Tilton! I'll plan to bring both my IK and my cat boat and will lead the run in whatever craft makes most sense for the group. SYOTR!

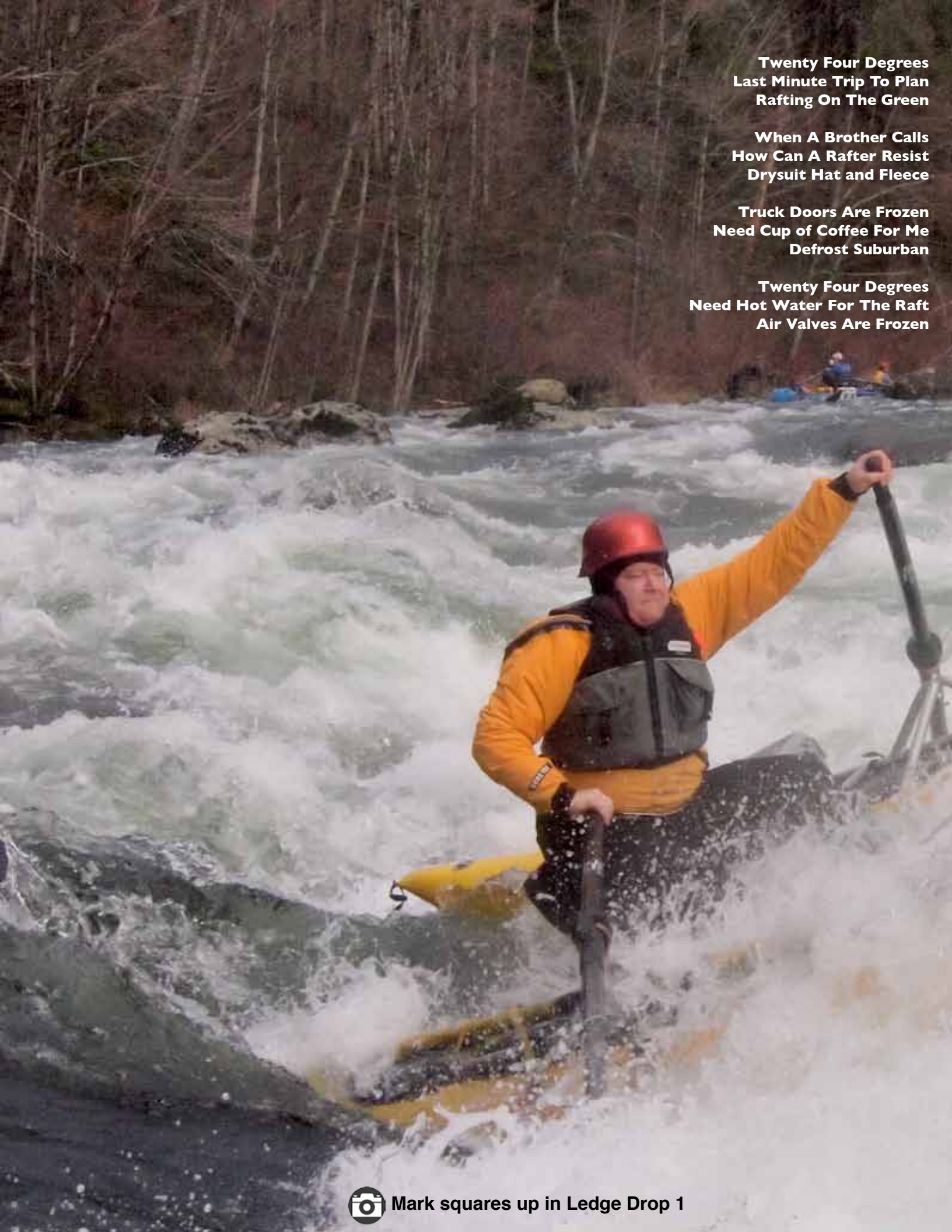
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**Twenty Four Degrees
Last Minute Trip To Plan
Rafting On The Green**

**When A Brother Calls
How Can A Rafter Resist
Drysuit Hat and Fleece**

**Truck Doors Are Frozen
Need Cup of Coffee For Me
Defrost Suburban**

**Twenty Four Degrees
Need Hot Water For The Raft
Air Valves Are Frozen**



Mark squares up in Ledge Drop 1

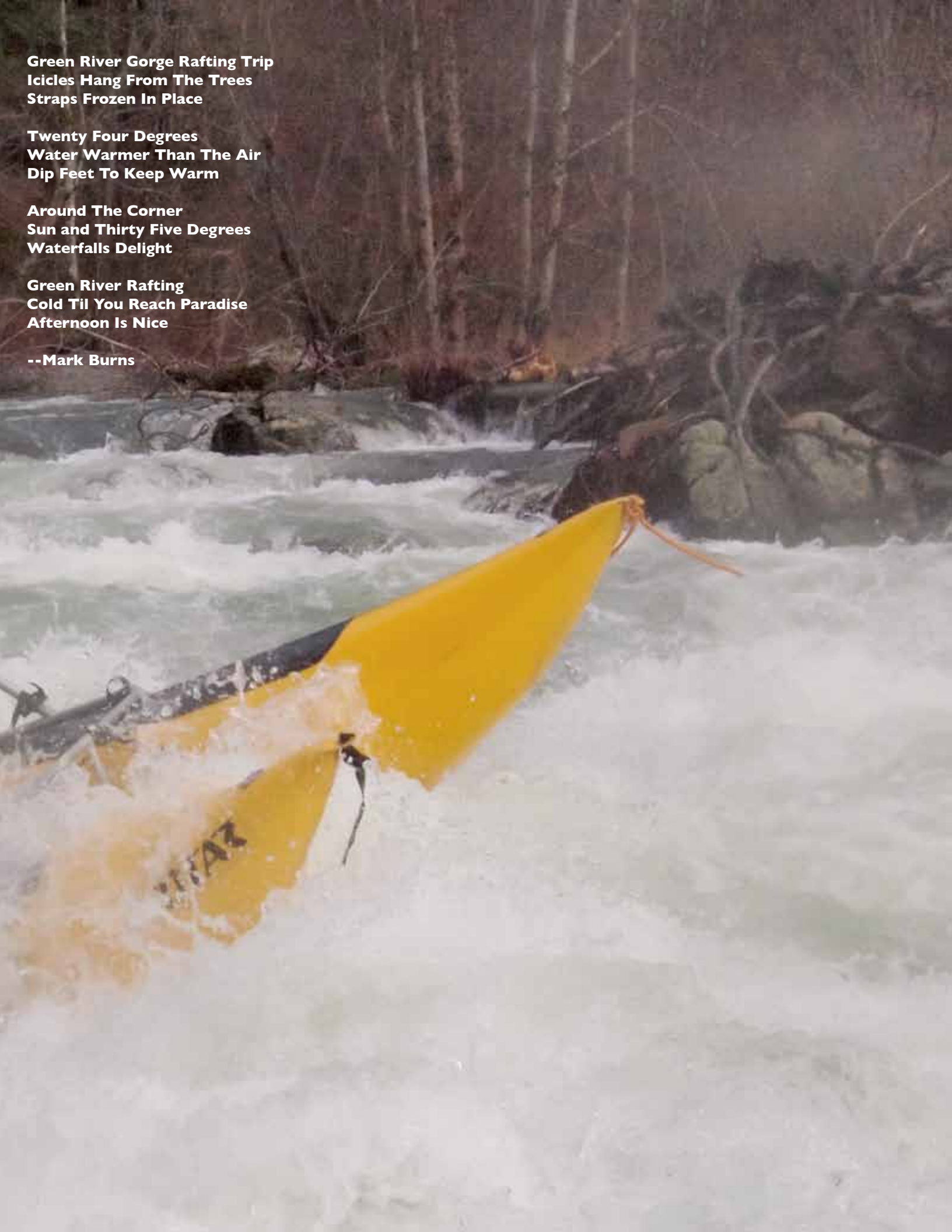
**Green River Gorge Rafting Trip
Icicles Hang From The Trees
Straps Frozen In Place**

**Twenty Four Degrees
Water Warmer Than The Air
Dip Feet To Keep Warm**

**Around The Corner
Sun and Thirty Five Degrees
Waterfalls Delight**

**Green River Rafting
Cold Til You Reach Paradise
Afternoon Is Nice**

--Mark Burns





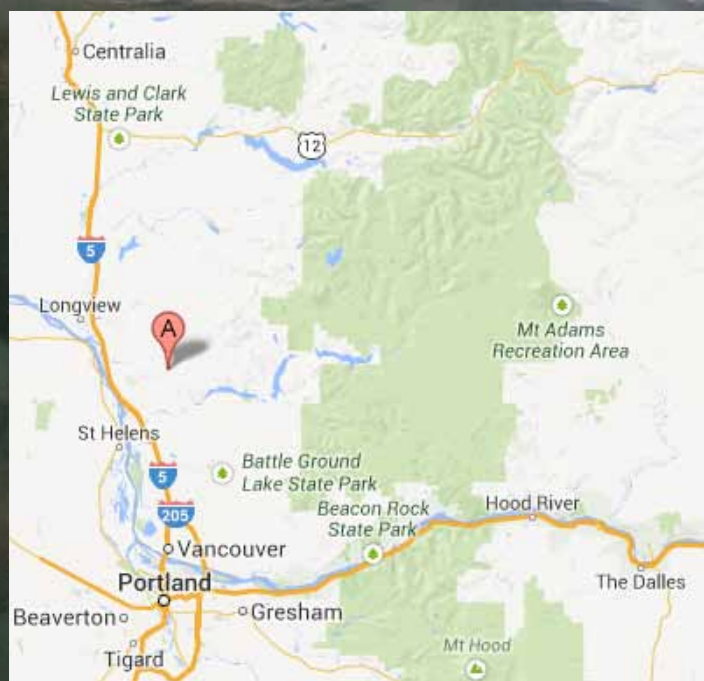
Upper Kalama

Rarely run, the Upper Kalama is a superb class III trip. Located SE of Longview, the Kalama offers several runnable sections. The uppermost runs are behind Weyerhaeuser gates, which open for hunting season just in time for the winter rains!

Over 20 miles of scenic water is available. One standout class IV drop exists just above the gate. The rest of the run is pool drop very friendly class III nestled in lush bedrock gorges.

Waterfalls and tributaries abound, and there's surfing and even a few beaches.

Look for flows of 2500+ on the Toutle. This is a beginner friendly run suitable for all craft. Rafts will have fewer access options, but can find good access at several places along the run.





Joe and Nick, readin n runnin



Even the big features are friendly

so what's runnin'?

Nisqually II

Dodge the snow and grey with a mellow low land float! Nearby, easy access, always running. What's not to like?

Sky III

The Sky is class 3, right guys? Even at fall flows? Guys? Why are you eddying out? Guys?!? What's that sound....AHGH!!! glug glug glug

Green River Gorge IV

Green season is here! What else do you need to know? It's neat at 300, cool at 700, good at 1000, better at 1500, excellent at 2000, superb at 2500, rad at 3000, ideal at 3500, perfect at 4000, and if goes higher than that, well, it's a Holy Day! Happy Holidays!







New WRRR Shirts!

The New WRRR Shirts Are Here! The New WRRR Shirts Are Here!

We have a special new batch of WRRR T-shirts. They are 50/50 cotton/polyester and they come in bright neon colors. Not only that, you can be one of the first people to have a "GO WITH THE FLOW" shirt to complement all of those "PRAY FOR RAIN!" shirts you have.

The new shirts are \$20 each. You can get them at WRRR events, or you can talk to Nancy Douty and get yours before the holidays!

Content Contest

The WRRR Board is excited to announce a contest for best river story or picture. Win a \$25 credit towards annual membership or WRRR Merchandise.

To enter, send a story, photo, cartoon, or anything river related (except Joe's socks!) to the editor. A winner will be chosen by the board and announced later this year.

Share your river adventures, safety tips, favorite carnage story, or anything else river trip related. Fight the IKTimes, and write about rafting or catboating!

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DAY/DATE	RIVER/DESCRIPTION	CLASS	CONTACT
January 1st	HANGOVER FLOAT Cedar River	II	Randy and Nancy 206-669-1877
January 16th	ANNUAL MEETING AND PERMIT PARTY Round Table Pizza, Overlake	II	David Elliott
February 15th - 17th	TILTON TREK Ike Kinswa State Park	III-IV	Brian Vogt bvogt@wwik.org
April 20th	FLIP PRACTICE Vasa Park, Lk Sammamish	III+	David Elliott
April 26th	SHANG-RI-LA CLEANUP	II	Mark Burns



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