



**Wenatchee Row
& Paddle Club**

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

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*Bringing the Columbia
River to your home*

Club Calendar:

June 1 – Aug 31

June	
3	Learn to row
17	Family canoe
28	Novice kayak class
July	
TBD	Eastmont summer camp
15	Cascadia regatta (crew)
Aug	
5	Green Lake regatta (crew)
9	Novice kayak class
19	CLUB PICNIC!

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. If you have a concern you'd like to address, please send the item in advance so our President Larry can make sure its in the agenda.

SPRING BREAK PADDLE CAMP - 2017

WRPC did the SBPC in conjunction with the Wenatchee City Parks Dept. again this year in early April.

It is different from other group activities we do in that we have one group of kids for four consecutive days. Each child paid \$44 and WRPC receives one half of that sum from the City.

We give the kids training in different types of boats. The first day is with the voyageur canoes paddling in and about the estuaries and region near the confluence.

The second day we used two-person canoes (two club canoes and one borrowed from John Marshall) and after instruction (this year by Tom Cushing) the kids paddled around the Walla Walla Point lagoon and then engaged in some follow the leader activities. The club could use another canoe for this purpose.

The third day we hauled the kid kayak trailer to the lagoon and they used the kayaks there with follow the leader and racing activities.

On the web...

Stay tuned to the WRPC website

<http://www.wenatcheepaddler.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.

The fourth day we put them back in the big canoes and enjoyed a paddle through the estuaries again and then on down the river to the club dock area where we got out and showed them the club facilities. They loved trying out the rowing machines in the Annex. We then went on down to the Orondo St. boat launch where we took out and their parents picked them up.

This year we only had one dumping which was with a 2 person canoe in the lagoon which taught us that we must have bow and stern lines on those canoes in case we need to drag them to shore.

This activity requires quite a lot of preparation and time but we feel it is worthwhile as it promotes a good relationship with the City which is fundamental to our existence, and, of course it provides a good experience for the participants.

Thanks especially to Tom Cushing, Becky Peters, Bob Derry, Wolf Mueller, Larry Schuerman, Susan Valaas, Pat Fitzgerald, Susan Collier, and a couple others who helped Penny and me with the program this year.



Youth on the Columbia is under way for the summer!

With the high flows, water levels in the Columbia River have been unusually high this spring. This means the club has been more

creative with launching the voyager canoes, since the ramp and dock at the Confluence State Park is submerged. As you can see in the picture above, this meant a very fun wet launch from the shore!



Tom's Intro

Above: Tom Cushing gives a rousing introductory lesson to the Misawa group from Japan. Park benches dub as "land canoes" in this standard intro.

YOC recognized!

This year the Wenatchee Valley Museum recognized the Wenatchee Row and Paddle Club as “Volunteer Partner of the Year” by



presenting representatives with a plaque at its annual awards banquet. The WRPC/Museum partnership has introduced thousands of area children to both the Columbia River and the Dave Thompson Brigade exploration of our wonderful area. Our president Larry Tobiska gave an entertaining speech thanking the museum and proceeded to lead the crowd in singing the YOC cadence song.

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.

Regular Happenings

Open Paddle – Tuesdays Novice Paddle - Wednesdays

Rowing Practice – Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30a, Saturdays 7a (new rowers)

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.

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

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