



**Wenatchee Row
& Paddle Club**

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Wenatchee *SPLASH*

*Bringing the Columbia
River to your home*

The official newsletter of the Wenatchee Row and Paddle Club (WRPC). Made by members for members.

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Club Calendar:

Dec 1 – Feb 28

TBD	Crew indoor training camp, pending
Jan 1	New Year's paddle & hot beverage social
28	Indoor rowing sprints, Seattle
TBD	Board retreat
Feb TBD	Ergomania, Green Lake (Crew)
March 1	Crew season begins

Happenings From Your Board of Directors

Your Board of Directors meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Wenatchee World Conference Room. You are welcome to attend these meetings and raise an issue you may be concerned about at such meetings. It would be appreciated if you notify the Board President of your intent to do that in advance, however, so it can be planned into the agenda, which is set by an Executive Committee meeting about a week in advance.

The board will meet for its annual retreat in January. If you have specific items you would like the board to discuss, please submit them to Larry Tobiska. November 15 was the club annual meeting where three board positions were renewed/replaced. Tom Cushing and Becky Peters have very graciously agreed to continue their board memberships for another term as well as continue maintaining the website for another year. We are very grateful they have agreed to continue their invaluable website programming roles long enough to get some new people trained up. We really need one or two people with programming experience to step up and learn the website from them before they move on from these roles soon! We all really rely on the website to communicate with club members as well as the community, so we definitely don't want to lose this irreplaceable tool. We are excited to welcome a new board member, Gretchen Woods! We are all encouraged by the consistent growth in the club and look forward to planning events for next summer at the board retreat in January.

- Trista Becker

ALSO check out the Wenatchee Outdoor Calendar for other regional events:

<http://www.wenatcheeoutdoorsforum.org/calendar.php>

Checkouts:

2016 club member checkout history is available by request. In addition to being able to satisfy your curiosity about your boat usage, the information can be useful documentation for employer wellness programs.

Email Dan at pyrite2357@gmail.com with your name and request, and he will send you a custom report.

This year the Board has extensively reviewed the standing policies on which we operate.

You, as a member of WRPC, will want to know about some of these, and, they make such delightful reading, we are sure you will want to read them all. They can be found on the website under the drop down menu under "Club" and then "Policies."

If you have a boat stored in the little boathouse (the barn) you especially should look at these because we have set a standard of 24 sign outs each year for eligibility to be in that little boathouse.

As to sign outs, another new feature is that participation in club activities as a volunteer worker will earn you a credit as a sign out, so even if you don't get 24 actual sign outs you can be given credit for such volunteer work. The Board decided not to require a certain number of sign outs at this time for storage of boats in the annex but this is an open question for the future so making a habit of signing out is a good idea for all members.

Sign outs are tallied for the 12 months of each year ending at the end of October.

We have also clarified how many slips any "membership" can have and how many boats can be stored in the annex and/or barn by any membership.

We set a deadline for ourselves of April 15 for payment of dues for each new year after which the membership lapses. This will give us an incentive to review payments before too much of the year passes. Please wait until after the first of the year to make payments to accommodate the changes we make each year in order to receive the payments and give proper credit.

This policy statement should help guide us as our club continues to grow and be a vital part of the community.

Larry Tobiska, Club President

American Lake Fall Classic

Remember that mega storm that headed toward Seattle last month? Typhoon Songda was set to bring 70mph winds directly across the South Seattle area the weekend of the American Lake Regatta. Optimistically, the race organizers changed the schedule in the hopes that the storm would pass before the regatta. However, around two days prior to the event the storm was threatening severe impending doom directly across American Lake the day of the regatta (Sunday). They wisely cancelled. Since the club unfortunately missed the deadline to

On the web...

Stay tuned to the WRPC website

<http://www.wenatcheepaddles.org/>

and Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/NCWrowandpaddle>

for upcoming events. Also check out the events calendar to the left for what's happening in the next 3 months.

register for the other prime regatta of head racing season – Head of the Lake – this meant no head/fall races for the club rowers this year. Here's to next year!

- Trista Becker

Regular Happenings

Regular club events have finished for the winter.

Please check back in with us in March!

Guano Rocks Regatta

Guano Rocks-2016

Wenatchee Row and Paddle Club's annual Guano Rocks Race took place in early October. The event, held at Lincoln Rock State Park, was well attended with 31 local and out of town racers rowing or paddling various types of boats. Even more fun loving people showed up for the Country Boys BBQ lunch which followed the race. Awards were given, conversation was shared, and it was just one of those rewarding events that I consider to be a pleasant break from routine life.

Of course there are a handful of thank you credits to be voiced any time an event like this happens. We thank the staff at Lincoln Rock State Park for working with us. Thank you to Burt Koch and Oneonta/Starr Ranch Growers for donating bags of apples to be given out to attendees. Thanks again this year to Country Boys, they are a pleasure to work with. Thanks go to Sound Rowers for giving our Wenatchee Race an official spot on their schedule. But...(drumroll), here comes the most important recognition of all. **Thank you to the enthusiastic and efficient crew of volunteers that make it all possible.** No less than one dozen people donated their day to fill spots at the registration table, make up a timing team, transport a meal large enough to fill a mid-sized SUV, set up, take down, problem solve and everything in between. With smiles on their faces volunteers made this day a success. To say that we couldn't do it without them is not just some flowery statement. It is a fact.

We look forward to Guano Rocks 2017 when we can do this all again and we express our gratitude to all those who joined us this year.

Your Race Directors,

Skip and Kim

2016 Guano Rocks Volunteers: Kathleen Jackson, TJ Owen, Nancy Meier, Pat Fitzgerald, Virginia Rutherford, Yvette Matson, Jo Ream, Tom Cushing, Becky Peters, Shawn Koos, Skip Johnson and Kim George.



Set-up

Pre-race briefing



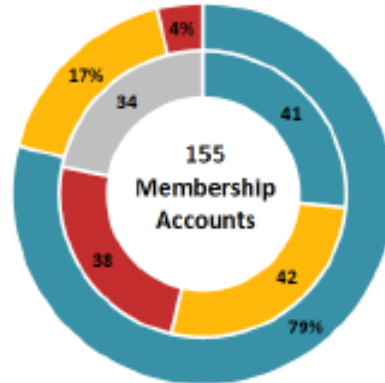
Racing!

Membership renewal time!

As another year comes to a close, its time to start thinking about renewing your club membership for next year. Don't miss out on any of the fun activities!

Your membership helps to pay for the club's many operating costs, such as the boathouse lease, equipment purchases and repairs, kids programs, social events, and more.

Our Year in review



2,789
Member
Check-
Outs

As of October 31, 2016, WRPC has 155 membership accounts serving 251 family and individual members.

2,789 member check-outs were recorded in 2016. Guests checked out an additional 167 times.

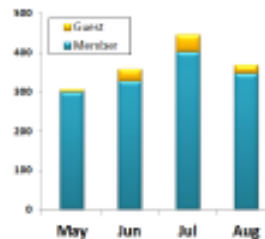
- High Use = 24+ Check-Outs
- Moderate Use = 6 to 23 Check-Outs
- Low Use = 1 to 5 Check-Outs
- Inactive = No Check-Outs

2,956 On-Water Experiences



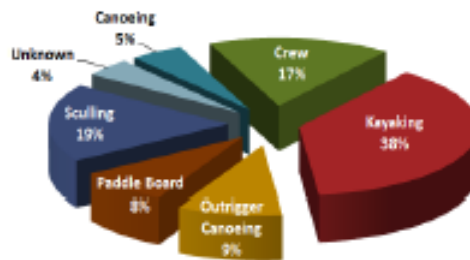
(excludes off-site activities, Youth on Columbia, and other club programs)

Peak Checkouts



34 New
Membership
Accounts

Most Popular Activities



Busiest Days of the Week

Tuesday #1
Saturday #2

Surplus Equipment

The club has one boat left for surplus. A well loved Wavesport. Asking \$150obo (see pic). Money will go back into the club equipment fund. Please email Trista@Trista.welsh@gmail.com



Newsletter Submissions

If you have ideas, letters, articles, pictures, etc. that you would like to contribute to this newsletter, please feel free to email them to Trista Becker at trista.welsh@gmail.com
