

The Oregon Whitewater Association brings private boaters together for the enjoyment of whitewater boating. Our vision is to promote whitewater safety and training for all of our membership in an effort to provide safety awareness and confidence when executing river rescue skills. OWA is the community of choice where fun and river adventures thrive and where people and rivers connect.



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## 2018 Veterans Day Rogue Trip *Submitted by Steve Kasper*

The 2018 Veterans Day Rogue River float was a beautiful trip. This year, we had 39 boaters participate and enjoy the journey. A great experience was had by all. Friday evening marked the start, with many club members and a few OKCC members gathering to spend the evening at Galice Resort. Joyous stories of past trips, epic adventures, and friendship were shared while wine tasting and laughter trailed into the night. Following our warm and peaceful sleep, many of us gathered down at the Galice Riverside Store for a morning breakfast of eggs, ham, French toast, potatoes, biscuits, and gravy. Over breakfast coffee, more introductions were made between many new and seasoned OWA members.

At around 10 a.m., we gathered our flotilla of 10 rafts, 13 catarafts, and 9 kayaks. Two more IK's made an appearance at Mule Creek. Following a brief put-in talk, we set out on the river enjoying a flow of 1,600 c.f.s. and a balmy water temperature of 43 degrees. The kayakers, along with Bruce Ripley and Scott Ogren, led the way.

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### December Club Meeting

*Lucky Labrador*  
1945 NW Quimby  
Portland, OR 97227

Thursday,  
December 13, 2018  
from 6:00-8:30 PM

### Holiday Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange!

*Fun for all! Dress in an ugly holiday sweater, share and listen to river stories, and indulge in delicious food.*

*See page 8 for more details!*

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## Year in Review by Scott Ogren

Wow – we are at the end of another year already! I hope you all had plenty of chances to get out on multiple rivers this year. For me, I was able to go on six multi-day trips in 2018 as well as several day trips on the Deschutes, North Santiam, Clackamas, and McKenzie rivers. Hopefully you were able to do more than I was this year; if you were then good for you. OWA had a great year! There was a large group who participated in the pool training session in February. We raised a great amount of money at our safety auction in the spring and we filled the River Safety Training class in April. The Boater 101 class in May on the North Santiam River was a huge success. The Wilderness First Aid class in September was also a huge success as we tried it at a new venue, Fisherman's Bend Park on the North Santiam. Finally, we are ending the year with our annual Holiday Party at Lucky Lab in NW Portland. All of these activities along with the many trips run by OWA's many dedicated trip leaders all add up to a spectacular year for our amazing club!

For many, summer plans seem so far away, but for us whitewater boaters we need to start planning now. It's permit application time for the summer boating season! One of the greatest things about being in OWA is the ability to pool resources and strategically apply for river permits as a group. If you plan to apply for a permitted river to run this summer, I recommend finding friends to run the river with now and organize your permit party soon. Most rivers take applications from December 1 to January 31, so you have time right now, but it'll disappear faster than you think it will.

I've said this enough times that it's finally becoming common knowledge. OWA has an extensive Wilderness First Aid kit and an AED that goes on all club trips and is available for club members to take on private trips as well. I encourage you all to take both with you on your next private trip. You can check them out by sending an email to [firstaid@oregonwhitewater.org](mailto:firstaid@oregonwhitewater.org). Both the First Aid Kit and AED spent a lot of time out on rivers this summer and I think that's great!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you all!

### **OWA 2018 Fundraising**

Thank you to everyone who helped with our efforts in fundraising in 2018. Thanks to everyone's hard work, we were able to raise enough money to cover our expenses and keep our budget about even. The safety program costs about \$12,000 to run each year and we depend on our Safety Program partners like Hells Canyon Shuttle, the many sponsors who donate goods and services to our safety auction, and Zipline.com/Bungee.com for donating a day to us as well. As you can see it takes a lot to put it all together and thank you to everyone who had a hand in it! Also, please support our sponsors who support us by patronizing their businesses.

### **December OWA Meeting**

*Our next meeting will be at Lucky Lab in NW Portland. This meeting will be the annual Christmas Party with an ugly sweater contest and a White Elephant gift exchange. Bring a river related gift or a funny gift that someone else must have. See you at Lucky Lab!*

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## **Rogue River: Continued from page 1**

down to Rainie Falls and the fish ladder. Getting the boats and cats down the ladder took a strong team effort with 7 or 8 folks lending a hand. Round boats seemed to fare a little better, but not a clean run was to be had with the low fall flow. Several boaters opted to run the falls. (A few photos and videos of boaters running the falls may be seen via Jerry Malloy on Facebook and YouTube. It is nice to see what it is like to run the falls at low water.) Our navigation of the falls and fish ladder took approximately an hour and a half. The remainder of the day was a gentle float down to Horseshoe Bend. Along the way, we passed two boats from another group pinned in Wildcat.



Thankfully, they safely popped out after only a few minutes. Following that, one member of our party also enjoyed a short pin on that rocky island before floating free.

We arrived at Horseshoe Bend by mid afternoon in time for everyone to get their tents and the kitchen set up. Jim and Sarah treated everyone to a wonderful meal of spaghetti, sausage, meatballs, and a nice fresh salad. Jim's wife also baked a fantastic cookie bar for dessert. Many people, myself included, enjoyed several pieces of the dessert bar. We did this to ensure the quality, of course! As the sun set, we occupied many chairs facing the river. Casually chatting, we enjoyed beverages, not a few of which were served from Cary Solberg's top-shelf bar. As chairs circled around the fires, a diligent clean-up crew tackled the dishes. An early evening dew descended on the tents. Upon turning in around 9 p.m., I noticed that many tents were already frozen over. The night was cold and quiet, and the sounds from the campfire died down around 9:30 p.m.

Waking up for day two, the hearty crew of kayakers led by Roger Sharp took on breakfast, while Scott Ogren started mass production of coffee. The meal was especially tasty after a cold night that saw the sand at Horseshoe thoroughly frozen. Tents that were set up away from the trees had a good coating of frost, much of which was still there on the second night at Tacoma. The launch on day two went quite well as everyone pitched in to clean up camp and haul group gear down to the boats. We were soon on the oars again, pushing our way down the river while enjoying the natural beauty of our favorite stretches.

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More than once, we found rocks to be high-centered on along the way. Given the flow of 1,600 c.f.s., progress was about half the usual pace. We arrived at Mule Creek for a quick lunch and some warm basking in the sun. Despite the cloud-free sky, the morning was a bit chilly and boaters were repeatedly tempted by the sun-filled eddies.

Setting off through Mule Creek Canyon, the lead team of kayakers, experienced rafters, and the scouting party led the way. As always, the majesty and power of Mule Creek Canyon were enjoyable. I have to believe that only a few made perfectly clean runs. I may have kissed a wall more than my personal goal of only once! The waterfall marking the canyon's end was lightly flowing yet still pristine and beautiful.

Next, we approached Blossom Bar, of course! We had a good crew lead the way through the bar and quickly eddy out on river left. Following that, our kayakers took up their station further down the rapids and our flotilla trickled through the fence and across the bar. At low water, I can only describe Blossom as a virtual fortress of solitude. From the perspective of a boater, the Picket Fence looked like a solid stone wall. Making "the move" only provided a brief respite before the hard work of navigating all of the oncoming rocks through the middle and lower sections of the rapid. When it was all said and done, everyone had achieved a successful run. A few stories were overheard of Shakya's precision navigation through a few tight spots. Overall, we managed to traverse the canyon and the bar in just over two hours, foreshadowing the slow row down to Tacoma.

We reached Tacoma just as dusk was settling in on the canyon, dashing our hopes of hanging dry suits in the sun. We made camp a little slower than the night before, worn out from a long second day. That evening, all the firewood came out, and we had three fires going within the tight radius of the remaining sandy beach. Cary Solberg headed up to the kitchen, making some quesadillas which we quickly gobbled up. After that, Sean and Norma Allensworth set to work making and serving some of the best burritos ever with all of the fixings one could desire. Our second dinner was a great feast. The air was not as cold as the first night and a lot of folks stayed up laughing into the evening. Overhead, the sky was beautifully black with more stars brilliantly shining than one could imagine. The planet Mars glowed like a bright orange ember from the fire.

On the morning of day three, Chris Massey led a crew to make a warm kettle of steel cut oats with an accompaniment of dried fruits and nuts. Meanwhile, Scott brewed gallons of coffee that were rapidly consumed. The morning air was warmer than the day before, yet dry boxes on the boats were still frozen shut. On our final day, the sun continued to shine brightly; it even reached us in the canyon once or twice. Most of us reached Foster Bar by midday. With many new friendships created over the course of the trip, everyone lent a hand loading up for the final leg of our voyage.



## **Boulder Run of the North Santiam**

*Submitted by Cheryl Ford*

The Boulder Run of the North Santiam is one of those elusive day runs where you have to drop everything when the level is right. It ranges from way too much flow to butt bumping within a few days. There is never a dull moment and even though it is close to the road for the better part of the run, it still feels quite secluded. On April 8th, We managed to catch the sweet spot at around 3,200 c.f.s. and by April 9th, it had dropped to 2,750 c.f.s. It was still over the top fun, but you can see how fast it changes. A flow much below 2,000 c.f.s. is too boney and much above 3,500 c.f.s., is "pushy" as the old timers call it. For me, at above 3,500 c.f.s., I'd sit on the edge and give homage to sister river. If you talk to Scott Harvey and Mark Rettman, they've done it in the mid 4,000's, and are dutifully respectful that the river was kind to them.

The meet up was in Detroit, 2 hours drive from home. 1.8 miles upriver is Blowout Rd., which is where you park for the (strenuous) takeout. 11 miles upriver from there is the Pamela Creek put in. In Soggy Sneakers, the put in is Bruno Mountain Road, however, Scott Harvey brought us about three miles further upriver just above Pamela Creek, which enters from river right. You miss a lot by putting in at Bruno Mountain. The put in is very much like the Molalla and Scott calls the first 3/4 mile the Pamela Creek Gorge. Here you can actually enjoy the lovely old growth because the river is busy but not taking all your attention. (Class III-III+)

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# North Santiam River



The first big rapid is Whitewater Creek Rapids (Class III+- IV) which is missed when putting in at Bruno Mountain. This can be scouted from the road and a scout is recommended as you definitely need to maneuver around the river for this one. The most demanding rapid of the run is Ricochet, and it is aptly named. Both can be seen from the road. From Blowout Road, it is 6.6 miles to Ricochet and 8.2 miles to White-water Creek.

The river is basically nonstop with continuous white water. Whispering Falls, Idanha Mill, and Surfing Wave rapids are of note. Though finicky and tough to schedule, the Boulder Run of the North Santiam is way worth it. Once again, the take out for this finicky river is a bear cat. Be very ready to pull hard left after Surfing Wave, just before Blowout Rd Bridge.

The river flow information for this section can be found on the USGS Current Conditions for Oregon Streamflow website: <https://water-data.usgs.gov/or/nwis/current/?type=flow> Station Gauge No: 14178000-NO SANTIAM R BLW BOULDER CRK, NR DETROIT, OR

Here are a few snaps of the group: Scott Harvey (our leader), Doug, Nate, Shane, Ryan, Randy, Cheryl, Pat, and Linda.



# OWA White Elephant Gift Exchange and Ugly Sweater Contest



Come join our Holiday Party on  
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How to play the game:

1. Everyone brings an inexpensive gift to the party. Bring a river or camping related item or something hilarious that someone "other than you" MUST HAVE. Preferably it is something you already own laying around the house or garage.
2. All gifts should be wrapped with no outside markings. You shouldn't know who the gifts are from or what they are.
3. Everyone puts their gift in a pile on the table and will draw a number.
4. Number 1 goes first, picks and unwraps a gift.
5. Number 2 can pick a gift off the table or "steal" an unwrapped gift from another person. If an unwrapped gift is "stolen" the person it is stolen from can then steal or pick a wrapped gift.
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- 2/3 cup chopped cilantro
- 2/3 cup chopped red onion
- 1/4 cup avocado or olive oil
- zest of two limes
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 2 cloves of garlic (minced)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon cumin



## Cowboy Caviar

*Submitted by Bee Tyree*

## DIRECTIONS

Mix all ingredients and chill before serving. Can be enjoyed as an appetizer with tortilla chips, pita chips or veggies. Can also be used to top tacos and quesadillas and you can add the leftovers to your scrambled eggs for breakfast.



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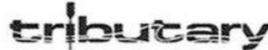
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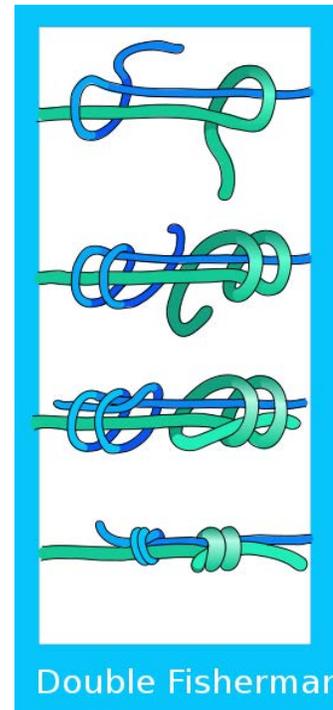
- Used to form high-strength loops from cords.
- Tied correctly you will see a double XX on one side and a smooth barrel on the other.

### Hints

- Tie the first half on your left side, then flip the knot over and tie the second half exactly the same way. This way you can easily tie the knot correctly.
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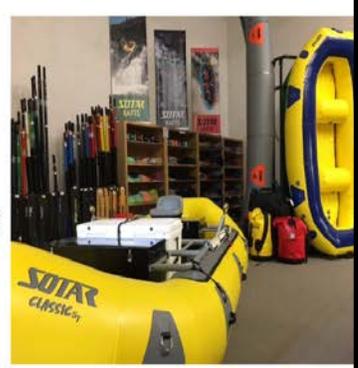


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# Upcoming Trips

Submitted by Cheryl Ford,  
Trip Editor



## UPCOMING OWA TRIPS

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2019 - Hood River Run, Class III+	January 19, 2019 10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Zach Collier	<a href="mailto:zach@nwrafting.com">zach@nwrafting.com</a>
2019 Rogue River President's Day Trip, Class III/IV	Feb 15th-18th, 2019	TBD	sign up online
2019 Molalla River Run, Technical Class III-IV run	March 10th, 2019 9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Scott Harvey and Cheryl Ford	<a href="mailto:fordaccount@comcast.net">fordaccount@comcast.net</a>
2019 Deschutes Spring Break Trip, Class II/III	March 22nd-24th, 2019	Scott Ogren	<a href="mailto:scott@scottogren.com">scott@scottogren.com</a> 503-267-9785
2019 Boulder Run of the North Santiam, Solid Class III+/IV	April 6th, 2019 9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Scott Harvey and Cheryl Ford	<a href="mailto:fordaccount@comcast.net">fordaccount@comcast.net</a>
2019 Tax Relief Float, Deschutes River, Class III/IV	April 14, 2019 9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Bill Goss	<a href="mailto:zanng@msn.com">zanng@msn.com</a> , 503-757-4659
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OWA member Stefanie Ferrara of Gold Hill in her patented inflatable drift boat pulling hard for the cut at Blossom Bar in September, 2018. Fellow member George Read of Bend in the background waits his turn. Photo by Paul Vermilya.

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