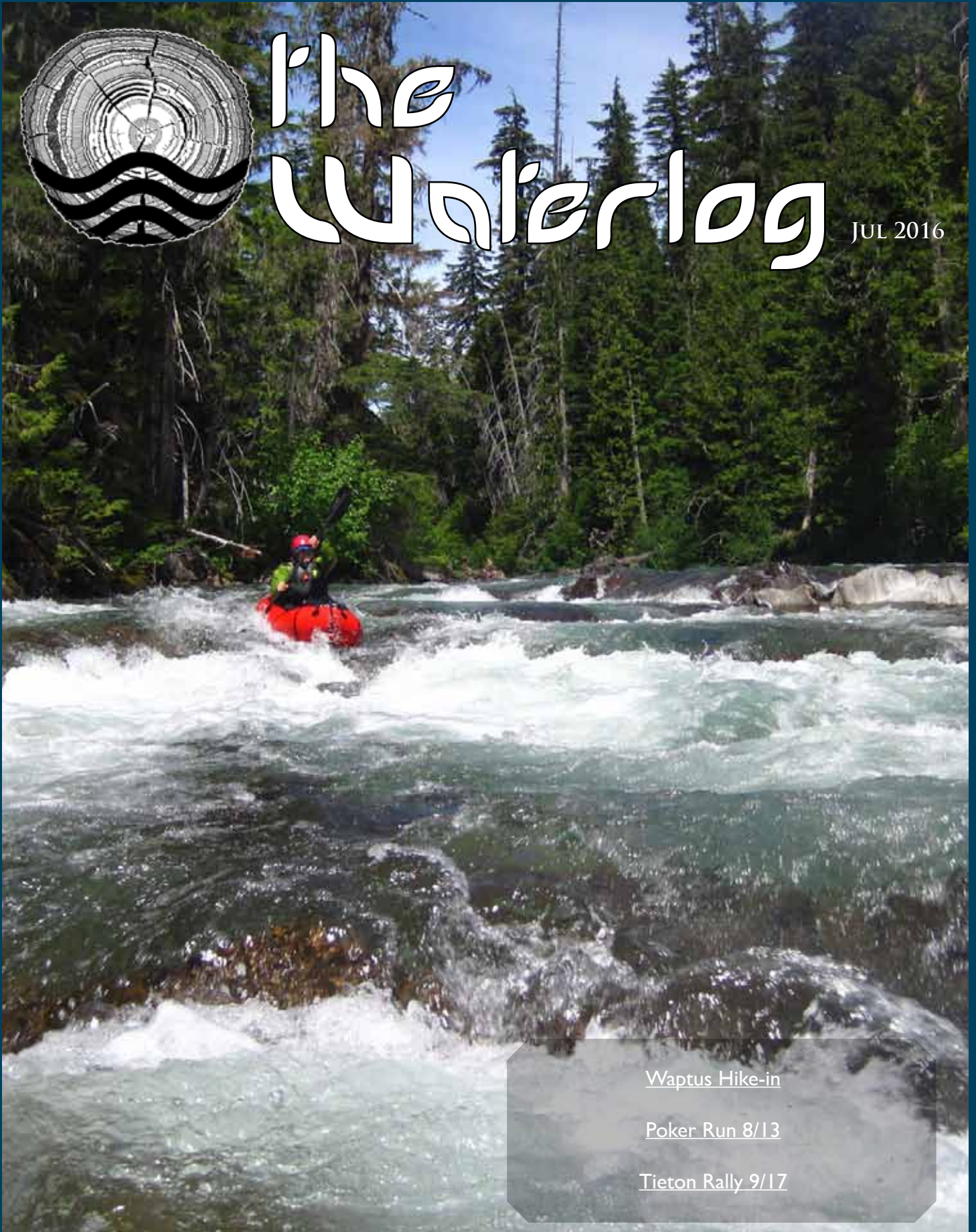


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Signed _____ Date _____

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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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Carey Berger Memorial Skagit Poker Run

SKAGIT RIVER AUGUST 13th, 2016
Camping Aug 11-13th

A POKER GAME played with skill, you draw cards at river stations while you float the Skagit River at Newhalem-Marblemount*. Not to be missed, the WRRR Poker run is one of the club's most popular events. 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. Bring the family. There are often boats with 3 and 4 generations of family in them! Contact any board member for more information or check out the WRRR forums (wrrr.org)

TRIP LEADERS: Wrrr board or Brenan Filippini (pink-filippini@yahoo.com)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!: Anyone interested in helping with this event by running a river station, prizes, shuttle, BBQ, Safety, etc please contact Brenan, we could use the help!!!

POKER RUN DETAILS: Poker Run registration is from 9:00 AM to 11:29 on Saturday at the boat launch in Goodell Creek Campground. The station dealers launch at 9am, don't launch before them or you will miss your next cards. Last boats launch BEFORE 11:29. A "sweep" boat will launch at 11:30 and card stations shut down after the sweep boat arrives at them. Don't get behind the sweep boat or you may lose out on cards and play with a short hand! Cost is \$5 per poker hand, you may buy/play as many hands as you want until we run out of cards. To play this game of skill you get your first card at the put-in and your next 4 cards are drawn at river "dealers" that you must eddy out for. If you miss the station you have to play a card short. Boaters with class 2-3 ability should have no problem. Until supplies run out there will be a small BBQ at station #3. Come early or bring some food to throw on the grill.

We will compare poker hands after dinner at 7:30 PM at the group camp, you will want to be there when we start because top prizes go first to the highest hand present. Pick the cash prize or river gear then subsequent highest hands choose prizes. There is a prize for the lowest hand also. Prizes

include but not limited to \$100 cash, \$250 safety clinic cash voucher, LAST edition WRRR hydroflasks, and some sweet sweet river / camping gear!!!! Bring your \$5 bills!

CAMPING: Free camping for current WRRR members from Thursday noon to Sunday noon at the Lower and Upper Goodell Group Camp. We ask that you please accommodate everyone and share spots and parking as best we can. There is room to leave trailers down at the lower pit parking area. The upper loop is open and reserved for WRRR as well. This area is across the creek and the quiet area (NO noise here please after 10pm)

The Group camps are on the north side of Hwy 20 along the west side of Goodell Creek. To find the camp look for an unmarked dirt road under the power lines on the north side (left as you head east) of Hwy 20 just after you pass the main campground, about 1 mile west of Newhalem. The dirt road is just west of the bridge where the highway crosses Goodell Creek. Camping for non-members is \$10.

The park service states that **WE MUST** secure food/coolers inside vehicles / bear boxes when camp is unattended due to wild animals. All food must be stored in sealed containers until used, violators may be subject to a fine. For extra quiet and more privacy you can purchase a spot at the nice campgrounds on the other side of the Hwy 20 at Nehalem campground and at the put in Goodell creek campground.

FOOD: Potluck dinner on Saturday at the group camp at 7:00 PM. Bring your favorite side dish, main dish or dessert, and a beer for the Waterlog editor. Dutch ovens, smokers and BBQ's will be coveted this evening! WRRR will provide plates, forks, etc. There will also be a small BBQ lunch on the river until food runs out at station #3. Come early or bring extra food for the grill.

NOISE: The upper upper group camp across the creek is the ultra silent quiet zone from 10pm-6am. The lower lower group camp around the fire pit is the noisy area. Please pick your camp appropriately.

DOGS: Dogs are required to be on leash at all times in the campground and national park. No exceptions!

Tieton Rally

Sept 16th - 18th

The last hurrah before the rains begin a new season of boat-

ing!!! The Tieton is a class III+ run with continuous gradient, lots of fun rapids, few eddies, and a runnable dam. There will be WRRR Board led trips leaving from the WRRR camp spot on river right Friday through Sunday. Launch times at 11am are designed to slip in between the commercial trips. Meet 1 hour earlier to join in the shuttle plans. We will take-out on river left after the 2nd bridge at Windy Point. There will also be other club members launching from the dam and upstream river left from camp. Folks run doubles, and launch at all times, so if you miss a trip meet up with some others and have fun.

Camping: Club members and friends camp for free on the Forest Service land in the same spot WRRR has been invading for several years in the dustbowl. WRRR will provide a clean portable toilets but there are no other amenities except what you bring and some trees, rocks, dust and a swift river. Bring a chair, and a musical instrument if you play, for the evening camp circle. Figure on campfires being banned so bring your propane firepits and we will make a circle of those and heaters. There are some USFS fee campgrounds along the river that have running water, are more suited for large RVs or low clearance vehicles, and they are a little less dusty. There is garbage service this year, however it may be full so please plan to pack out your trash. We are really hoping to get a few volunteers to pack out recyclables. If you can please contact Brennan or Nancy Douty.

Main Floats: Launch from the WRRR camp (with shuttle completed BEFORE!) Fri: 11am - Sat: 11am - Sun: 11am

Shuttles: Please make sure you have arranged a ride for yourself, boat and passengers prior to running the river. If you hope for the best you may be stranded at the take-out. Shuttles line up 1 hour prior to launch from the lower launch area to the road. Official shuttle meet time for all river days is 10am at the Dustbowl just downstream of the WRRR Camp.

Directions: A half hour East of White Pass turn off highway 12 onto Tieton Road (Careful there are 2 Tieton Roads it is a loop), crossing the river about 1/2 mile upstream of Hause Creek Campground. Turn right on the graded gravel road about 1/4 mile from the bridge (FR 580). In less than 1/2 mile after leaving the pavement turn on the 3rd dirt path to the right and curve straight back to the river. Turn left at the boat launch dustbowl and go 50 yards. Look for the WRRR banner and signs. You are there!!!

Potluck: There will be a Breakfast Potluck Sunday the 13th. Bring whatever you like to eat or leftovers from the day before. Please bring Potluck items from 8:30-9am. We will

have the potluck by the group fire at the upper WRRR camp near the portipotties.

Noise: Please be courteous of your neighbors. Noise will be loudest near the group areas, plan accordingly.

Dogs: Please keep dogs on leash in the main camp area and locked up during dinner hours, and make sure your dogs are not getting into other peoples kitchen areas! Keep in mind that some people may be cat people :->

Trash: Pack it in, Pack it out, although we are sharing the dumpster this year with RiverBooty. The forest service area we camp in gets trashed some times of the year. WRRR in conjunction with outfitters, and other boaters has been able to keep this area clean and open. Please do your part and know that it is appreciated! Earn big time River points which will prevent you from flipping your gear boat the following season!

Gear Swap & Repair Party Oct 15th

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 next 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.



Al Pack Aaahh...

Brian. Damn you Brian. I thought I would be just fine with a nice IK in my fleet. Then he gets me hooked on overnights...leading toward the purchase of a second IK better suited for those. Then convinces me to buy a cat boat to tackle the extended self-support classics. At that point, I really thought I was done. Then he says, "You need an Alpaka". You know, for all those runs I've been dying to HIKE INTO. Right. He buys one. And in a moment of weakness, I follow suit. Does he really work for UW or is he some special consultant that gets kickbacks for selling boats? We may never know...

So, I try it out on the Lower Green putting in at Franklin Bridge at a low summer flow. I'm skeptical. I start paddling it...OMG it is fun. Right away I knew it was



going to be great. So Fall comes and so does the rains so I try it on the Green Gorge at 1200 cfs. I was in an at least 3 swim mindset...Pipeline for sure, probably Mercury and some other place where I drop concentration and swim in Class 2.

Didn't happen...a clean run! Now, I'm really sold. Time passes. More day runs ensue...like the Middle Fork Snoqualmie and even a run on the Adams in BC. But no hike-in trips. I made a promise to myself that in 2016 this would change...and it did.

Enter The Waptus.

An obscure run at best... it detailed only in the Bennett guidebook, but if you have read the description it was likely not of interest because of the 4 mile hike in for "Class 3". It seems like the perfect trip for an Alpacka and it ended on the China Gorge section of the Cle Elum which has great canyon and rapids and I was pretty familiar with.

So we picked a date and there we went. I started with quite the gear pile in my driveway...a Bill's Bag for carrying everything and all my overnight gear. Then I opened the T-Zip and filled the empty boat with all my gear in the two clip in dry bags that attach to the

middle of the inside of the tubes. Closed it, inflated it. Wow. Is this really going to work?

We got to the trailhead at Salmon La Sac strapped on the packs and made the hike. Pretty easy, without too much altitude gain. Incredible camping near the put-in next to a crystal-clear creek. Right upstream lies a Class V+ gorge and falls that was wondrous to look at. Brian saw a line. J

We set up camp and then left gear and hiked upstream further towards Waptus Lake. Above the gnar gorge was more Class IV goodness...worth a return trip which is penciled in for May 2017.

We got up in the morning giddy as school kids. Loaded up boats and began down the run....excited, but also fearful of wood. We found none. We did find great ledges and rapids in the Class III/IV range all clean and awesome!

A swim may have occurred on this section. Before we knew it there was the Cle Elum confluence in front of us, right above Waptus Hole rapid. We were just so jacked up then talking about how we couldn't wait to come back. We turned the corner and ran the Cle Elum out through much bigger water III/IV. The swim





counter bumped up again...including my first. I was always wondering if I would have to fumble around to find the handle to pull the skirt (hey – I'm an Iker, no experience with these things J). The short answer was I was out of the boat swimming before I knew it so no problem there.

It was great to get on a run I never would have with just an IK in my fleet. Already planning the next adventures for my Alpacka and my hiking shoes.

-- **Nick Borelli**









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on their drysuits and accessories. If you are in the Portland area and are a WRRR member, Andy & Bax will honor this discount as well. You will need a WRRR membership number to order. Contact the Membership Chair to get your membership number.

DAY/DATE	RIVER/DESCRIPTION	CLASS	CONTACT
Aug 11th - 14th	CAREY BERGER MEMORIAL SKAGIT POKER RUN	II+	WRRR Board
Sep 17th - 18th	TIETON RALLY	III	WRRR Board
Sep 22nd - 26th	ROGUE RIVER	III-IV	Brenan Fillppini
Oct 15th	GEAR SWAP & REPAIR PARTY Randy's Hanger #503	IV+	WRRR Board
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