



# Crosscurrents

## The President's Point of View

'Sup?

If you have not seen them, our club now has not one, but TWO new Stand Up Paddle boards (SUP)s. You have to give them a try while the water is still holding warm summer temps. The longer board (Ol'Blue) is 12'6" and the other (Grey Ghost) is 10'6". Both are very stable to get up on and paddle. We have two adjustable paddles and one non adjustable. All are stored in the corner. These boards are located on the Barn's main floor and are a little cumbersome to pull out and return. Tom Feil and Bob Derry are working on a rack design that will make it easier once they get it installed. In the mean time please be careful of the other equipment close by. We all need to be very grateful for Arlberg Sports and Scott Patton. He sharpened his pencil several times to give the club the best possible deal we could ask for. All hail Scott!!!





It is working! Your board has had discussions about security options for months, trying to come up with a plan to curb the loitering, littering and slovenly (non-member) behavior the barn and dock area seem to attract. Well, without us lifting a finger, our friends at the PUD hired off duty police officers to step up patrols in the area and holy smoke, IT IS WORKING!!! This is quite an investment toward encouraging appropriate behavior and protecting our resources. All hail the PUD!!!

Have you heard of David Thompson? Well, I hope by now you have. But for those with more than just a paddling life, soon you are going to get very well acquainted. We are cooperating to put together a local welcoming celebration and fill a voyageur canoe to celebrate the 2011 David Thompson Columbia River Brigade! This is the Bicentennial of the first ever recorded trip from the headwaters to the mouth of the Columbia River.

WRPC is involved as a coordinating partner along with the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Chelan County Port, The City of Rock Island, Rock Island Elementary, The City of Entiat, the City of Pateros, Douglas County PUD, Washington State Parks Dept. and the Grand Columbia Council for Boy Scouts of America, just to name those so far. This will be an exciting nine months leading up to the Brigade's Wenatchee arrival and historic reenactment of the landing at Rock Island on June 28, 2011.

Those of you who enjoy history and want more information are invited to join us for our WRPC Annual Meeting October 20th, 7:00PM at the Wenatchee Valley Museum.

-Skip Johnson

## **Event Updates**

### **P-p-p poker face:**

WRPC's first-ever Paddle, Picnic and Poker Run was held on August 7th. In a nutshell the weather, company and food were all in the "exceptionally great" category and the event was deemed a success. Glen Frese had the highest poker hand (with a little help from his friends), and won the Anjou Bakery pie, which he generously donated to Zach Smith. If we choose to continue holding this event expect some minor changes in the paddle route and card stations, and maybe even some rules of play should be established!



Big thank-yous go to Virginia Rutherford for volunteering to oversee the picnic area while the paddle took place and to everyone else who helped out and participated. Again and again I am amazed by the big hearted people in the paddling community.

**UP NEXT:** Our next scheduled club event will be the Crescent Bar to Vantage Paddle to be held on September 18th. Contact Bob Derry at 884-4019 for more information.

If you have any ideas that you would like to see incorporated into the event schedule please talk to or e-mail one of your board members. Your input and feedback will help us to serve you better.

-Kim George

### **Lake Samish Salmon Roe**

On Saturday, September 25th, several of the club members will be heading to Bellingham and for a paddle race on Lake Samish. This is put on by Sound Rowers and is open to all human powered watercraft. After the paddle there is a salmon feed, making it one of the best events sponsored by the Sound Rowers. If anyone would like to attend e-mail Tom at: [2canoe@charter.net](mailto:2canoe@charter.net) and I will assist in arranging travel and boat transportation among those who reply.

We will need to return to Wenatchee Saturday as the Guano Rocks Regatta is the next day, Sunday Sept. 26th.

-Tom Feil

### **Guano Rocks Regatta September 26th**

The annual Guano Rocks Race and Tour will be on Sunday September 26th with pre-event instructions beginning at 9:00. The event is held at Lincoln Rock State Park and is open to members and non-members. The event will be timed for those who choose to race. That course will be from the park out around Guano Rocks and back. For those who choose to tour, you may go at your own pace and it is suggested that you go the distance around the Turtle



Rock Island and back to the park. Snacks and water will be provided. Please come and join the fun!!!

If at all possible, try to arrange your own transportation. If you do need help, Tom Feil will be available to coordinate that. He can be reached by email : tom@bobfeil.com or by cell :509-393-5988. If you have further questions contact Linda Stephan 509-670-2192.

-Linda Stephan

## **Crew News**

### **Head Racing is Here!**

The Fall season is underway, which means head racing! Head races are typically 5,000 to 7,000 meters long and feature curved courses. The boats are started 10 to 15 seconds apart, with crews striving to catch the crew in front of them while avoiding being caught. Training for these races requires long pieces on the water to build up the crew's aerobic endurance.

### **Masters Gearing up to Compete at American Lake Fall Classic**

The WRPC Masters will compete at the American Lake Fall Classic in Tacoma, Washington, on October 16, 2010. Currently the team is hoping to field a Mens 4+ and/or a Mixed 8+. The Masters are now practicing Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 5:30 a.m. and Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m. to prepare for this event. Any experienced Masters rowers who are interested in participating may contact David at [bentsendj@gmail.com](mailto:bentsendj@gmail.com).

### **Junior Program Kickoff**

Jim Dahl is leading the charge to establish the WRPC Junior rowing program. On Saturday, September 11, Jim is hosting an information session for Junior athletes and their parents to learn about crew. Any interested parties may contact Jim at [jb\\_dahl@hotmail.com](mailto:jb_dahl@hotmail.com)

### **Interested in Learning to Row?**

All Club members are invited to join us the first Saturday each month at 7:00 a.m. for an introduction to the basics of sweep rowing. If you have any questions contact David at [bentsendj@gmail.com](mailto:bentsendj@gmail.com).

-David Bentsen



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