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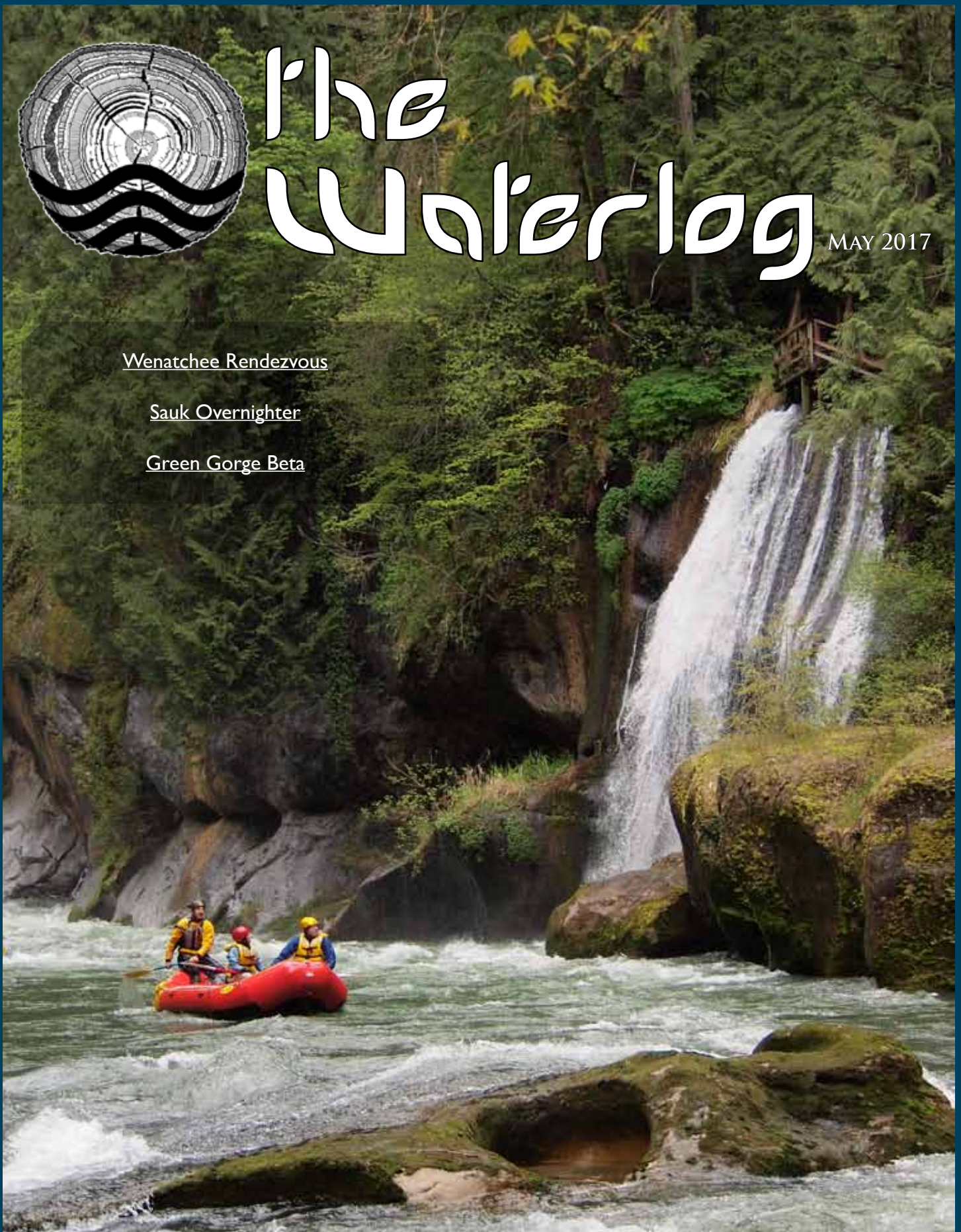
The Waterlog

MAY 2017

Wenatchee Rendezvous

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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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No Shit, there I was...

TURN YOUR RIVER STORIES [LIES] INTO CASH or MONEY AS A MOTIVATOR

I love the stories in The Waterlog! I don't get out on the river as much as I would like to, so reading about it is the next best thing. The WRRR Board of Directors wants to inspire ALL our members to share their river experiences with the club. To motivate you to put your rafting adventures into words, we are offering \$30.00 towards the yearly membership fee. Each quarter of the year, everyone who writes an article that gets published in The Waterlog will get a chance to win. We'll put all names in a helmet and pick one winner.

Most of you can talk river stories for hours, so you just have to put them down on paper...excuse me... type on your computer and e-mail it to our awesome editor. Stuff like.... Where, When, Water level, With whom, Highlights of the day. Lessons learned. Fun shared. New boats. New Gear you can't live without. The amazing Natural Beauty of the river. Your favorite Rapid and/or your least favorite rapid that you were trying to avoid. Who rescued who. Things you should have known. Pretty much anything that sparks your interest will be of interest to the rest of us, and can make a good story. Photos are a bonus, so include them if they are not blurry. I love photos! Your writing doesn't have to be poetic or clever, but it does have to have at least 150 words to qualify. This won't take as long as it sounds....what else are you doing??? This could be a great way to challenge yourself, develop your writing skills and share with others. Just send your article to Brian Vogt at bvogt.wwik.org. and You could win!

Private Rogue River- Lodge Trip

May 19-22, 2017

We've got the permits so please join us for a float from Graves Creek to Foster Bar on this lodge trip including Black Bar, Marial and Paradise Lodges. All food and

lodging is taken care of once your boat hits the river; you just need to take your clothes. Weather can be from showers to swim suits on this wild and scenic stretch of the Rogue. Boaters without Class IV boating skills should have solid Class III skills. We have experienced rafters that have done this run many times and will show you the river. We take 20 - 30 people on this over-four-decade annual trip. Put-in is Friday morning and take-out is Monday noonish, giving enough time to get back to Portland (for reference) by late evening. The \$495 cost per person, paid to Van McKay, covers only the food, lodging and permit. Your shuttle and Thursday evening lodging, such as at Galice Lodge, are arranged and paid for separately. It's a beautiful trip so come along! Contact Van for more details at vanm1@aol.com or 360-737-3148.

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The Bob Johnson Memorial Wenatchee Rendezvous

THURSDAY to SUNDAY, June 1st to June 4th, 2017

Come join your fellow WRRR members for our annual Bob Johnson Memorial Wenatchee Rendezvous. Be a part of the greatest flotilla of inflatable boats on the Wenatchee followed by camping, raffle prizes, and a potluck dinner.

Don't Miss It!

Boating: The main float is Saturday morning for some Summertime Class 3 fun!

Saturday:

- The main meet is at the campground at 9am,
- Shuttle from East Leavenworth road at 10am. (From the Safeway in Leavenworth follow East Leavenworth road .7 miles up to the public access with a big parking area.
- The main flotilla Saturday is launching from 11:00 am 11:30am.

-Call any board member and we will relay the information to others and try to help you out. You may also coordinate with other boaters on the wrrr.org/forum and/or WRRR's Facebook page. The shuttle is a game of skill, so make sure you coordinate well and pay attention!

-7:00pm Potluck Dinner at camp (Eagle Creek, same as the past 2 years)

-7:15pm General membership meeting and prizes!

THE RUN: Please remind your people of the dangers of the DRYDEN DAM! This is a drowning machine. The safest way to navigate is to portage on river right. There is a cart to assist that WRRR negotiated to have there a long time ago. There is an alternate way (experts only) to run left of the lowhead staying far away from the drowning machine. It is IMPERATIVE that you make sure your Pod understands what is going on. Please be careful not to lead other boating groups astray. Thankyou for your consideration to this matter. The Dryden dam can be easily scouted by heading north at the BIGY Café and then heading right at the "fishing access" sign just before the bridge across Peshastin Creek. If this is your first time running the Wenatchee please contact a trip leader and they will be happy to assist you.

SAFETY: Please follow the American Whitewater safety code. PFD's, Helmets, Wetsuit, Etc. The weather should be great so pack some water and a lunch and enjoy the day. Please pay attention to the boaters around you. With the big flotilla fun also comes some danger in the form of you getting lost in the group. Please make sure that 2-5 people are looking after you and you are looking after them. Boating in many pods in the main group are our key to success. There will be an official WRRR lead boat launching at 11am.

There will be Friday and Sunday trips also depending on interest. Check the Campground, trip leaders, or FB/Forum Groups for Friday trip planning. Sunday plans will be made in the campground Saturday night or Sunday morning. In 2013, there was a trip at 7am, so you never know unless you create it!

Most folks run the Wenatchee but there are some other nice rivers nearby, like the Chiwawa, Entiat, Methow,

Icicle Creek, and Peshastin Creek. If your schedule is tight, hit the Sky on your way home. There's plenty of runs on the "WET" side of Hwy 2. River runs ranging from class 1-5 abound in the area, so there is always something for everybody.

Directions to camping: Camping at Eagle Creek: The Tumwater Campground Facility and dispersed camping in/near Tumwater Canyon is still closed for the 2017 season due to prior years fire danger. We will be camping in the same spot as last year. It's dispersed camping and in a nice spot (Eagle Creek up Chumstick highway area). WRRR will provide toilets and firewood (or propane if there is a fire ban) Directions to the campground:

1. From US 2 (near Safeway) in Leavenworth go north on Chumstick hwy for just over 2.2 miles
2. Take a right on eagle creek road go for 5.5 miles to the end of pavement and go LEFT.
3. Continue on the gravel For 1.5 miles.
4. Take a right at FS road 7531 for 1 mile! You have arrived. We will have wrrr signs at all the turns starting at Eagle creek road. We request that you keep dogs on leash and police their do-do. This camping is first come first serve. We ask that dogs be on leash or in a vehicle during the potluck/raffle. Please pickup after your pooch and respect other peoples areas. Keeping your dog on leash or in a fenced area guarantees that Pet doodoo is picked up and everybody has a great weekend. Please be courteous to our neighbors.

Saturday Night Potluck Dinner: We will be having a great meal, but we need your creative and wonderful campfire cooking skills. You bring food and your own beverages. WRRR will bring paper plates, plastic utensils, cups and napkins. Dinner is at 7:00 PM on Saturday to allow time for the raffle and general membership meeting

Anybody with a Dutch oven will be coveted this evening. If you aren't sure what to bring the following is a suggestion for the type of dish to make or bring. If you have a specialty or preference please bring what you like. Last name begins with:

A-P Main dish

P-R Side dish or salad**S-Z Dessert**

Raffle: Following dinner on Saturday at the Eagle Creek camp the club will raffle off some great river gear. You can buy your tickets at the campground before the raffle starts (or you can buy tickets from the newsletter editor after the raffle is over for half price!)

Trip Leaders: Rebecca Post, Brenan Filippini, WRRR board

White Salmon Retreat

July 14-16th on the beautiful White Salmon River. Camping is at Hollenbeck Park and free for WRRR members. We will be meeting ready to go at the BZ Corner Put in at 11am. Shuttle leaves from the old Northwestern Lake Takeout at 12pm Sharp!!! The river is a pool drop Class 3+ with optional Class V Husum Falls. The portage/lining is fairly straightforward at Husum falls, but does take skill. It is usually best to keep boats moving and regroup in the Eddie's below the footbridge just around the corner.

It is usually best to think light and bring paddle rafts and IK's / Hardshells. Boats require some effort to get to the bottom at the put in.

Camping is available Friday through Sunday nights at Hollenbeck Park 33 Mt Adams Road, Trout Lake, WA (off Hwy 141 to Mt Adams about 1/2 mile north of the store restaurant) Some years she has guests Thursday night so please respect others if you are arriving earlier Friday!

There is a Sunday trip going TBD at camp. Who's going to the Columbia with us!?

Trip Leaders: Aaron and Kat Birrell, Nancy Douty, Randy Rogers, WRRR Board

Sauk Overnighter

June 25, 26th of 2016

Join us on a new popular event the Sauk Overnighter! To sign up please email Brenan@plasteringplus.com and follow this link. Once you get the link via google sheets you will be able to view the group gear list and the manifest along with other tabs. If you have a tough time please let me know. It also may take a moment to load. [http://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1 ... s=574fa8c6](http://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1...s=574fa8c6)

Cost is free for WRRR members. I will send over the spreadsheet of info and gear/meals. This is a great trip to get started into overnight boating. If you need to borrow gear or have any questions please ask! We ask you email rsvp prior to June 12 so we can finalize our plans. We hope each participant can bring or haul some group gear. We will have tables, groover, stove, fireman, etc. This trip will comply with MF salmon requirements

There should be a good amount of water this year in the sauk! The plan is to meet at the darrington IGA at 11am Saturday June 25th. From there we will drop the cars we can at the takeout, and head up to Bedal put in. We will then rig and try and launch boats around 230. For folks ready early we will do a shuttle leaving the put in at 1pm. Launch time is around 230pm. Saturday night, camp is on a beautiful beach on the upper sauk. Views of nearby peaks and a young riverbed should be plentiful. There is a potluck style menu for Saturday's dinner. There will be a menu planner and group gear spreadsheet posted on Google docs.

Sunday breakfast is provided by the club, and then the trip continues on downriver running class 3+ rocky road. There is a takeout at Whitechuck if you don't want to run the more difficult middle sauk with Six of one, Alligator, Jaws, Graveyard and whirlpool!

Hope to see you soon! Trip leaders: Jason Cohen, Brenan Filippini



Brenan's Beta: Green River Gorge

The Nozzle may be right-to-left, but just upstream the water itself flows left-to-right -- into a dangerous sieve on river right

This month, we've got a collection of great perspectives on the Green, just in time for the cleanup. While the gorge is an action packed run, the most dangerous ,crux section begins with Mercury and features a hidden sieve at the Nozzle. Check out the tips and collected wisdom from veterans of the Green, and get ready for the toughest section of water to be found at any club event!

Boaters running the Green for the first time often have difficulty at the Nozzle. The most common error is ending up too far right on the approach to the Nozzle slot in the picket line of boulders that forms the rapid.

The reason for this is not considering the strong left to right current where it approaches the picket line of boulders and the Nozzle. The lower the flow the more effect the left to right current seems to have. If the current is not considered it appears the line would be to line up straight for the Nozzle or even approach from the right as that presents a wider profile for the boat to fit through. The problem occurs as the boat gets within about 25-15 feet of the Nozzle the current catches it and moves it too far right. Usually the boat ends up highsidng on the right rock.

A safer approach to the Nozzle is from left of the slot. As you drop out of Mercury into the pool above the Nozzle there is a small rock island left of center in the middle of the pool, run just right of that and then set a left to right angle towards the Nozzle. If you are getting pulled right hold your line by back ferrying left a bit. There is good marker to use, a very small wave/disturbance or hole or rock

depending on the flow, about 15+ feet in front of the Nozzle. Pass your boat over the left side of the "wave", you are heading for the left rock the forms the Nozzle slot. One or two strokes should be all it takes to move the boat left to right and into the Nozzle. Do be sure to clear the left rock, it is undercut a bit. Remember, it is very easy to move right with help from the current. The Nozzle is hardest at low flows, below 1500, and very high flows. 2000 cfs is easiest.

If you do end up right of the Nozzle do not panic. Be sure to high-side quickly if necessary to avoid flipping against the rock, don't let passengers lowside your upstream tube. If you are close to the Nozzle you might have a chance to paddle or row your upstream oar fast and hard (panic strokes) and push off the rock back to the left into the Nozzle. If that does not work then you will end up in the eddy on river right above the picket line of rocks. The Room of Doom and Gloom. It is not easy to escape. There is current feeding through a slot/sieve too small for boats to fit through. Don't try to go there! You may be able to paddle or drag your boat up the right bank eddy high enough to ferry back over to the center and into the Nozzle. I have often seen this method fail because the boat does not get far enough to river left and ends up in the same current pushing the boat back to the right.

Another method if you have support on the river left shore is for someone to throw a rope bag across the river from the large rocks and and pull the boat across the pickets into the Nozzle. Be sure there is no one coming down river before you put a line across. Keep a close eye out for any boats coming into Mercury and be

ready to temporarily suspend the rescue by having the boat toss the rope end back to the shore person pull the line in fast. Try not to have biners and knots and stuff on the rope that can catch in rocks when it is pulled back in. If you do end up with a rope stuck in the river please try to retrieve it or cut enough of it out to prevent it being a hazard to other boaters or swimmers. Always make sure to post to the message boards if you lose a rope in the river so boaters will be aware of the hazard. It may be able to be removed later at lower water.

SPECIAL HAZARD: the small slot between the right Nozzle rock and the rock on the right shore is a sieve. Try to prevent anyone from swimming there. I have seen a swimmer trapped underwater there and have heard of others. I think boaters have drowned in that slot also. That is why it is so important to stay calm, and highsided, if you end up right of the nozzle. You do not want swimmers in the Room of Doom and Gloom. Good luck!

-Paul Sestak

While it's not my backyard run, I do love boating in the Green River Gorge. At the crux of the river, there are two class 4 rapids back to back delivering a one-two punch. They are aptly named Mercury and The Nozzle. Power lines over head in the heart of the gorge signal that Mercury is coming up. There is a large eddy on river left just before the rapids for boats to regroup.

My first trip down the gorge was at a Green River Cleanup several years ago. I remember making it through Mercury and seeing the Nozzle for the first time. Just after I ran the last drop at Mercury, I got my first glance at the nozzle it appeared to be a wall of rocks. I didn't see no stinking nozzle that's for sure!!! Luckily I had Shelly Becker's coaching the night before at camp. Depending on flows I usually aim for the Left rock and just barely graze it, letting the current send me down the "nozzle" with my boat facing just barely center left. I always take a couple quick back pulls into the eddy on river right to set safety. Most folks eddy out on river left, which

makes the river right tactic even more effective.

I will note one thing which usually applies to most river rescue scenarios, if you do get hung up; don't panic. The rocks are steep and very slick here. The current moves quickly, however eddies are present in some convenient areas if you are stuck. We usually discuss the plan in the eddy above Mercury or at the Put in. This gives the group an idea of what to expect, the preferred order, and when/how we will regroup if there is an issue. Eventually, you will end up in a situation where a boat in your group is hung up on the right rock. PLEASE use extreme caution throwing ropes across the river and setting up rescue operations. Be mindful of other river users. I find it is most beneficial to have the sweep boat setup safety in the Eddy just after Mercury on river left. This person can signal to other river groups if rescues are in progress at the Nozzle. A few years back there were 3 boats hung up there. The 3rd boat was touching the right bank and passengers could have easily unloaded to safety on the shore. This can be a viable option to keep in mind.

Once through the Nozzle, you need to get ready and setup for more rapids. Next make a Deal is right around the corner. While I've never run the river over 3200cfs, I've heard of the legendary "Hand of God" and sounds like a place I'd rather not be!

-Brenan Filippini

Setting up for the Nozzle as you go through Mercury is very important as you need to be positioned properly well before you hit the Nozzle. You do not want to be anywhere near the Right bank or the Right Nozzle. You want to hit the Main Nozzle with an approach from center left.

I want to start avoiding River Right as I exit Mercury and avoid the Right Boulder at the Nozzle as I have rescued several other boaters that have gotten wrapped on this rock or trapped in the eddy above it so I prefer approaching the Nozzle from river left. The

force of the current is strong enough that it shoves me right more than I want anyway. I have been stuck on the Right Boulder and in the eddy and know from firsthand experience that it takes a lot of strength and skill to recover once you are in grasp of the water on river right.

I like to think that the Yellow Brick Road is the key to the Nozzle on the Green. There is a guard rock about 50 feet above the Nozzle that I use as a guide. If I can get my bow (nose) just barely into the slack water on the downstream side of this rock, it sets me up to go perfectly through the Nozzle without hitting the dangerous Right (starboard) rock. There



The Nozzle's sieve, where most water flows. Safety, if set, should focus here

is a current that I call the Yellow Brick Road that flows perfectly from the guard rock to Nozzle happiness.

As for setting up when you are going through Mercury, the traditional river left line down Mercury takes you right to the Guard Rock and in the last couple of years, the end of the wave train has gotten more powerful at higher water. If you are not careful, it will send you into the upstream side of the guard rock which is bad and then you may overreact and get too far right. I have made this mistake and seen it happen to many others. It is good to get near this guard rock and just slip into the downstream eddy which lands you on the Yellow Brick Road to Nozzle happiness.

There is a more difficult route through Mercury that starts Center Right, moves Center and the offramp ends at the onramp to the Yellow Brick Road to Nozzle happiness.

At flows above 2500, I sometimes avoid the Yellow Brick Road and use the controversial Far Left entrance to the Nozzle as it sets me up better for Hand of God and avoids the hole that gets bigger once the Nozzle gets to 4000 or 5000. Above 4500, I tend to always use the controversial Far Left entrance to the Nozzle because I know I can slam down the Left Bank of Mercury at high speed, keep it straight, ship my oars and get spit out at an angle that sends me river right of Hand of God.

If you want to set up a river rescue station at the Nozzle, it has proven more effective to set up rescue from River Left and throw ropes to people trapped against the right boulder. To facilitate getting into this position, the support boat needs to have bow pointed

to left when going through Nozzle and work very aggressively to land on moss covered rocks on River Left.

Due to the danger involved with landing on moss covered rocks in deep water, I have found that either a strong kayaker that can exit their boat easily or a strong oarsman in a raft with a bow paddler seems to be a good lead boat so that they can land and catch other boats. Jumping from the cockpit of a catboat with a rope in hand onto a moss covered boulder has led to incidents where the support crew needs rescuing. There is just not a lot of slack water immediately below the Nozzle boulders.

-Mark Burns

The Green "whew"!!! I started running the gorge 2 years ago on the Clean-up. I remember Lyles and I talking about me running it and he wanted me to be very comfortable running the MM at 1800 – 1900, which I had not done yet. Came time for the Clean-up, was talking to a couple of the guys beforehand and just went for it. I was doing ok at the put in, until I zipped up my dry suit, my heart started racing and I was panicking to the point I felt like I could not read the water anymore and lost the ability to rely on my skill. Our group consisted of Joe running lead, Brian and I in the middle and Lyles running sweep. Got warmed up through Headworks, started to relax a little bit. First Ledge drop was good, I had run that several times before and then I saw the sign "Expert boaters only" – that couldn't be ME – yikes!!!! Next was Second Ledge drop, quite exhilarating.

Then came Pipeline and from that moment on until getting through Paradise, I lost my ability to read the water and completely focused



Approaching the Nozzle. This is as far right as you want to be. Note the guard rock, and its eddy.

on Joe. I remember my heart beating so loud, I thought for sure everyone could hear it – we shot left at the top of Pipeline through fast moving water and down the drop on the left side – WOW!!! My adrenaline was really pumping with a huge release at the bottom. Even though I had clean lines through those rapids, my confidence was not there. At Grasshopper, again following Joe's line which took me over the top of the biggest hole at the bottom and I flipped.

After getting back in my boat, Joe said "you weren't supposed to follow me through there" – LOL – how was I supposed to know?? Made it through everything fine, and then came Mercury. We pulled over at the island above to discuss positioning – at that moment I was terrified!!!!!! Brian went first to set up safety. After a few minutes, we took off. Joe was lead, I followed close behind with Lyles running sweep. All I know is when we turned that corner into the top of Mercury it sounded like a lion that was going to chew me up and spit me out, it was foaming at the mouth. I don't remember much, because I was so focused on Joe – had to maneuver between the big holes at the top and run left at the huge hole at the bottom, then line up for the Nozzle. Upon exiting the Nozzle, I eddied right. I yelled so loud at the bottom, I was shaking – I had to take a moment to compose myself before we headed out. At Dejavu I went right over the top of the rock, spun around sideways and had the biggest brace of my life – my abs were still sore a couple of days later. At Paradise I was able to rest a bit and watch the guys surf. Then down to Shangri-La, I was so worn out, I couldn't even carry my own boat out. Later that evening at the campfire Pixie asked me how it was and I was just too tired to go into detail – I hit the pillow hard that night.

As for my adventures on the Green since then, I'm taking the lead more so I'm comfortable with my lines. Mercury still keeps me very much on my toes.

SYOTR - Homer



A right-to-left line helps ensure that getting too far right still gives the chance to pivot off the rock.



Paul demonstrates the left-to-right line. While close to the rock, his boat is always well left of the rock. A right-to-left line puts a boat right of this rock and challenges the boater to regain the left side.

Flows up to 2250 CFS

Area to Regroup

FLOW DIRECTION

Power Lines Reference

Let's Make a Deal III

Nozzle IV

Mercury IV

SEVERE DANGER, @ Right
chute, AVOID!!! SWIMMING
HAZARD!!! Foot Entrapment
SIEVE!!!

STOP HERE EDDY #1 JUST
ABOVE MERCURY!!! Make sure
the Nozzle is clear before
proceeding. Large Eddy up to 25
boats. Line of site to Eddy #2

Safety Eddy #2 for lead boat to check
spacing. Hold up rest of group in Eddy #1
if needed. Line of site to Eddy's #1 & #3

Good Safety Eddy #3 up to 12
boats. Line of site to Eddy #2 & 5.

Great Safety Eddy #4 up to 5
boats River left after Nozzle

Good Safety Eddy #6 behind
Nozzle River Right. DO NOT
RUN RIGHT SLOT!!! up to 2
boats. Line of site to eddy #3

NOCTA

Attention Green River Boaters!!! Please coordinate your spacing between groups as needed with the group behind you. Several eddy's present an easy way to proceed without creating a dangerous stack of boats at the Nozzle. Any groups with issues at the Nozzle should set upstream safety in Eddy #3/4 to signal the next group to holdup in eddy's #1 and #2. Thankyou for your cooperation, the GRCU team



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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
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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Aug 12th	CAREY BERGER MEMORIAL SKAGITPOKER RUN	II	WRRR Board
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