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Wenatchee *SPLASH*

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

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Club Calendar:

Mar 1 – May 31

Mar 18	Crew practice begins
TBD	Open paddle begins
Apr 8	Spring boathouse cleanup
TBD	Saturday canoe trips
May TBD	Spring YOC begins

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

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

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.

Board Retreated and Now Charges Forth

One Saturday in January your Board of Directors retreated for a few hours to take stock of where we are and where we should go.

We reviewed and updated our strategic plan and accepted the updated plans from the various committees: Executive committee, Membership/Communications/Tech Committee, Youth on Columbia Committee and Facilities and Equipment Committee. We decided these plans should be maintained on our website so everyone can see what we think we are doing. So look to an update of that site for the detail and full transparency.

We awarded Yvette Matson the Volunteer of the Year Award for her work with the Tuesday and Wednesday paddling groups. She is the first to recognize several others who have contributed so much to the success of those groups. Yvette's name

On the web...

Stay tuned to the WRPC website
<http://www.wenatcheepad.dle.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.

CLEAN-UP DAY!

Annual spring boathouse cleanup day –

April 8 from 9-12

We will be cleaning up both boat houses and making sure things are in their right place so the facilities and equipment can serve you and your fellow club members as well as possible.

Work gloves and a willingness to pitch in is about all that is required. We may be doing some touch up painting.

Coffee and donuts to be provided.

Questions?

Contact Allison Brodine
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goes on the plaque found on the second floor of the little boathouse along with past recipients of this recognition.

We discussed whether to change the location of our autumn regatta which is now the "Guano Rocks Regatta" to the Wenatchee area and postponed that decision until we can have further input about it.

We plan to do a work party in late March or early April (stay tuned) and to have a picnic in the summer again - maybe on 7/22.

The Board reviewed with great appreciation the work of Trista Becker in getting out this newsletter on a quarterly basis. You can provide input at any time for publication.

We reviewed our insurance coverage.

We discussed at some length the expansion plans on which progress will be made as soon as possible. We are at the stage of getting architectural and structural plans as a basis for funding.

Our budget for the new year was tweaked and is looking good. We plan to spend another \$5000 on new boats this year and the Facilities group will be looking at that.

So now we are charging ahead to implement what has been discussed. Please provide your input to any Board member about how to make WRPC better.

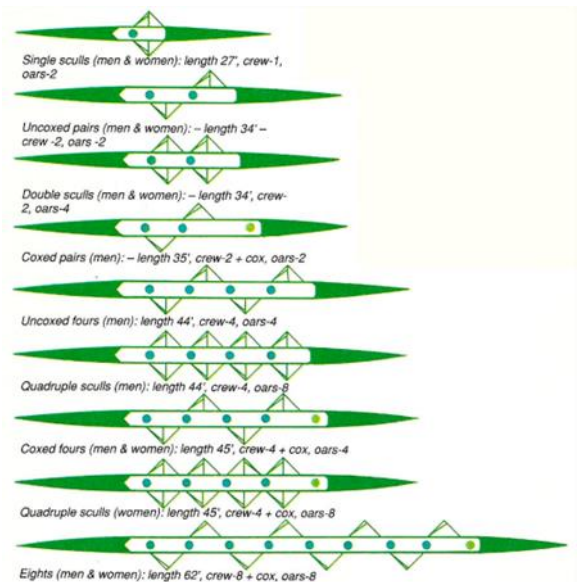
Thank you for your participation.

Larry Tobiska, Board President

ABOUT A BOAT

By: Trista Becker

What is the deal with those really long rowing shells anyways? Well did you know that the "eight-man" rowing shells are an average of 60-65 feet in length (depending on weight category) and weigh as much as 200lbs? The boat length must increase to accommodate space requirements and buoyancy for each additional body (and thus increased total boat weight). Originally, shells were made with wooden decking and a thin layer of wood fitted



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.

over it as a “shell”. Hence we call them “rowing shells” today. These large wooden boats were rowed for decades until composite materials came onto the scene. Boats started to be made using a mixture of wooden decking (or “guts”) with a fiberglass shell fitted over it. Skeptics doubted the value of fiberglass originally, and with good reason. Today most racing shells are made from “carbon fiber” (fiberglass) composites and have allowed crews to win with incredible speed. But, they still pale in comparison to the longevity of the wooden hull. Newer composite shells will lose their “stiffness” much faster than a wooden shell, and stiffness is important to maintain efficiency of the stroke that transfers human power into boat speed through the water. Hence, wooden boats may often not be as competitive with newer shells due to their weight, but will maintain a much longer useful life than newer composite hulls. Kind of like new cars!

Regular Happenings

Open Paddle (start date TBD) – Tuesdays, Saturdays, Sundays

Rowing Practice – The competitive rowing team will be starting March 7, make sure you’ve renewed your membership and paid your competition rowing fees.

Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30a, Saturdays 7a (new rowers welcome)

MAKE WRPC YOUR DESIGNATED RECIPIENT FOR AMAZONSMILE PROGRAM

As some of you probably know, there is a program through Amazon called AmazonSmile by which the AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible items purchased through Amazon to whatever eligible non-profit organization you choose.

The Wenatchee Row and Paddle Club (EIN: 91-1661493) is such an eligible organization and we are now registered with AmazonSmile Foundation to receive those donations.

Designation of WRPC as a recipient will not increase the price of whatever you are buying and it is a painless way to help the Club achieve its mission.

Please make WRPC your designated recipient when buying from Amazon.

Larry T, Club President.

Trade-a-boat

14ft Vermont fishing dory, brand new condition we only had it out once in the river from confluence park a year ago.



Contact: Bill Lucas Blucas57@outlook.com

Company website: <https://adirondack-guide-boat.com/product/14-ft-vermont-dory/>

Whitewater kayak – club surplus

Make offer. Contact Trista Becker trista.welsh@gmail.com



Newsletter Submissions

WE NEED 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
