

Nooksack Whitewater Slalom OCTOBER 3-4 2015 *Hosted by the Washington Kayak Club!*

The Nooksack Slalom race is just 10 days from now, beginning a new season after a long dry spring and summer and many cancelled races. The river is already up and ready for you to have some fun! This is also your last chance for valuable Northwest Cup Points!!! Be there!

The race is held on the North Fork of the Nooksack River at the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest Douglas Fir Campground. The site is on Mount Baker Highway ~ 3 miles past the town of Glacier. We rent the campground for the race (it's closed to the general public), so you can stay there Friday night and Saturday night. Camping fees are \$10 per car for the weekend.

The hope is to begin hanging wires and gates for the race all day Friday, and WE NEED YOUR HELP! Email Ken Daugherty (daughkc@gmail.com) to volunteer for this or to ask questions.

Saturday is all day practice, once we get all the gates up.

The race is on Sunday beginning with a Racer's Meeting will be at 9:30 am. Race fees will be \$25.

Note that the Nooksack is very flashy. If you're coming from out of the area, you need to check the gauge and the weather forecast. If there is a big heavy rain predicted around Bellingham, you should think twice about a long drive. We will hold the race if the predicted flows are between ~ 400 to 1,700 cfs. At low water it's a bumpy class 2. Levels are ideal (class III) at ~ 750 cfs range. The river is high and challenging at 1,200 cfs and levels higher than 2,000 cfs are too high. An e-mail (to the addresses in this email) will be sent out Thursday morning to confirm whether or not we will hold or cancel the race. An update will also be posted on the NW League of Whitewater Racers web site: <http://www.nwwhitewater.org> by Thursday at 12:00 noon.

The link for current water levels: <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/usa/nwis/uv?12205000>

The flow forecast (which is often not right...)

<http://www.nwrhc.noaa.gov/river/station/flowplot/flowplot.cgi?NFW1>

