

Bull Run Invitational Slalom Race, Dec 2,3, 2017



Announcing the last race of the Northwest Whitewater Slalom Cup 2017 season at the Bull River, near Sandy Oregon. This race tends to be one of the more difficult of our race series and there are some dangerous rocks, so a solid whitewater roll is required. However, plastic boaters are most welcome. Note that the river is prone to rising and dropping steeply, especially in December when they are producing hydropower upstream and turning the river off and on based on the need for this power. We will hold the race if we believe that the river will be > 650 cfs or < 2500 cfs. If the river is projected to be too low or too high we will reschedule the race to the following weekend (Dec 9, 10). The gauge is at:

<http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/Gauge2/view/state/OR/> - look for Bull Run at Bull Run and follow where the river is going (rising or dropping) BUT factor in the weather, if rain is projected. We will announce whether the race is going forward on Thursday via this email list and the status of the race will be posted at: <http://www.nwwhitewater.org/>.

Registration will be in the parking lot in front of the fence, on Saturday after 2 pm. *Please be sure to register on Sat*, it will be \$5 extra to register on Sunday. The entry fee is \$20 per person. We should be there most of the day on Friday building the course and paddling it. The course will be open for practice all day Saturday. On Sunday there will be a competitors meeting at 10:00 a.m. in the parking lot. First runs will be at 10:30-11 a.m. All racers will be needed to gate judge in either the morning or afternoon sessions, racing in the other session. *Note that this year, we will have the front and back gates open so that competitors can walk up the course inside the power plant fence on the asphalt road and descend into the river at the cement wall.*

Directions: Bull Run Hydroelectric Powerhouse near Sandy Oregon. (Google: SE Bull Run Road crossing the Bull Run River). Exit I#84 at exit 22 (Corbett) up the steep hill onto Evans Road to Gordon Creek Road to SE Bull Run Rd to the bridge crossing the Bull Run River. Camping at Oxbow Park downstream a few miles. See <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/parks/oxbow-regional-park/camping-oxbow>. Reservations available online. Anyone can camp in the Bull Run parking area (grassy lawn), but there is no water or toilets. Motels in Sandy Oregon, 7 miles away. Contact: David Johnson at: johnsoda7@gmail.com or 503 720 4854 (cell).