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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:

Brian Vogt
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Sauktoberfest

Oct 22nd

Hi guys, it's fall again and we hope to go run the Sauk!!! If the flows are low we will find something to do. Afterwords, we will have a BBQ at the takeout or our place (3 miles north of Hwy9/530) depending on what people want to do. There is tons of camping and parking at our place!!!

Rafting, Growlers, BBQ!!! We will meet at the river and BBQ at the takeout weather permitting. Camping is available at or trip leader's house (Call, Text, Email for address) near Arlington 30-40 minutes from the Sauk river. We can move the BBQ there depending on group dynamic.

The Sauk is an excellent intermediate whitewater run. Depending on the flows it can be friendly or "mean and green". Don't hesitate to contact our trip leader if you're not sure your up to it — he knows it well and can help you make the decision, and may even have room for you in his raft. We will eddy out more if new folks are on the run that day. Advanced run: Whitechuck to Clear Creek. Training Run: Clear Creek to the Mill

KEY TIMES: Meet at Darrington IGA at 10 a.m. We will decide then which takeout we're taking and will drop off cars on the way upstream to Whitechuck.

Put-in launch time will be 11:15 a.m.

Takeout, run, shuttle, light BBQ!!! Bring your own food/drink.

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 sup-

plies 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.

Board Members Needed!

It's been great being your WRRR President this past year. I've enjoyed being on the board again. But this is the time of year when the board looks for new blood - people who will become the new leaders for the future of WRRR. Because it's important to get the feel of the job before, we prefer that people start as Directors at Large for at least a year before becoming officers.

With that in mind, we are looking for candidates for Directors for next year. If you have accounting skills or computer skills or any kind of management skills, those are a plus, because your goal should be to move up to being VP of Finance, Business, or River Ops. If your main skill is being a glutton for punishment, you could be an ideal future WRRR President!

Board meetings are held monthly, but we've made that part pretty easy. In January, April, July, and October, we meet in person. For other months, we have a phone conversation that usually lasts for about an hour.

Candidates must be WRRR members in good standing since March 1, 2015 to be eligible for 2016.

2017 IK/Rower's Progression



The WRRR Progression is a set of river trips to help boaters learn and re-learn skills. Veteran boaters help with setting up your boat, teach safety signals and techniques, and give you the benefit of their experience on local rivers. You will progress from easy to hard over a series of trips.

Below is a tentative list of Progression trips for 2017. These are subject to change based on flows and weather, so make sure you are watching the web site, Facebook group, or WRRR forums for details.

Sunday, Jan 1st Cedar River (New years float) class 2

Sunday, Feb 19, Upper Tilton after Tilton Trek. Class 2

Saturday, Mar 4th. Sauk Clear creek to mill. Class 2+/3-

Saturday, Mar 18th. Nisqually. Class 3-

Saturday, Apr 22nd. Wenatchee. Class 3

Sunday, Apr 23rd. Flip practice at Lake sammamish Class 1

Sunday, May 7th. Green river day after cleanup (Shangri-La to Flaming Geyser class 3/3+)

WRRR membership is not required for the Progression events, but we do encourage you to join WRRR when taking advantage of these trips.

Tieton Wrapup



The amount of time I spend boating on any given river during the year varies (it is never enough), but for the last seven years there has always been one constant: The Tieton River excursion in September. The drive alone has been enough reason to go, an exciting scenic route that climbs steeply through Mount Rainier National Park with bumpy, two-lane roads that at times wind sharply around tight turns with sometimes little to no barrier. (This is the Highway 12 route via Hwy 410 and Hwy 123 over Cayuse Pass.) The views of Mount Rainier are magnificent, the magnitude menacing. By the time Rimrock Lake comes into view I am always glad to have reached my destination – an achievement I no longer take for granted as my trusty Honda Civic reaches nearly 220,000 miles.

This past Labor Day weekend, I once again headed to the Tieton River for a two-day, one-night camping/rafting adventure. This trip was different, though, from my previous excursions, as I had not made formal plans with anyone. I simply packed my gear, got in my car, and left the city on a journey to the eastside. I was glad, but not surprised, to see many familiar faces when I arrived at the usual camp off of Hwy 12 just downstream of Rimrock dam, otherwise known as The Dust Bowl. I briefly cruised the dirt roads – carefully in my small sedan – and greeted a number of familiar faces before I set up camp just feet away from the river bank. My

non-exclusive but still private oasis! That night I enjoyed spending time visiting old friends as well as meeting new ones.

The group I chose to spend the evening with – known as the Dirty South Crew, as I was told – was full of good spirits and laughter, not to mention they had negated the effects of a burn ban with a wonderful propane-fueled fire pit. We made plans to travel the river together the next day, the finer details of which were unnecessary to establish since we were, after all, already at the put-in.

A big plus of rafting on the Tieton is that camp is the same place as the put-in, and the shuttle to the take-out is a quick breeze down Hwy 12. Waking up in the morning, ready to boat, with nowhere to take your gear (except for maybe a few yards down the dirt road) is a great way to start your day. While I often hear talk about putting in a few miles further upstream (these conversation seem more prevalent at night after a few drinks), those plans rarely come to fruition once morning comes around, when the ordinary put-in comes into plain view as soon as the tent door is unzipped. Though I have raft guided the Tieton on a few occasions, my preferred mode of transport is the IK. The waves and splashes rarely cease on the choppy, continuous whitewater. I used to be scared to tears



to IK the Tieton, hanging on by the seat of my pants from start to finish due to the continuous nature of the run, but after practicing more on class III-IV rivers over the years I now find that floating the Tieton has become pure joy. The rapids aren't necessarily big, but it moves swiftly enough to keep things interesting given the many twists, turns, and sometimes narrow channels that need to be navigated. The scenery changes quite a bit between the put-in and takeout, similar to the Wenatchee River, in that it starts within a forest of ponderosa pine and ends in a more desert-like setting. I've heard some folks degrade the scenic nature of the Tieton because of the fact that the highways follow its entire length, right next to the river. In my opinion, a nearby highway provides a good insurance policy in case something goes wrong. And, I must admit, I enjoy the attention as tourists, truckers, and fellow boaters beep their horn while passing by. On this particular day, nothing worth mentioning stood out about our run, except that it was simply awesome!

I've become more skilled in boating over the years thanks to WRRR. More importantly, I've met many friends along the way who enjoy the sport the same way as I do, who speak the same rafting language and who face the same trials and tribulations on the wa-

ter. Years ago, a trip to the Tieton would have involved making definite plans with people I know, coordinating schedules and waiting for the "right time" to go. Today, after having spent time with WRRR for a number of years, I know that the right time to go to the Tieton is any time in September, where friends and familiar faces await at the Dust Bowl. Thanks WRRR!

--Adam Schierenbeck













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DAY/DATE	RIVER/DESCRIPTION	CLASS	CONTACT
Oct 15th	GEAR SWAP & REPAIR PARTY Randy's Hanger #503	IV+	WRRR Board
Oct 22nd	SAUKTOBERFEST	III	WRRR Board
JAN 1st	HANGOVER FLOAT Cedar River	II	WRRR Board
FEB 18th	TILTON TREK	IV	WRRR Board
APR 23rd	FLIP PRACTICE	II	WRRR Board
MAY 6th	GREEN RIVER CLEANUP	III-IV	WRRR Board
MAY 20th	CLACKAMAS WW FESTIVAL	III-IV	WRRR Board
JUN 1st	BOB JOHNSON MEMORIAL WENATCHEE RENDEZVOUS	III	WRRR Board
JUN 24th	SAUK SUMMER OVERNIGHTER	III	WRRR Board

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