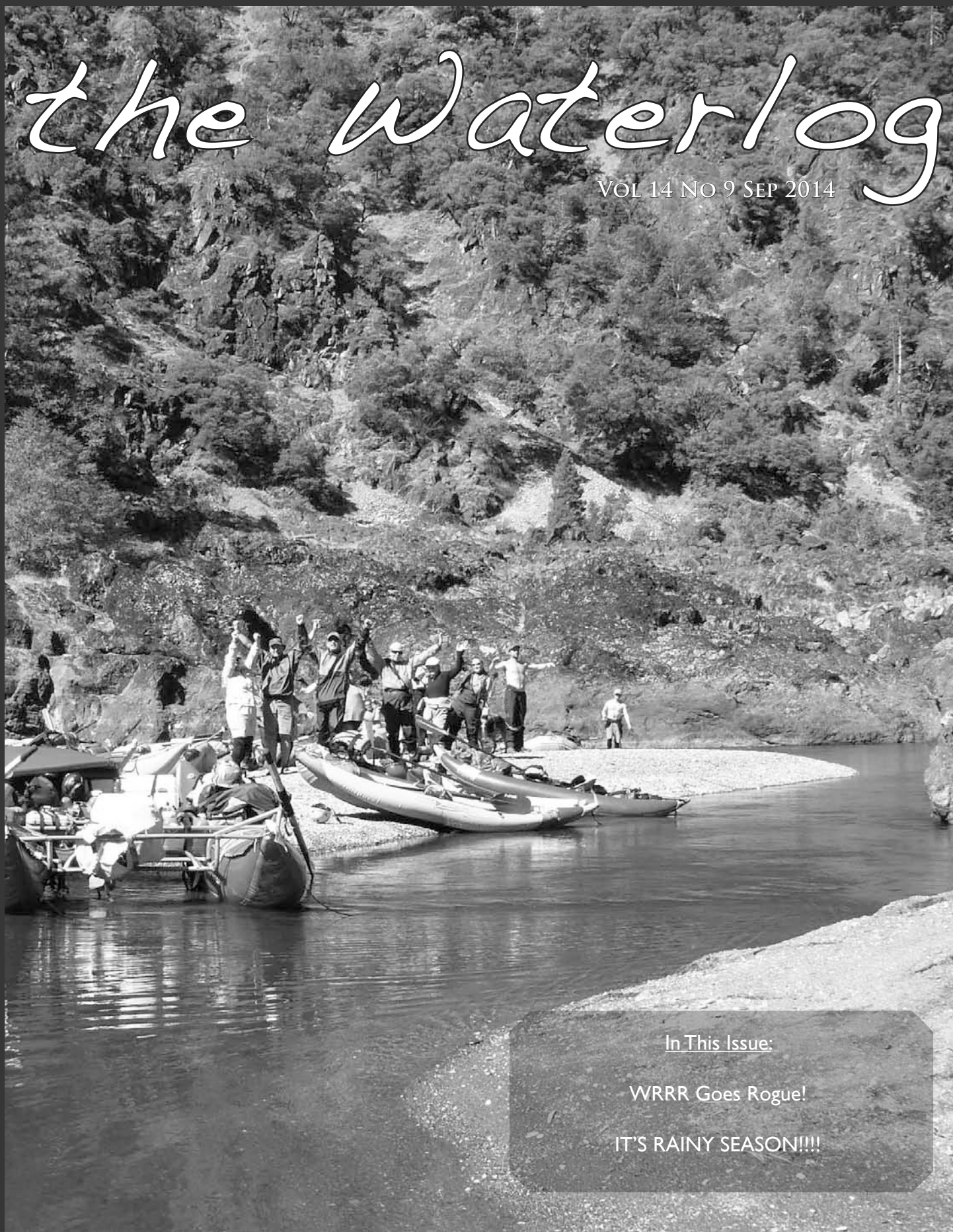


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Board meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM (except December).

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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Repair Clinic

Oct 18th 2014

We're continuing the tradition of a Gear Swap and Repair Clinic for the October General Membership meeting. Come join us to find out who the candidates for the 2015 WRRR Board will be and have some fun with boats and gear.

Randy has generously offered his hanger to give our members space to repair and swap their gear. We are inviting you to bring your gear, and whatever supplies you will need....glue, D-rings, patches and valves, and we will attempt to fix it on the spot. We recommend you bring your repair kits. The club will supply some glue, but if you need a lot, bring your own. We encourage you to bring along any gear you no longer use to sell or trade to other club members. This can be a great opportunity to clear out your storage space and pick up some needed items. Even if it's not in prime shape, it may be perfect for someone starting out.

We will be meeting at the Auburn Airport where Randy Rogers has a hangar that will be available to us for shelter. The address is 2527 "E" St. N.E., hangar # 503. There is a locked gate so if you have a trailer, you can contact Randy on his cell phone and he can open the gate to let you drive in. 206-669-1877

We will start at 11:00 am so we will have plenty of time for the glue to dry. WRRR will be providing pizza and you should provide your own beverages.

Sauktoberfest

Oct 25th 2014 Sauk River

Rafting, Growlers, BBQ!!! We will meet at the river and BBQ at the takeout weather pending.

Camping is available at our house which is 3 miles north of 530/9 in Arlington and approx. 30-40 minutes from the Sauk river. We can move the BBQ there depending on group dynamic.

The Sauk is an excellent intermediate white-water run. Depending on the flows it can be friendly or "mean and green". It's one of my favorite runs and I know it well. If you aren't sure you are up to it, hop in our raft, or I can help you make the decision. We will eddy out more if new folks are on the run that day.

KEY TIMES:

Meet at IGA 10am, figure out takeout drop cars on way up to Whitechuck.

Put in launch 11:15 am

Takeout, run shuttle, light BBQ!!! (BYO food/drink)

Trip leader: pinkyfilippini@yahoo.com

Scary Shangri-La

Fri Oct 31st - Sun Nov 2nd

BOO!!! WRRR is waiting for you at the Scary Shangri-La Halloween Party. Shangri-La is a beautiful spot to camp and enjoy for a kickoff to another winter boating season. The WVA boating season is 365 days a year and starts today. Flows are usually reliable on the Green this time of year. Shangri-La just about right in between The Flaming Geyser takeout and Kanasket Palmer Put in making it a handy spot to camp. If flows are too low, we'll do flip practice or rescue training.

Get your drysuits fixed up and get ready!!!

We will plan to run Green River Gorge Fri-

day, Saturday and likely Sunday. Meet time is 9:30 each day (at different spots), set your alarm. It is recommended for people with trailers to drop their boats at Headworks prior. The Green River Gorge is a class 4 wilderness run, expert skills required. Alternate runs include Headworks and the Lower Class 2 stretch.

Dress up in your best costume Friday night. Theme is 1970's rafting. The best costume wins bragging rights and you will be honored and adored amongst your peers.

In order to secure such a magnificent area WRRR helps Shangri-La move picnic tables and get ready for the winter season. We will be doing this Sunday AM for approx 1/2 hours - 1 hour. WRRR will provide pancake mix and fixings you do the flipping!

This is a family friendly event. Please keep kids on leashes unless they have life jackets on. The NOISY area will be down by the firepit/Shelter area. The Quiet zone will be at your house. No camping or vehicles below the picnic area/ on the lower grass area (by the river takeout). Less loud areas are up in the field and walk in only. (No driving on grass)

Key Times:

Friday 9:30am Meet at Flaming Geyser ready to roll and raft

Friday 4:00pm Shangri-La Gate open!!!

Friday 8:00pm BOO!!!!!! Halloween Party-late into the scary dark night

Friday 9:00pm Smore competition

Sat 8:30am WRRR pancake feed BYOM (Bring your own meat)

Sat 9:30am Ready to shuttle boating logistics made at Pancake feed

Sun 9:30am Help Shangri-La move tables and cleanup

Sun 12:00pm Check Out

Trip Leaders: WRRR Board

Please bring Halloween lights/decorations.

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The River Life WRRR Goes Rogue



A multi-day river trip to me is simply living in the moment and unplugging from the world. The Rogue River doesn't embody the hardest whitewater, but the scenery and majestic lore of its history is what makes it such an amazing trip! Throw in some great people, an awesome set of trip leaders, and you have a mix for making one of the best trips I've ever had on the river.

The drive and rig day -- oh the rain, the torturous rain -- driving hour after hour in what seemed like unrelenting rain, and traffic accidents... But the closer we got, the more the weather cleared and as we approached Grave Creek Rd, the weather let up and only a rare sprinkle while rigging the rafts remained.

Day one we were awoken by a commercial trip flying through the Alameda camp at daybreak. Putting in at Alameda County Park adds a few miles of floating and the occasional class II before starting on the Wild and Scenic section of river. Luckily all of the rain brought the river levels up enough to make the first few rapids more padded out and less boney. At Rainey Falls a handful of us took the Ladder and a few the Chute shortly after we had an amazing B.L.T. lunch and carried on to Upper Whiskey Creek camp to settle down for the night. As dark settled, the food was prepped,

and the propane fires lit!

The second day on the river, was like any other. Tear down and rig, oh the joy of rigging!...After Upper Black Bar near Lower Horseshoe Bend camp we broke for lunch before floating through the beautiful Kelsey Canyon. For Camps we drifted into Missouri Bar. Another dinner, and campfire! What else could one ask for?!

Day 3 was the big day, Mule Creek Canyon and Blossom Bar. The crux section of the otherwise mild trip, but the amazing beauty of this river will have me coming back again and again. Depending who you ask the difficulty of these 2 rapids is debatable. In a kayak last time I ran this trip a few years ago, I remember Mule Creek being semi-narrow and squirrely water and Blossom Bar an easy ferry but intimidating consequence. Add in some oars and a bottle neck it gets a little interesting. Mule Creek Canyon is still pretty straight forward, ride the ever changing current angles, aim and drive through the Coffee Pot. As long as you don't get bottle necked...And oh how it was bottlenecked!

Blossom bar, in my opinion is a mind bender. There's so much going on, and the moves albeit not terribly hard if you are on line, but all of the consequences loom if you

make a mistake. For me it was the largest and most technical rapid I've rowed in my old school Puma. Weighed down, and carrying a passenger whom is dear to me, the consequences in my mind were higher than me alone. After getting into a committed mindset, we drifted through the crux smoothly, had an oar pushed in on a rock after the must make move and we attacked the pillows rocks and cat boats from another group that was in the way. After everyone had clean runs, and several large groups got in between us we made our way to find camp! Luckily most of the groups stopped early, and we rolled in to Tacoma Camp with a little bit of daylight to spare. The small group of 2 in the large camp



agreed to share, and we started racing daylight to setup camp.

Layover was a mix of do what you want. There was a hike to Tate Creek Falls, a few slid down it,

a few went for a hike along the Rogue, and Brennan and crew setup some ferry, swimming, and rescue rope toss games to pass the day! After an exhausting day of relaxing and enjoying the wonders of the Rogue River on the warmest day of the trip an early dinner was in order of spicy Jambalaya by the most entertaining cooking show. The Pinky and Shawn cooking show, was definitely not one to be missed!

--Jared Cook



Special thanks for photos and text goes to Jared Cook, Shawn Cadigan, Bill Yager, Lyss Johnson, and everyone who provided photos and text from this trip!





After Mule Creek, Steve tossed a couple cool beverages to the Pink Paddle Team. After consuming them (and possible a couple others) the boat had a discussion on the finer points of male speedo grooming and wings. Not sure how we got there, but yeah it happened. Somewhere in the middle of said discussion, the concept of drama entered the fray. At this point Captain Pinky jumped up on his throne, threw said Busch can to his feet and proudly declared "This is how we deal with drama!" Foot stomp. Smash.

Captain Pinky looked to his feet and a moment of comprehension dawned on his face. "Oh. My. God. Do you see this?!"

As he held up said can he proclaimed in a near whisper of awe: "Batwings"

Forget the fact that the discussion devolved into a plan to use said can and flashlight to call for help with any and all river drama, (which turned out to be a fine bat light indeed), the fact that it was a Busch can sealed the deal.

--Shawn Cadigan



At one of the camps we sat around and a few folks mentioned that the paracord net I had made for my hydroflask growler was pretty slick and asked if I could tell them how to do it. I happened to have a few extra key rings and some paracord in my bag of goodies, so on the last night we had net coozie class 101.

Each person had 4 pieces of paracord, access to a knife and lighter, and a keyring. starting from the bottom up, they built net cages for growlers and water bottles using easy overhand knots and a hint of ingenuity. It was very cool seeing each of them build something with their hands and the smiles when it was finished. Everyone did a fantastic job too!

I can't wait to see how much stuff ends up being 'netted up' at the next event!

--Shawn Cadigan







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DAY/DATE	RIVER/DESCRIPTION	CLASS	CONTACT
Oct 18th	GEAR SWAP + BOAT REPAIR 11:00 am – 4:00 pm Annual Membership Meeting @ Randy's Hanger #503	III	
Oct 25th	SAUKTOBERFEST 10am at Darrington IGA	III	Brennan Filippini pinkyfilippini@yahoo.com
Oct 31st - Nov 2nd	SCARY SHANGRI-LA	IV	WRRR Board
Jan 1st, 2015	NEW YEAR'S HANGOVER FLOAT	III	
Feb 14th	TILTON TREK	IV	Brian Vogt bvogt@wwik.org
April 19th	FLIP PRACTICE @ Vasa Park	II	
April 25th	SHANGRI-LA CLEANUP 9:00 am - 1:00 pm	II	
May 2nd	GREEN RIVER CLEANUP	IV	
Jun 2nd	BOB JOHNSON MEMORIAL WENATCHEE RENDEZVOUS	III+	

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Norm runs an 18' drop that isn't supposed to be on this river.

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