

Roaring River Whitewater Slalom Race
August 8 – 9, 2015
Northwest Whitewater Cup Series

The Roaring River Slalom race will be held on the Clackamas River adjacent to where the Roaring River enters and across the road from the Roaring River Campground. We're hanging the course the weekend before (Aug 1 -2), so come up and practice gates all week! The river is low this year, but still enough water to race. The course is set in a class II rapids, and designed by Rufus Knapp who always finds a way to make it a fun course for novice and intermediate paddlers, but challenging enough for more experienced racers. The race is open to all kayaks, canoes and SUP. Bring your plastic boat out and see if you're as good as you think you are. . .

Unfortunately, because the race is a couple weeks earlier this year due to low water levels, we won't have the slalom clinics on Saturday this year - but they will be back next year.

River Booty for First-Timers! If this will be your very first slalom race, we'll have some goodies just for you generously donated by World Kayak!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Saturday and Sunday, August 1 -2: Course construction. If you can help with course construction either day, please contact Rufus Knapp directly at rufusk@comcast.net. **Volunteers needed for course construction!**

Saturday, August 8: Course is open for practice all day. Registration open all day (registration will be set up down by the river). **NO RACE REGISTRATION ON SUNDAY MORNING.** If you can't be there on Saturday to register, but want to race on Sunday, please e-mail Lisa Day at lida@wavecable.com before Friday August 7th. Once I'm up there to camp for the weekend, I won't have cell phone or e-mail reception.

Sunday, August 9: Racer's Meeting at 9:30 a.m., race to begin at 10:15. Classes include K1 plastic, C1, open C1 and C2, K2, K1 race, SUP. Each racer is limited to two classes.

If time permits, we'll do a team slalom after all other race runs are done. Team slalom is great fun so try it! Team slalom doesn't count as one of your race classes so, for example, you could race in K1 plastic and K1 race, and still do team slalom. Only one run per team and due to time constraints, only 1 team per person - so you can't be on three different teams.

What is team slalom? A team of 3 boats will start together, run the course, and be timed as one unit. Only one team on the course at a time, and the 3 team members follow each other through the course, and finish together with one time. You will have to work out the strategy that is best for the team (order in which you paddle, strategy for entering and exiting upstream gates without spearing each other, not getting too spread out so that all 3 of you cross the finish line within several seconds of each other, etc.) Team slalom works best if a team consists of either all race boats or all rec/plastic boats. You may mix men and women on the same team.

Cost: Cost to race is \$20 and a \$5 additional fee for ACA insurance if you are not an ACA member. You need to have your ACA number with you when you register in order to avoid the extra \$5.

Shuttle Drivers and Gas Donations Needed!!! As a condition of our permits to run this event, we are required to shuttle boats from the take out at the bottom of the course back up to the put in. For safety reasons, carrying boats along the roadway is prohibited by the terms of our permits. Without shuttle drivers, we cannot hold the event. Please contact Lisa Day at lida@wavecable.com if you're willing to volunteer for a shift driving the shuttle van on Saturday (between 10 am - 4 pm) and/or Sunday (from 10 am - end of course take down about 4 pm). The river gods will smile upon you and bestow good karma for your next boating adventure!

Camping: Several sites have been reserved at Roaring River campground for Friday and Saturday nights of race weekend, including the large center site. Roaring River campground is directly across the road from the race site. Please e-mail Lisa Day at lida@wavecable.com if you would like one of the reserved sites. There are currently four sites still available. There are several other campgrounds along the river corridor - Lockaby, Armstrong, Lazy Bend, Fish Creek, Sunstrip and Indian Henry. Last year there were also three walk-in, non-reservable sites at Roaring River campground. No more than 2 vehicles per campsite and no more than 6 people per campsite. Most of the campgrounds are not large and they fill up quickly, so make your reservation ahead of time.

Location: Across from Roaring River Campground in the Mt. Hood National Forest on Hwy 224, approximately 17.5 miles east of Estacada (or 50 miles southeast from Portland).

Please contact Lisa Day (lida@wavecable.com) with questions or for more information on the race.
For more information on the other NW slalom races go to: <http://www.nwwhitewater.org>