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NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, February 9, 2011
 7:00-9:00 PM

Clackamas Aquatic Pool
 7300 SE Harmony Road
 Milwaukie, OR 97222

RIVER TIP

Submitted by Tom Hanson

When was the last time you checked your life jacket? Does it have adequate floatation?

You can test it at this month's OWA meeting (see above). In the warm summer months you can test it in a river. Make sure it provides maximum floatation and you have a feel for what it is like to float in a life jacket.

Transporting Rafts on Trailers

Submitted by Tom Hanson

Those of us who transport our rafts on trailers need to be careful of the way we strap the rafts to the trailers. In particular, we need to be careful of the buckles and hooks touching or even being near the raft's fabric. Unavoidably the straps vibrate when the trailer is moving. If the metal ends of straps are close to the fabric, they will vibrate and beat on the fabric as the trailer is being towed. On a trip of several hours, the vibrating metal can wear a hole in the material.

You need to put the straps on so that the metal ends of the straps hook to the trailer and the tightening belts are well away from the fabric. The technique that I use is to place the hook closest to the tightening belt in a tie-down hole on the trailer and then loop the strap over the frame of the raft and then back down to the trailer. I then place this second hook in the same hole as the first one. This keeps both hooks on the trailer and the tightening belt well away from the fabric. There are several other ways to strap a raft to a trailer and accomplish the same thing. Just make sure that no metal is close to the fabric of the raft.

Oregon Whitewater Association is dedicated to preserving, protecting and promoting Oregon's rivers for the safe enjoyment of both public and private non-motorized boating, now and in the future. We advocate fairness in accessibility to river resources and provide a voice for responding to river issues and management concerns.



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An advertisement for Cascade Outfitters. The top half shows various pieces of river equipment: a blue and black kayak, a tan cowboy hat, a wooden gear box, a yellow and black life vest, and a wooden rack. The text "Cascade" is written in a large, serif font, with "OUTFITTERS" in a smaller, sans-serif font below it. Below the equipment, the website "www.cascadecufitters.com" and phone number "800-223-7238" are listed. The bottom half of the ad shows a campsite with a white tarp and a tent on a grassy bank next to a river.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BRENDA BUNCE

Hello Fellow Boaters,

Join us for fun and river rescue practice at the Clackamas Pool on February 9. Bring your helmet, life jacket and throw rope and enter a raffle drawing for a free Henry's Deli shuttle on the Deschutes River, valued at \$70.00. We will have five stations to practice knots, accurate rope throwing and retrieving, rope management, cat boat flipping and setting up a Pig Rig and Z-drag rope rescue. The club is covering the cost and includes the use of the hot tub. (7:00-9:00 p.m.)

Be prepared. You may save a life. Dan Alsup is offering to teach a First Aid, CPR and AED class on February 12th. Get your two-year certification for the low cost of \$35.00. If interested, contact Dan for more details at rivermandan2698@yahoo.com.

Mark your calendars for May 21 and 22 for a two-day SWIFT WATER RESCUE COURSE. This comprehensive, inexpensive, (heavily subsidized for club members) course will not be something you want to miss. Sam Drevo of eNRG will be teaching this course so stay tuned for more details to come.

If you haven't already, check out our new state-of-the-art website at Oregonwhitewater.org A huge Thanks to Scott Ogren for spending countless hours designing and maintaining our website! Let Scott know what you think of it. We are continuously looking to make it more user friendly, interactive and a place where you can get all your whitewater information served.

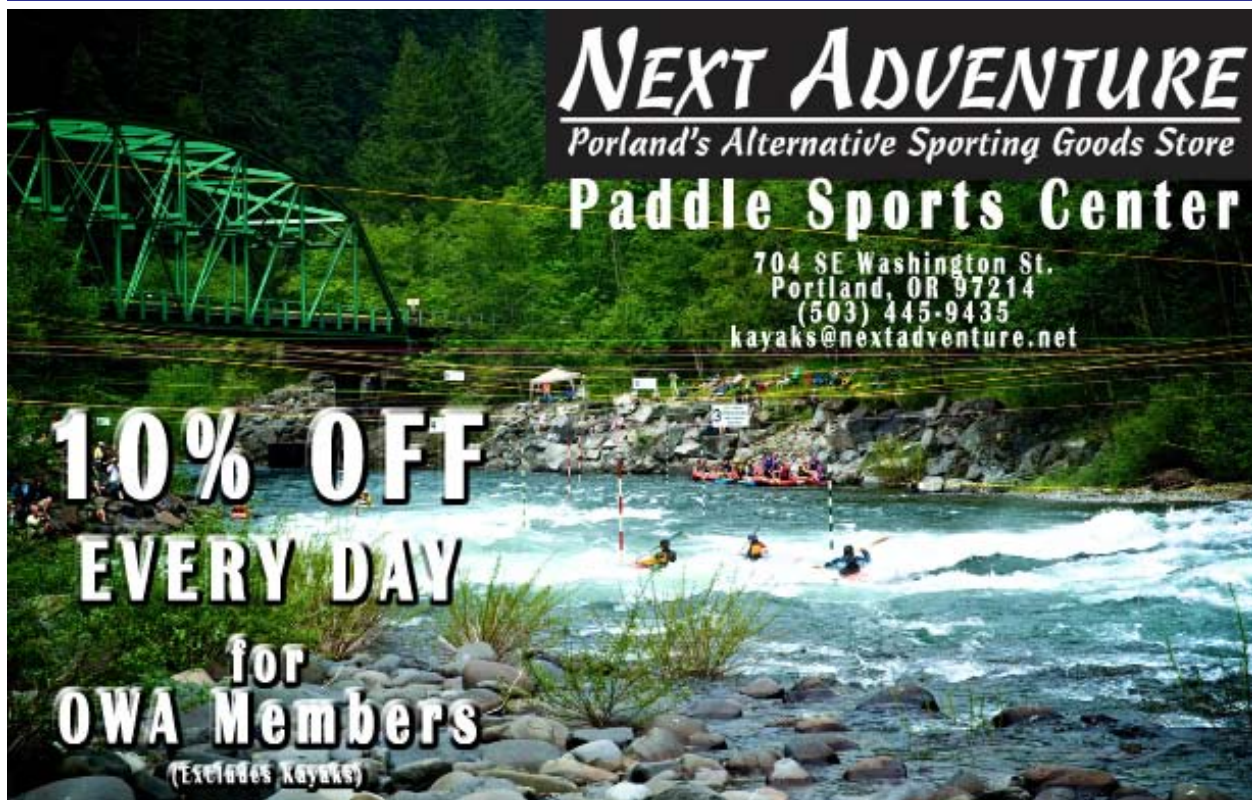
We will return to the KEEN FOOTWEAR location for our March 9th meeting. Sam Drevo has a great show in store. He will present his first documentary film project- Trout on the Wind - The Hemlock Dam Removal Project, a film about Century Paddle, and an extreme rafting slideshow that is sure to inspire those who wonder about limits of whitewater sport.

This will be a joint meeting with OKCC and as always, FREE Pizza.

Happy Boating and see y'all at the pool, Brenda

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~ John Muir



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2011 TRIP CALENDAR

Submitted by Josephine Denison

2.19-2.21 Sat-Mon	Rogue River	III/IV	Paul Morin Rick Carman	p.morin@comcast.net frederickcarman@comcast.net	503.348.6310 503.642.9347
ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION					
This will be a joint trip with OWA and OKCC. We have reserved the Galice Lodge for Friday, February 18. There is limited availability, reservations are required and are first come, first served. Please contact the Galice Lodge directly. Breakfast is also available for Saturday and reservations are also required.					
4.8-10 Fri-Sun	Lower North Umpqua	III/IV	Brenda Bunce	brenda.bunce@gmail.com	360.931.4224
ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION					
We'll stay at Whistler's Bend County Park. We have reserved Section B, which is the bigger area that can be reserved and holds up to 70 people, 15-20 RVs and plenty of tents. Potluck Saturday night. This is a joint trip with the NWRA Roseburg chapter.					
4.16 Sat	Deschutes River	III/IV	Tom Hanson	TJHrafter@earthlink.net	503.201.4428
ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION					
This is a day float on the middle Deschutes. The river is free of other boaters at this time. We will shuttle the vehicles down to Sandy Beach starting at 10:00am sharp for a 11:00 am launch Harpham Flats. Bring your lunch.					
5.13-5.15 Fri-Sun	Grande Ronde River	III	Eric and Candace Ball	balle@pocketinet.com	509.525.6134
ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION					
Minam to Heller's Bar on the Snake, 90 miles in three days! Expect to do a lot of rowing, but in return you get great scenery, good camping and green canyon walls in this early season perennial favorite trip.					
5.28-5.29 Sat-Sun	Lochsa River	IV-V	Steve Herring	stevenh@tektronix.com	503.348.0648
6.3-6.5 Fri-Sun	North Umpqua River	III/IV	Brenda Bunce	brenda.bunce@gmail.com	360.931.4224
ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION					
We'll stay at the Deerflat Group area at Horseshoe Bend. The main trip is Saturday from Boulder Flat to Gravel Bin but you can boat any of the three days. Potluck Saturday night. This is a joint trip with the NWRA Roseburg chapter.					
6.13-6.17 Mon-Fri	Main Salmon River	IV	Eric and Candace Ball	balle@pocketinet.com	509.525.6134
ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION					
Corn Creek to Spring Bar, approximately 90 miles. This is a high flow, early season, pre-lottery run down the River of No Return. Wilderness Class IV water boating skills and appropriate equipment are required. NOTE: This trip will cancel if the trip leader gets a Yampa River permit.					
6.17-6.19 Fri-Sun	Lower Deschutes River	III	Carol Beatty	doncarol1@verizon.net	503.816.6172
ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION					
The annual OWA Women's trip! Put in at Buck Hollow and run to Heritage Landing; 42 river miles. The trip is open to all skill levels from beginner to seasoned boater. For women wanting to learn more about boating, it's a great opportunity to learn from experienced boaters.					
6.18-6.21 Sat-Tues	John Day River	II	Scott Ogren	scott@scottogren.com	503.267.9785
ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION					
This is a great river for kids and families. The river is mellow and the camping is great! Join us on this beautiful river for a four-day, three-night float from Service Creek to Clarno.					

2011 TRIP CALENDAR CONTINUED

7.2-7.4 Sat-Mon	Lower Salmon River	III/IV	Eric and Candace Ball	balle@pocketinet.com	509.525.6134
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ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION

Run Hammer Creek to Heller's Bar on the Snake River, 73 miles in three days! This is another favorite trip, with great scenery, fabulous beach camping, history and fun whitewater. Expect hot weather.

NOTE: This trip cancels if flow is over 20,000 on Slide Rapid day, or if the trip leader gets a Middle Fork Permit.)

7.15-17 Fri-Sun	McKenzie River	III	Brenda Bunce	brenda.bunce@gmail.com	360.931.4224
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ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION

Join us for an OWA Board-sponsored weekend of rafting on the McKenzie River. OWA has paid for campsites reservations at Paradise campground. This is a beautiful Class III river. We have a choice of separate runs rated II+ to III between Ollalie Campground and McKenzie Bridge. This is an excellent family float. Our plan is to arrive Friday evening, and we will raft Saturday and/or Sunday. Enjoy hot springs at Belknap and a group potluck Saturday evening.

9.10 Sat	Yakima River	II	Vance Cordell	pyloris58@yahoo.com	360.253.3013
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ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION

We will run 14 miles from the Ringer Loop boat ramp near Ellensburg to the Big Pines BLM campground on Highway 821. This is a family float with absolutely beautiful scenery along the river. The trip leader will go early and try to hold several camp sites at Big Pines for the evening before the float. We will start the shuttle at 10:00 am and be ready to put in at 11:00 am. For those who want to stay Saturday night, there will be a barbecue that evening.

9.17-9.19 Sat- Mon	Hell's Canyon	II/IV	Mike Moses	mtymo_@hotmail.com	509.240.4220
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11.12-11.14 Sat-Mon	Rogue River	III/IV	Scott Ogren	scott@scottogren.com	503.267.9785
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ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION

The trip is from Graves Creek to Foster Bar. A group of us will be spending Friday night, November 11 at the Galice Lodge before the launch on Saturday morning.



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