

**Remember going to the Washington Kayak Club Salmon la Sac races?? Join us in celebrating the good ole days at the.....**

**50<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Washington Kayak Club  
Bottoms-Up Regatta!**

**June 4-5, 2011**

**Can you believe it? For 50 consecutive years in a row, WKC has organized whitewater races on the Cle Elum River in eastern Washington at the Salmon la Sac campground. No way do you want to miss this historical event! Reputable historians tell us that it's the longest, consecutively held whitewater race in the United States!!**

**The Salmon la Sac races have always been held the first weekend in June. Come low or high water. Why? Because the Salmon la Sac race (formerly the Bottoms-Up Regatta) has always been THE family fun event organized by the WKC. This year we will uphold that high standard of fun and comraderie for everyone. You will see paddlers you haven't seen in ages! WKC members who were there way back when! Folks who have been hiding in the woodworks.....you know who you are -- let's have a reunion! (getting in a boat is optional).**

**Schedule of Fun Activities:**

**Saturday:**

**Open Practice all day on the slalom course**

**Registration most of the day**

**Downriver sprint race – 11:00 am**

**Downriver classic race – 3:00 pm**

**Scavenger Hunt – 7:00 pm**

**Saturday Evening Campfire Gala**

**8:00 pm – the Clive Lister Memorial Toast, Stroll down Memory Lane (bring your old stories and photos from past SLS events!), Dessert Potluck, Campfire music jam session. It's all happening in that order at the Race Director's campsite. This is the 50<sup>th</sup> annual, so dress like it's the 1960's.....**

**Sunday:**

**The Fabulous SLS Slalom!**

**9:30 AM Late Registration closes**

**10:00 AM Racer's Meeting (mandatory)**

**10:45 morning runs start. Afternoon runs start at 1:30 pm.**

**Separate classes for ALL age groups (under 17, 17-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, etc), and all types of boats. Plus a special class will be offered where you will be judged by the age of the equipment (boat, paddle and gear) and not your speed! A novice course will also be available.**

**The downriver and slalom events are part of the 2011 Northwest Whitewater Cup Series, so racers will earn coveted cup points.**

**[http://www.nwwhitewater.org/.](http://www.nwwhitewater.org/))**

**Racers will also be eligible to win one of the following SLS slalom traveling trophies: the infamous Tipover Award, the Silver Bowl for top woman and top man in slalom and trophies for the fastest open canoes.**

**Other activities in the vicinity:**

**For seasoned whitewater paddlers, the Cle Elum canyon**

**(<http://www.americanwhitewater.org/rivers/id/2093/>) and Cooper Creek runs**

**(<http://www.americanwhitewater.org/rivers/id/2100/>) will be good.**

**Many hiking and mountain biking opportunities, with several trailheads right at the campground.**

**The whitewater slalom course is a moderate Class II+ rapid.**

**The downriver race is 4 miles long and Class II+**

**(<http://www.americanwhitewater.org/rivers/id/2094/>).**

**Entry fees are \$25.00 per racer with a \$5.00 discount to those with proof of current ACA membership. Additional race classes are \$5.00 each per racer. Registration includes a 50<sup>th</sup> SLS commemorative memento. Prizes will be fabulous.**

**Directions: Navigate I-90 east of Seattle and exit at Roslyn. Drive through town (the whole place is a speed trap and stays a speed trap until you get to the campground: Beware!) to the end of the road, and there you are at both the race site and campground. Other lodging available in Roslyn.**

**Camping: Salmon la Sac campground, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Some sites are reservable.**

**<http://www.reserveamerica.com/campgroundDetails.do?subTabIndex=0&&contractCode=nrso&parkCode=salm>**

**V O L U N T E E R S needed!**

- **We need folks to help construct the slalom course on Friday, June 3rd. No experience required. Call Jennie Goldberg at 206-713-0520 or [theleague@nwwhitewater.org](mailto:theleague@nwwhitewater.org)**

- **We need folks who are not racing and can do the timing for the downriver race on Saturday and/or timing, judging, or scoring the slalom on Sunday.**