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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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White Salmon Weekend

July 19th, 2014

The White Salmon trip is this coming weekend. Join us on this annual WRRR sponsored trip on a class 3+(V) run with one optional portage around Husum Falls. Some folks choose to run the eight to ten foot drop -- some don't even flip!

After dropping your boats at BZ corners (PUT IN), we meet at the Northwestern Lake (TAKEOUT) high noon -- 12pm Saturday for the shuttle. The dam has been removed and a few things have changed in the last couple years, please be aware.

Camping is free for WRRR members at Hollenbeck campground Friday and Saturday nights. Non-WRRR members will be charged \$10 for camping in the WRRR site. Hollenbeck Park is in a beautiful setting right at the base of Mt Adams. There is a large grass field set amongst trees and a creek. It's a great area for throwbag practice, Frisbee Gold, or ???

There are many ways to get to the river. Below is one of the easier ones. As the date draws closer, you can find more routes on the WRRR.org forums, yahoo group or WRRR's Facebook page. Discussing routes to the white salmon can get as interesting as draining coolers, and even oar rights vs open vs pins/clips.

Driving Directions from WA HWY 14 to Hollenbeck Park:

- Turn north onto WA HWY 141-A for about 2.1 miles.
- Turn left onto WA HWY 141 for approximately 23 miles, keeping right at the Y (Gas Station).
- Turn left on a gravel driveway just past the creek approximately 1/4 mile North of the Gas station. Keep your eyes peeled for the WRRR signs.
- After the turn on the gravel take your next right and you will soon see the WRRR camp.

- Hollenbeck Park -- 33 Mt Adams Road -- Trout Lake, WA

You will need to make your own arrangements for food, drink and camping/cooking gear. There are no planned events, but if you start one, we will follow.

Runs will be happening all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Alternate runs are nearby ranging from class 2+ all the way to class V!

Trip Leaders: Aaron and Kat Birrell, Brenan Filippini, WRRR Board pinkyfilippini@yahoo.com

Carey Berger Memorial Poker Run

August 9th, 2014

Come join us for a poker game played with skill! You must draw cards at river stations while you float the Skagit River from Newhalem to Marblemount. Not to be missed, the WRRR Poker run is one of the club's most popular events, and fun for all ages. The Skagit River is one of the few rivers still running late in the summer. The run is rated easy class 2-3 at most levels. Other activities include camping and a potluck dinner in the North Cascades National Park. There are usually boaters running the river on Friday and Sunday also. Contact any board member for more information or check out the Yahoo Group (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/wrrr>) or WRRR's Facebook page.

TRIP LEADERS: Contact Brenan Filippini pinkyfilippini@yahoo.com and WRRR Board

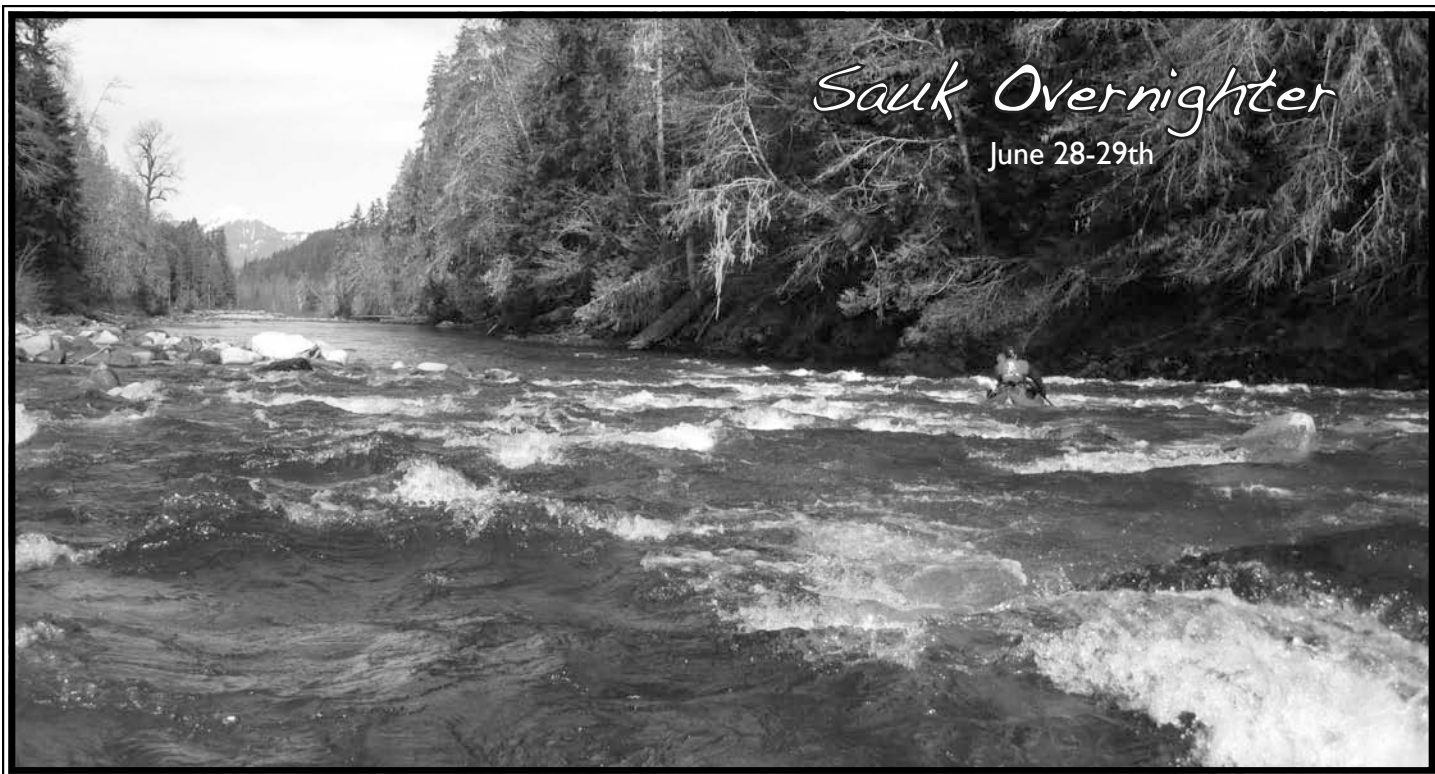
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Anyone interested in helping with this event by running a river station or being a potluck expediter, please contact any board member! First volunteers to sign up get a special gift from the WRRR Board!

CAMPING: @ Upper and Lower Goodall creek group camps Thursday night through Sunday at 12pm!!! Free for WRRR members, \$10 for non members

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Boat with your overnight gear, not seeing your car til a day later!

Join us for an overnight camping trip on the Beautiful Sauk River. This is a great trip for people getting into over-nighting and whitewater, or just looking for a quick local weekend retreat. The Sauk river is my favorite back yard run, and I would be more than happy to help describe the rapids and help you access your skills. The Highway 530 bypass is open and we are encouraged to use it to help promote local business between Arlington and Darrington.

Campsite #13 has been reserved at Bedal campground Thursday and Friday nights. There is limited room and parking at the campsite, however there is more parking across the street. We will keep the campsite and boat launch clear for staging and dropping gear.

We are planning to launch on the Upper Sauk (Class 2-3) Saturday morning and camp on one of the sandy beaches Saturday night. Sunday AM, we will finish the upper Sauk and continue onto the Middle Sauk (Class 3-3+). IF water levels are low, the trip will move downstream. A few of us will be doing a scout run on Friday to check things out and hopefully work on our sunburns. For more info Contact pinkyfilippini@ya-

hoo.com or check the WRRR.org, WRRR Facebook, or WRRR yahoo page for more information. We can adjust the times / itinerary as needed.

Depending on who RSVP's we can do group or individual meals and gear hauling. If you're an IK and think you need help hauling gear, we should be able to accommodate you.

RSVP to pinkyfilippini@yahoo.com and adventures26.ck@gmail.com. Once we have an approx. number of people, we will determine groovers, cooking gear, safety gear and other group gear that may be needed or helpful. Trip leaders will be there early to assist people rigging their overnight gear, answering questions and helping split up group gear. The first day is a shorter float and there are only a couple of class 2+ rapids. This will give you a chance to rearrange your gear or ask for help that night. If there are a lot of boats we will launch in smaller float pods (6-7 boats) and meet in pre-designated large eddy areas for safety check, camp, lunch and to regroup.

Final launch times and float plans will be complete JUNE 8th

Trip Leaders: Brennan Filippini, Chris Koker, Nick S., Jason Cohen



Top: Sideye, Smiley, Digger, Coolin', and HAM.

Bottom: Riding the curler in Ledge 2

Jay's Green River Cleanup Recap

What can I say, the stars all lined up for a great GRCU. You came through again, to make the 29th GRCU the best clean-up yet. Thanks to all you volunteers who made sure the banks of the Green are clean for another year. Special thanks to WRRR board of directors who take on the ever increasing logistical challenges of the GRCU.

Here are the stats for 2014 29th GRCU:

New record boater turnout:

224 registered volunteers for a total of 608 volunteer hours.

New record for least amount of garbage removed:

Less than 1 cu.Yd. 900 to 1000 lbs. (This is a good thing)

New record rain fall for GRCU:

Somebody was praying for rain and boy did we get it.

New record or near new record for GRCU flows:

2150 cfs; great level, only 2nd time in GRCU history at flows over 2000 cfs. No reports of incidents, which is common at these flows.

A cleaner Green River, more awareness, lots of personal first descents as well as long time GRCU veterans again made this the biggest best clean-up in the PNW. Mark your 2015 calendars now for the 30th GRCU, Saturday may 2nd 2015. We are planning some special things. Let's break some more records next year. SYOTGR

Jay Cohen

www.GreenRiverCleanup.org



Pat's Green River Cleanup 2014 Wrapup

May 3, 2014: The 29th Anniversary of the Green River Cleanup was memorable for having a great flow level of about 2100 cfs, and a larger than ever number of boaters -- in the 200's. The amount of trash was lower than usual, but about a ton of junk was picked up and taken to the dump by Washington State Parks at the end of the event.

After the trash got picked up, people came to Flaming Geyser where WRRR again this year sponsored the picnic, with lots of great food, including a new addition to the menu: French fries to go with the juicy burgers.

There was throw-bag golf for those with energy and a belief in their throwing ability, but lots of restuffing the throw bags which slowed down the game. Next year: the River Olympics, right?

Campers for the Cleanup were occupying a large part of the campground at Kanaskat-Palmer State Park. Maybe we can try for all of the Group Camp and all of the rest of the camping area.

Folks who have been working on the Green River Cleanup for many years are gearing up already for the 30th Anniversary of the Cleanup which will be on May 2nd. Let people know your great ideas for more fun and games and more trash gathered. Send ideas for getting more Ground Crews to help to

Pat Sumption

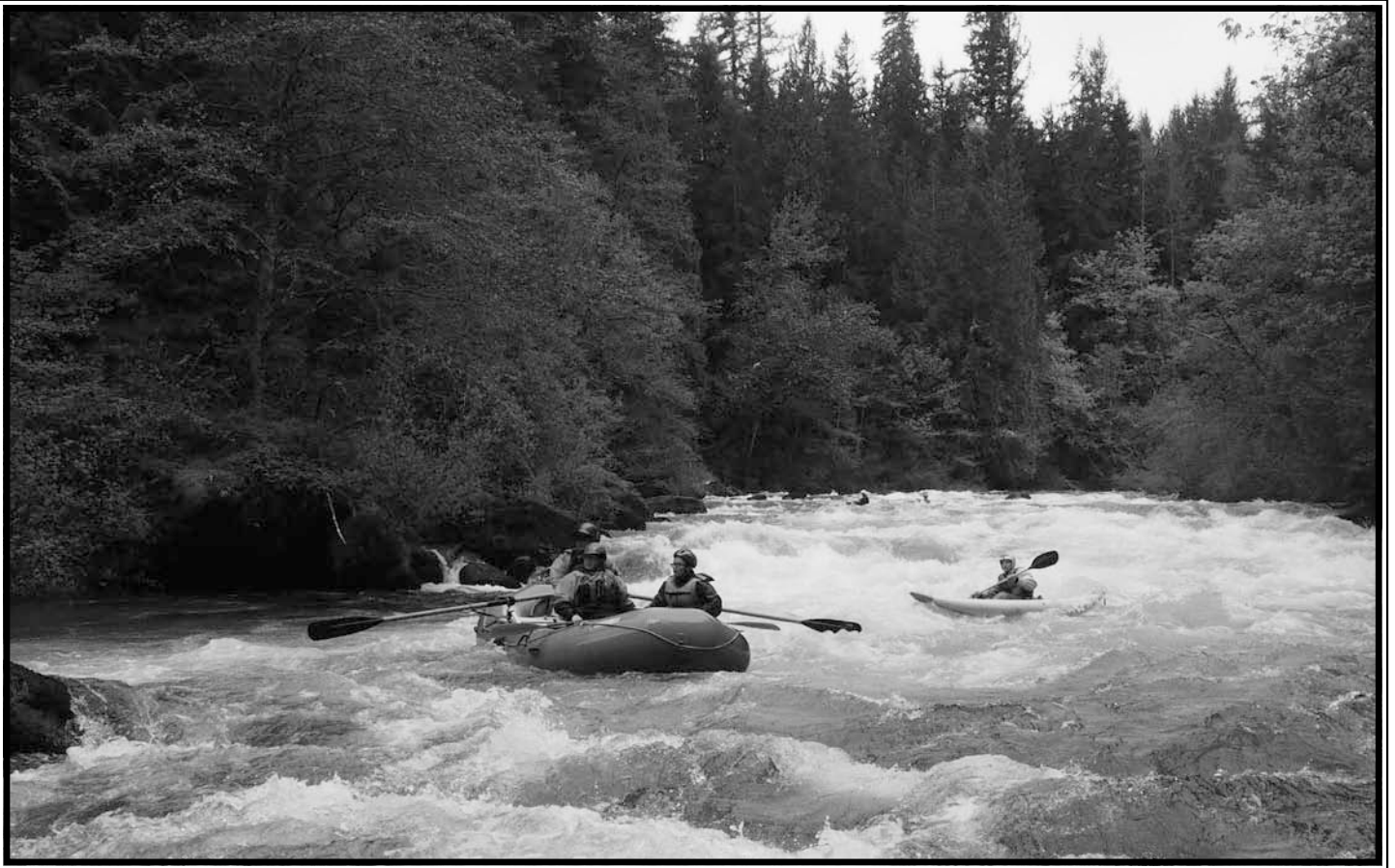
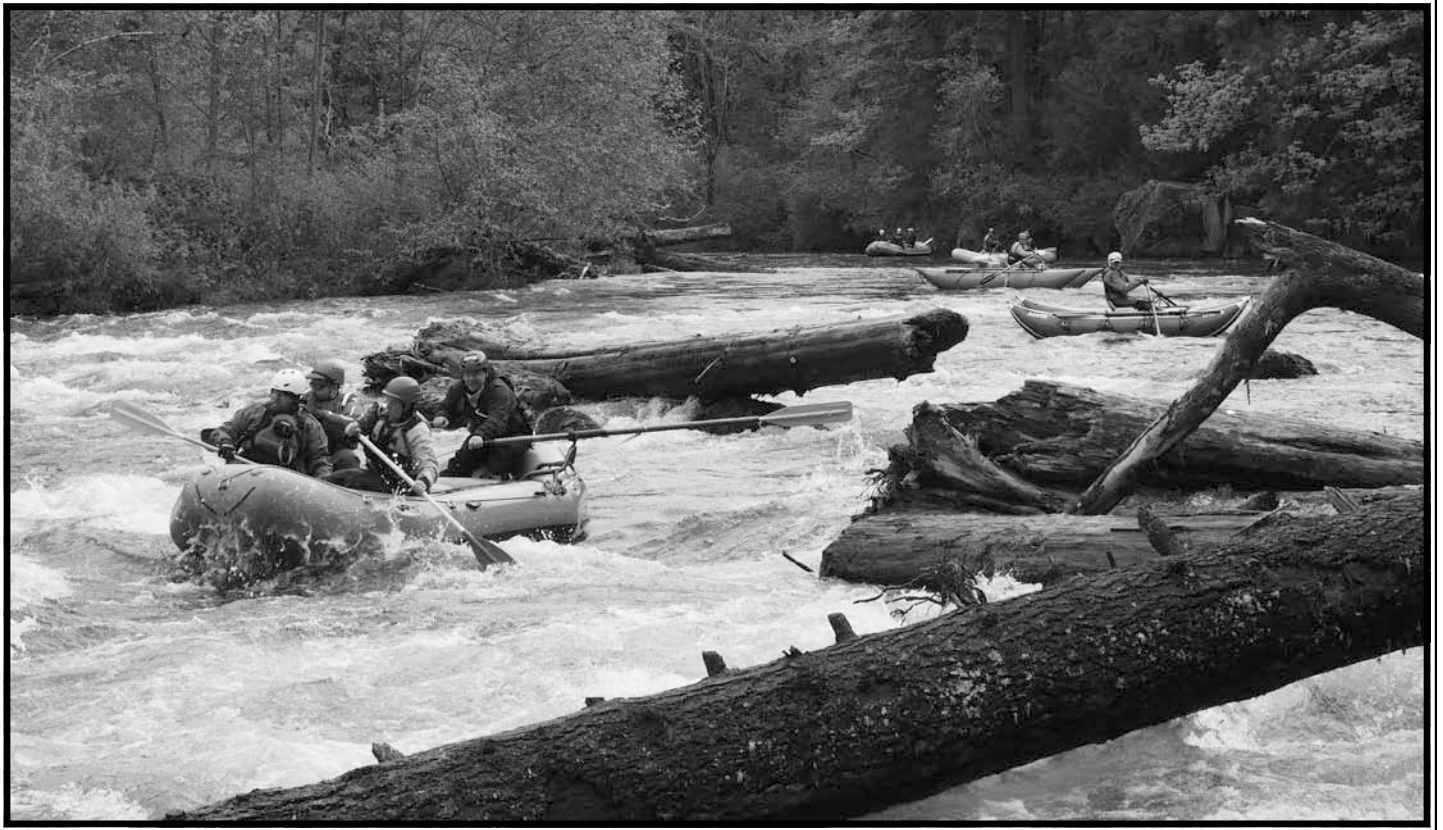
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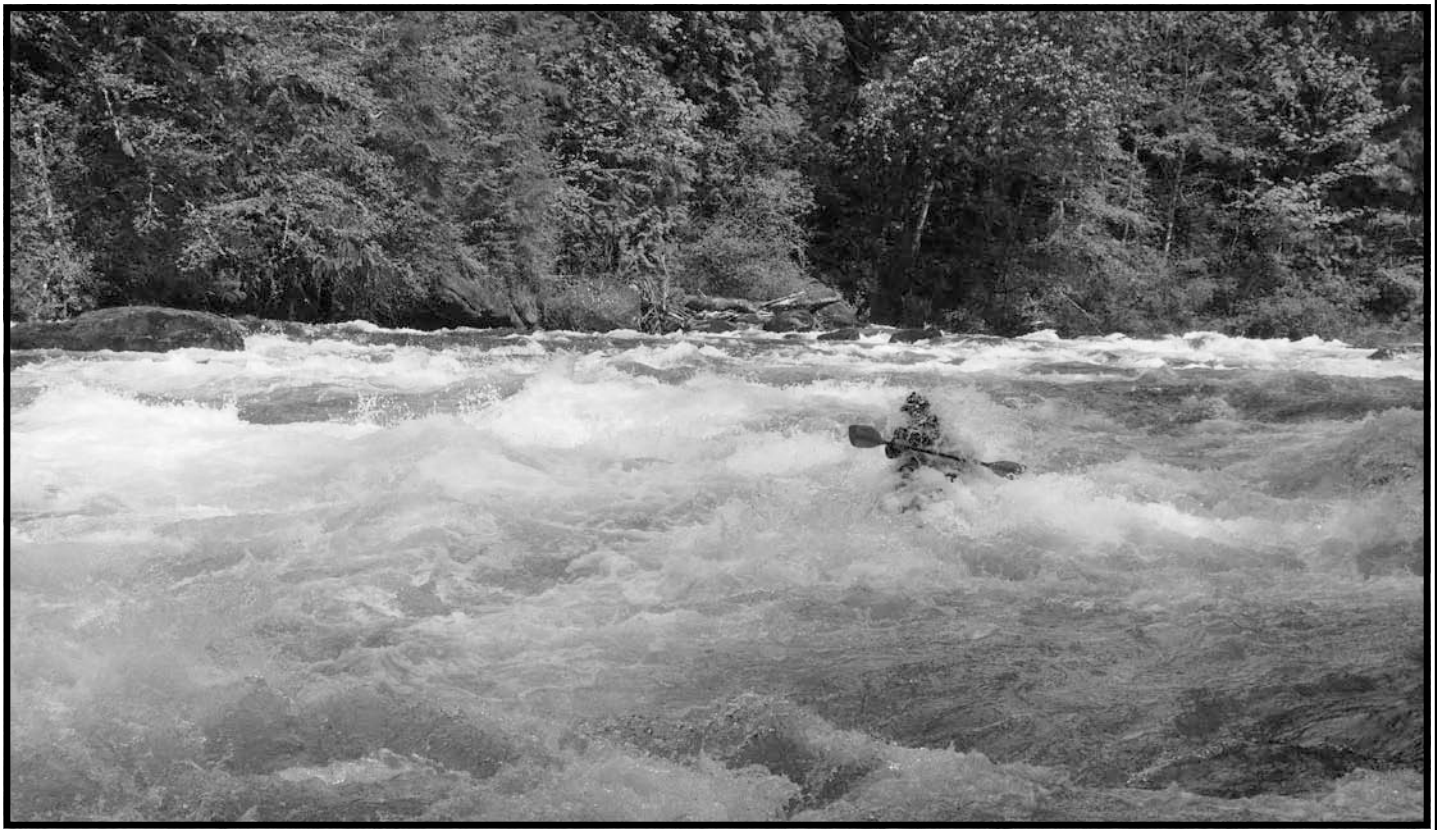
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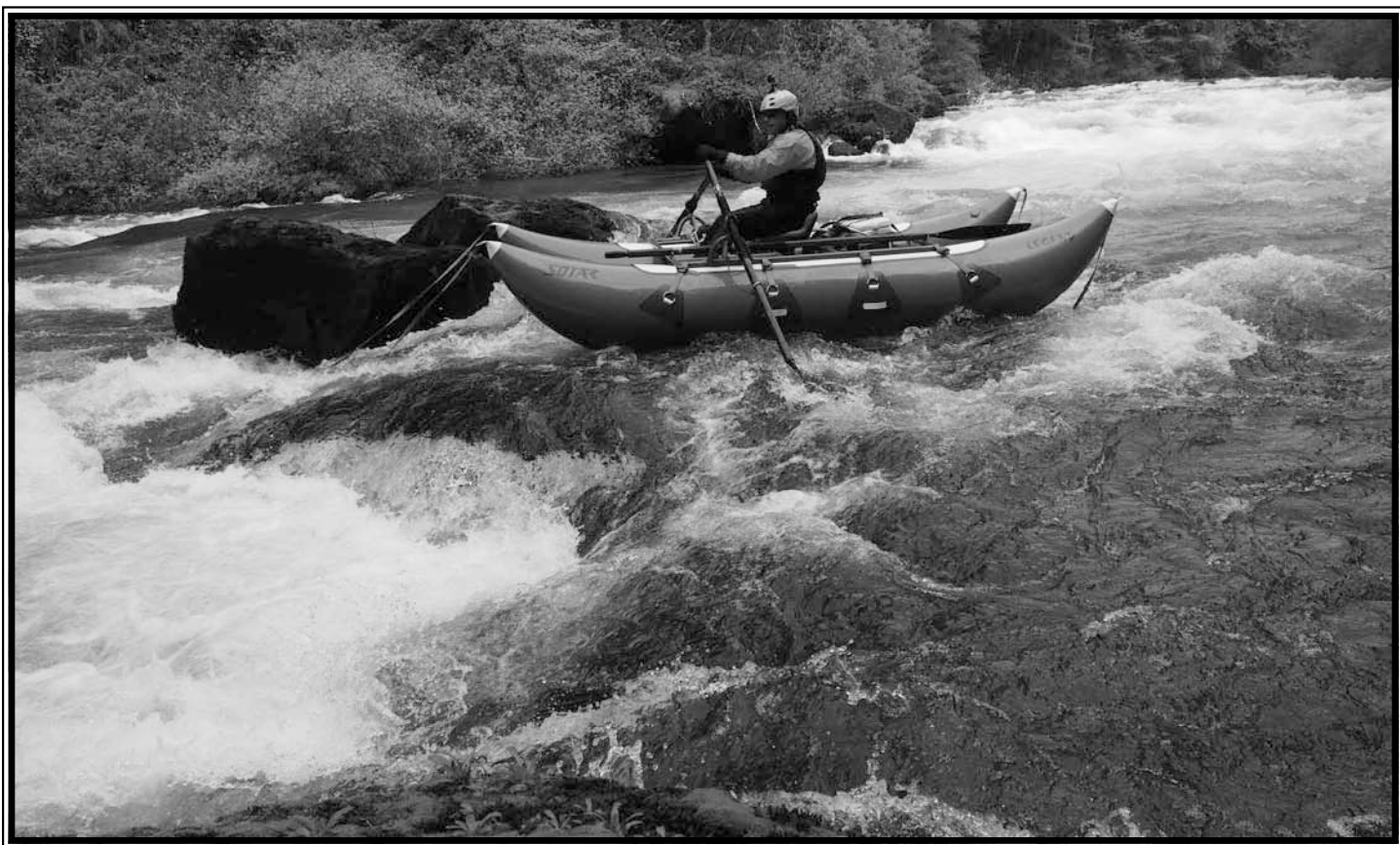
Top: The Happy Boat knows the way.

Bottom: Family time on the Green!



Top: Mercurial Koker

Bottom: Why I love the Green.



Top: Great flow means great features!

Bottom: And also additional line options



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DAY/DATE	RIVER/DESCRIPTION	CLASS	CONTACT
May 29th - Jun 1st	BOB JOHNSON MEMORIAL WENATCHEE RENDEZVOUS	III	Brennan Filippini brenan@plasteringplus.com
Jul 19th	WHITE SALMAN WEEKEND	III	Kat and Aaron Birrell, Brennan Filippini, WRRR board
Jul 28th - 29th	SAUK SUMMER OVERNIGHTER	III+	Brennan Filippini brenan@plasteringplus.com
Aug 7th- Aug 10th	CAREY BERGER MEMORIAL SKAGIT POKER RUN	II	Brennan Filippini brenan@plasteringplus.com
Sep 13th	TIETON RALLY	III	Brennan Filippini brenan@plasteringplus.com
Sep 25th	ROGUE RIVER @ ALMEDA BAR	III-IV	Brennan Filippini brenan@plasteringplus.com

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