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NEXT OWA MEETING

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

North Clackamas Aquatic Park
7300 SE Harmony Road
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RIVER TIP

Submitted by Tom Hanson

Need a water bottle holder?

Customize your own holder from one-inch webbing. You can design it to attach anywhere. On my big cataraft, I have it draped over the cooler so it is always in front of me, easy to reach.



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TRIP REPORT

[Click here for more information on Drift Creek at the OWA website](#)

Running Drift Creek

January 28, 2012 • Submitted by Tom Riggs

We couldn't find Amundsen, Livingston, Cook, Armstrong, or Polo, so our avid exploration group had to settle for the likes of Glen Chapman, Richard Riggs, Brian Albers, Chip Sell, Bruce Ripley, Kyle Riggs, Corey Donohue, Brian Riggs, Roger Finger, Paul Morin, David Allen, Bob Hunt, Ryan Rose, me, and our faithful man-servant (shuttle driver) Adam Riggs. This journey would take the five inflatables and one kayak into the depths of the Drift Creek Wilderness along the Central Oregon Coast.

This trip was originally going to be a typical Siletz run, but the stars were lining up right to give us what we thought would be a good water level for a trip down Drift Creek, the Alsea tributary.

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ABOVE: Paul Morin's paddle crew threading a boulder garden

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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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY BRENDA BUNCE

Hello fellow club members,

YOUR OWA BOARD JUST CONCLUDED OUR FIRST MEETING IN PREPARATION FOR 2012. I am very excited to share with you the exciting events we have planned for you this year and to briefly highlight the accomplishments of 2011. Our budget is in excellent standing and thanks to all the members that attend our monthly meetings and who have participated in the 50/50 raffle, we are fast accruing money that will help support two major rescue classes. This year we will be offering an affordable Wilderness First Aid class (most likely in May) and a Swift Water Rescue class in October. In addition we will be holding an auction of gift certificates from river shuttles companies that have graciously donated their services to our club to help us raise money for our rescue training. We thank the following companies for their contributions:

- All Rivers Shuttle
- Hells Canyon Shuttle
- Henri's Deli Mart
- Owyhee River Shuttles
- Galice Resort

February 8 is our annual Clackamas Pool rescue training.

This is a GREAT opportunity to really practice your river skills with well qualified and experienced instructors. Come practice your river knots, re-flip a raft and Cat boat (we provide the boats), throw ropes and practice rescue swimming. Don't forget to BRING your helmet, throw rope, rubber shoes and life jacket.

THANKS TO BRUCE RIPLEY AND SCOTT OGREN for their considerable time in developing our new interactive membership roster that will go live on-line, on the website, private to members only, in the next couple of months. Now you will be able to view and update your information, make changes as needed and connect to fellow members in a snap.

In 2011, our club grew by 85 new member households. This is the direct result of having a highly active club full of fun and safety conscious river runners. Here is a list of what we offered:

- An abundance of phenomenal organized year-round river trips
- Dynamic presentations at our monthly meetings
- Participation in river clean ups around our community
- Swift Water Rescue training
- Annual Picnic and Gear Swap
- Joint trips with other river clubs
- Volunteers assisting with club functions
- Members sharing river trip reports and photos
- Club purchased equipment: AED defibrillator, club banner

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“Swift or smooth, broad as the Hudson or narrow enough to scrape your gunwales, every river is a world of its own, unique in pattern and personality. Each mile on a river will take you further from home than a hundred miles on a road.”

~Bob Marshall



As always, we want to hear from you on your ideas on how to make our club even greater. Mentoring new boaters, offering diverse rafting trips, such as family friendly trips, and increasing our safety skills is very important and partly what makes our club so successful. As our membership continues to expand every month, it has become increasingly more important for volunteers to step up and help organize events and lead trips. Thank you to all who continue to give us your feedback and assistance.

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OWA Club Growth Statistics

Submitted by Scott Ogren

We all know the club has grown a considerable amount over the past few years, and Brenda (OWA President) tells us at each meeting that we have experienced tremendous growth. If you are a long-time member, you see a lot of new faces. But just exactly how many new faces are there? How many new members are there and just exactly how much has the club grown?

For the current membership and website statistics to mean anything, there needs to be a baseline to compare them against. In the fall of 2009 when I was given the club membership information as the incoming Membership Director, there were 118 households with a paid membership to the club. At that time, we were sending a hard copy of the newsletter to about 100 households and emailing it to the rest.

I inherited the website and started keeping track of visitor statistics a few months later in the spring of 2010 and our website was averaging about 30 or 40 visitors per day, but the average time spent on the site was less than one minute, so the visits were not quality visits where someone got something meaningful from the website.

Since then, several things have improved. We started with the ability for current club members to pay their dues online through the website and that was a major improvement to the behind-the-scenes management of the current membership. Then in January 2011, the website received a major upgrade from a static HTML site to a database-driven content

Visitors Overview

Jan 1, 2012 - Jan 31, 2012

100.00% of total visits

1,323 people visited this site



52.52% New Visitor
1,126 Visits

47.48% Returning Visitor
1,018 Visits

management system that opened possibilities that are either not available or difficult to achieve with a static HTML site.

Several things were added to the site that makes it interactive and easy for people to use. One of the biggest improvements that was added was the ability to sign up online – that has been an incredible success. True story – I had just finished setting up the online sign-up process and was testing it to make sure it worked

like it should when the first person signed up online. I was shocked when that happened.

Another major improvement is we now email the newsletter to basically everyone in the club and we send it with a system that allows us to track how many people open the newsletter and download it. We have very good data on the readership of the newsletter and it's good. We have a newsletter that is professionally produced and it looks great – people want to read it.

Where do we stand?

How many people belong to the OWA now?

Here is some information about where we stand right now.

Web site statistics for January, 2012

- **2144 Visits** – about 72 times per day someone visited the website
- **1323 Unique Visitors** – about 44 different people per day visited the website
- **7408 Page Views** – about 245 pages per day are being looked at by website visitors

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I had driven down two weeks before our launch to reconnoiter the situation. The roads in this part of the Untamed West are confusing at best but with the modern aid of GPS – and of all things, driving in the daylight – I was able to mark some waypoints for a suitable camp site. (There may be some discussion on what is suitable; my definition starts with the term “level” with rocks and mud being minor inconveniences to the hearty men of the “Drift Creek” Expedition). The three possible launch points are all at concrete bridges, the uppermost having the easiest carry.

During the pre-trip scout I drove the Forest Service/ Georgia Pacific state roads to the “Soggy Sneakers” take-out and found where the “Drift” portion of the creek got its name. The last five miles of flatwater could be really flat, I thought, especially if there were an incoming tide from Alsea Bay coupled with an upstream wind.

I drove upstream along the county road fenced in on both sides by “No Trespassing” signs along the way. The wooden arched bridge, about half a mile from the roads end gave me pause, but I figured the rancher must use it to access his cattle in the upper pasture, so what the heck, and proceeded to the end of the road where two locked gates lead to the river’s edge.

I vaguely recalled this take-out on a previous trip back when Joe Montana was quarterback for the 49ers.

Access was key if we were going to do a same day shuttle and make this a day run, so I queried the semi-permanent trailer resident about securing permission to have boaters take out on the property in two weeks. He said I would have to check with the land owner who lived down the road about a mile. He was not home but I did get a phone number and called and got an answering machine. No return call after four days, so I called again and got a live body but she said I would have to talk to Bill and she would have him call me back. Well, another four days passed, and he returned my call and pondered the details

of my request. He asked if we were a bunch of kayakers and I said we would be in rafts and have several vehicles at the take-out for the day. He agreed and let his son know so we would not have any issues. I got the feeling he would have suggested we go to the further takeout had we been kayakers. At the time we did not have a kayak in the group but cancellations made room for our fantastic probe and photographer, kayaker Chip Sell. Rafters consider kayakers as cannon fodder expendable for the “cause”.

The Siletz was going to be above six feet and the ground was fairly saturated. I estimated the flow on Drift Creek would hold to a runnable level and made the decision to raft it. A bonus was the forecast for one day of sunny weather. Surely the gods were enticing us. Like any professional sports outfit, it is paramount to have a deep bench and when three of the original five boats had to cancel due to injuries, illness etc, we called up the willing and the

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Safety talk at launch



Bruce Ripley, Corey Donohue, Kyle Riggs, Brian Riggs waiting for shuttlers to return to launch site

dumb to take their place. What people will do for glory.

We loaded up the motor home and utility trailer with two paddle rafts, and made stops in Portland, Lake Oswego, and Corvallis to pick up our crew. Because we thought we needed some more nautical experience we also invited Captain Morgan, Admiral Nelson, Sailor Jerry and their landlubber counterpart Jack Daniels. Boris and Ivan (aka Bob hunt and David Allen) met us at the camp site along with Glen Chapman where Roger was introduced to the river rowdies and some songs that make sailors blush. Amazing what the ambience of a campfire can do; but that is not our style, so it is good that there are places far, far away

from others where societal mores have little meaning and beans and burps and beer can run rampant.

The next morning, those who made it to bed crawled out of the sack and helped those who could not find their tent or sleeping bag or who had to abandon their sleeping bag. Paul provided his massive breakfast sandwiches and we were breaking camp when Brian Albers, Chip, and Bruce found us, only to be directed back upstream to our launch point. We drove the other rigs to the put-in and rigged boats for the next hour, then caravanned the one hour and 15 minutes to the take-out. Those not shuttling were left behind with firewood and too much beer which "had

too be depleted because it would not fit on the boats".

Upon returning from the takeout we zipped up our wetsuits and drysuits and battened down the hatches. Bruce, Chip and I came up with signal protocol and gave a safety talk. We had pin kits, ropes, a defibrillator, food, not enough headlamps, but the vigor and vim of the First Crusaders headed to the Holy Land. Our enthusiasm was drenched as our shuttle car disappeared out of sight and we came around the first bend not 250 feet from our launch to see a tree spanning all but five feet of the left bank. Our two paddle boat crews were still trying to figure out right from left when we saw this. Given

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that there was no room to fit the paddles in and squeeze by the tree we opted to line this. Could this be what we would be in for the next 11 miles? If so it could mean a long cold night in the Drift Creek Wilderness.

Chip was up front pointing to "the good stuff" and we still rocked up quite often when we weren't ducking overhanging branches. The paddle boaters would look back with envy at Bruce in his purple missile boat outfitted with a narrow frame. It looked like Brian was having similar ease in his cat boat where he could Fred Flintstone over several rocks. Even Ivan and Boris in their paddle cat were able to straddle many boulders that acted as brakes for the round boats.

We passed under the second bridge and then the third one zigging and zagging. The last chance for an easy hike out would soon be behind us as the abandoned logging road running parallel to the river gave way to wilderness. While Bob and David appeared to have the teamwork

down to the point of non-verbal cues, the two paddle rafts were experiencing a fusillade of commands that would leave one to believe Larry, Curly, Moe, and Shemp were controlling the destiny of the boats. Actually, they would have been an improvement.

Eventually the crews decided it was easier to paddle the raft than to drag it across every possible route combination that involved going over a rock.

We actually made it though some rapids without rocking up only to come to another situation where there was an island that had a small log jamb on one side and insufficient water on the other side. Dave and Bob said there might be a way to get by the log jamb if you could make the cut over the pour-over rock. Given that we were into the wilderness section, I opted to line this one as did the others. Everybody out of the boats for this one.

One of the important aspects of running rivers in the winter's limited daylight is to make decisions relatively fast after assessing the situation. If you spend too much time debating you usually end up going with your first instinct anyway and burn 15 more minutes. There was a good consensus on these types of issues, especially from Corey, as we were figuring to eat him first if we needed to spend the night.

We played bumper cars down the river and were doing about three miles per hour on what Pat Welch's River page estimated at 1000 cfs. I would put it closer to 700 cfs where we were. Given our speed and the time of day it looked like we were doing fine by the clock. Uh Oh! Two blasts from the whistle. Pull out. I knew the river had swollen to about 8000 cfs during the previous week's storm. I hoped it had flushed everything out, but that theory went to hell in a handbasket.

In front of us was a river wide log jamb about 12 feet high. It was quite impressive to see the large trees stacked in

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a tangled mess with the river sieving through it. Chip scouted the right bank and I scouted the left for a portage route. His side was flatter compared to the cliff-side course I was surveying. Richard, Brian Riggs, and Ryan dragged our boat back upstream to give us a better chance of crossing to the right bank where the other boaters had landed. By the time we secured our paddle raft to the bank, the paddle cat had been portaged by Bob, Dave, Brian and Glen.

One of the problems with portaging west side rivers is trees. We had a six-foot diameter alder that was just plain old in the way. Glen had packed his saw – so he, Paul and Kyle took turns doing some lumberjacking to make for an easier raft route. On the far side of the tree the bank dropped off about six feet down to the river. We basically dumped boats onto those who were below, knocking Brian Riggs onto his back in the process, and they diverted them back into the



Caption goes here.

creek where we lined them to a tie-off point. One paddle was lost during the bounce but recovered in an eddy 200 feet downstream by Chip. No worries mate, we carry a spare.

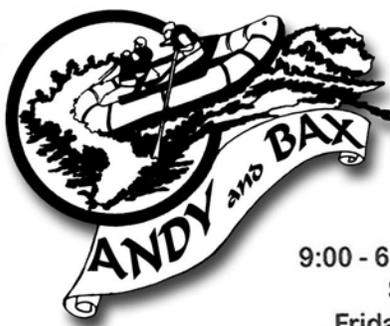
The river seemed to widen but how many more of these portages would we encounter? It was about 2:45 p.m. The sun was hiding behind the hills already.

The technical nature of the river picked up and we found ourselves navigating boulder gardens and enjoying some

short wave trains. Someone even found a beer or two and since we did not stop for lunch we figured "steak in a can" to rejuvenate some calories. There were significant paddle commands calling for changes in directions. Eventually some of us swapped sides to even up the workout we were enjoying. Some pain is good. This stuff is good pain.

Look ahead: the river has

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a mini horizon line and a nice drop. This must be the one Class 3 mentioned in Soggy Sneakers. As I recall, we would not be too far from our take-out. The Sitka spruce were big but even more impressive were the massive moss-draped maples that reminded one of the Spanish moss that drapes the Florida Cypress.

Ivan and Boris decided it was time for a chewable lunch and pulled over on a beach on river left where everyone decided 3:45 p.m. was still within the socially acceptable time frame to eat a sandwich. The map shows the Harris Ranch Trail coming down in this vicinity, and we walked up the bench a little way to see a dim trail donned with lots of elk droppings. There was a cedar tree 25 feet from our rafts that had a riverside plaque in memoriam of the Richard Clellam and his son who both loved to fish this area and passed away in 1996 and 2006 aged 32 and 22. Supposedly the trail fords the river near here and scoots up the north side of

the canyon. Must be a summer route. Richard did pack out the nice pair of size 10-1/2 tennis shoes Bruce found for him.

After our 20-minute lunch we got back in the saddle, which after about three hours is not so fun in the paddle cat, and headed downstream. The river had more volume but the Russkies found a way to bury one tube of their unconventional cat craft on a rock. Give them credit though, because they stayed in the saddle and freed themselves from the grips of Drift Creek. The two paddle rafts rocked up on river left then river right and by then the deleted expletives were given no heed. We noticed we lost our edge during our brief lunch break.

Signs of civilization were on river right. There was no road according to the map but Chip poswd next to a sidebar hay cutter from the horse-drawn era. Anything over 50 years old gets designated as an artifact in the wilderness and has to be left alone. Yikes, that means at least four of us would have to be abandoned out in Drift Creek. Better not to share that law with the rest of the folk on this trip.

Well, it looked like we would not have to eat Corey as we came upon the end of the ranch and the two locked gates that separate us from our vehicles. It turns out that Adam used his dog as a guinea pig to test the electrification of the fence. No voltage, so the dog turned out to be useful after all. Hiking the boats the 300 feet to the vehicles was an exercise in mud travel. The deepest bog was knee high but only for the length of a car.

After packing our gear up, a bottle of schnaaps came out to warm the souls of the soggy explorers knowing we had successfully braved the depths of Drift Creek.

On the way out we stopped at the landowner's ranch house and after a less than warm greeting by his dog he stepped out to talk to us. He was wondering if we were going to make it out that night given that it was 5:30. We expressed our thanks for his permission to pass on his land which saved us five miles of flatwater by giving him a half gallon of Jack Daniels. I think he appreciated it. I know we did.



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- Average time on the site is about 3:30, and it's been that for most of the past year. Visitors are spending time getting useful information from the website.
- Advertisers who purchase ads on the website had their banner shown about 122,000 times from February 2011 through January 2012.
- The most visited page on the website is the homepage and the second most visited page is the trip calendar. People want to know about the trips we take.

OWA club statistics

- We have about 220 households, 315 active members, and that doesn't include kids and other household members. When you take the total number of people into consideration who need gear and other whitewater related products that have a direct affiliation with the club, the number is about 450 people or so.
- The newsletter was sent to 266 email addresses in January, and that number grows each month. The open rate averages about 65%, which is great when compared to other organizations like ours. The industry average for email open rates for other clubs is about 21%, so we're doing pretty well.
- We average about seven new households per month signing up for the club online. In 2011, 85 new households signed up for the club online.
- In 2011, OWA had 26 club sponsored trips. We currently have 18 on the calendar for 2012, and more are being added all the time.
- In 2011, 40 people went through a weekend-long Swiftwater Rescue class and acquired rescue gear as part of the class at a substantial discount. We are currently planning a Wilderness First Aid class and another Swiftwater Rescue class for 2012.

As you can see, our club is very active and growing at an incredible rate. We grew by 63% in 2011 and more people continue to join all the time! To all of the new members – welcome to the OWA and I look forward to meeting you. If you can make it to the February meeting at the Clackamas Pool, I'll see you there.

President's Corner

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- Raffles, auctions, door prizes
- Exclusive discounts and product gifts from Keen, Next Adventure, River Connection, American Whitewater
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Introducing Oregon Whitewater Association's new

Treasurer

MERRIE KING has been a member of OWA for a couple years, and is active in club and board meetings. She currently helps with the 50/50 raffle to help support the next SRT class. Merrie and her husband, Jessie, have studied about river safety by taking classes, reading books, and watching informational videos. Merrie also helped set up and purchase food for the OWA annual picnic last August.

When Merrie is not on the river, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She also really likes to go to the movies. Merrie is also a clown! She went to clown school and is currently active with Rose Festival Character Clown Core. She loves being able to put her red nose on and make people laugh.

Merrie King is a high school math teacher at Springwater Trail High School in Gresham. Last year she finished her masters in educational technology. Merrie is skilled in mathematics and technology and is helping OWA run the numbers as our treasurer.



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Clackamas Pool Safety Training

Come one, come all to the Clackamas Pool Safety Training on February 8. The pool is located at 7300 SE Harmony Road, Milwaukie OR 97222.

OWA has organized another great event to help members advance their rescue skills to the next level or to simply add to their current bag of tricks.

We will begin promptly at 6:45 p.m. with the introduction of the five stations, their objectives and the rotation flow of the night. Come see how our instructors are passionate and committed to helping you raise your confidence and your abilities to rescue yourself and others on the river.

Be sure to bring your helmet, river shoes, lifejacket and throw rope.

STATION #1 KNOTS

Students will learn five basic knots – what they are best used for and why it is important to dress knots properly.

Instructor: Scott Ogren

Scott will show you how to tie the Bowline, Figure 8, Water Knot and Prussic.



STATION #2 THROW BAGS

THROWING, RETRIEVING
 and RE-THROW

Students will practice opening, throwing their rope to their target and retrieving and coiling rope properly

Instructor: Brent Davis

STATION #3 RAFT FLIPPING

Learn the different leverages and angles to re-flipping your raft.

Instructor: Zach Collier

STATION #4 THROW BAGS

LIVE BAIT and
 RIVER SIGNALS

Throw to moving person in deep water from a perched position (and re-throw). Students will practice grabbing rope, position it over shoulder, and get pulled in deep water.

Instructor: Val Shaull

STATION #5 CAT BOAT FLIPPING

Students will learn how to flip with and without flip lines. Learn advantages and disadvantages of knots in the flip line. Understand leveraging your weight and size and other tricks to re-flipping your Cat boat.

Instructor: Dave Nissen

Trip Calendar

Submitted by Pat Barry

Please go to the OWA website for additional details on each trip.

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Or go to <http://oregonwhitewater.org/calendar/trip-calendar>



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