

OOPS Activity Planning Worksheet

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Title: West wind paddle - Viento - Hood River		Type of Activity: Class		Date(s): 5/10/09	
<p>Narrative description: Paddle in the beautiful Columbia Gorge in following seas with a West wind 20 - 25 mph from Viento Park to Hood River. Approx. 8.5 miles. We'll meet at Viento park at 10:30 a.m. in the lower parking lot below the camping. You will have to cross the RR tracks. We'll unload boats and then send cars and drivers down to the boat ramp/marina in Hood River near the Hood River toll-Bridge to set up car shuttle.</p> <p>If the west wind is not blowing, we'll just do an out and back paddle from Viento Park. Plenty of scenery and places to paddle in the Columbia Gorge.</p> <p>Rated this paddle as a level 3, however participant must have confident boat handling in winds and following seas. A roll is desirable, but not necessary. Confident assisted rescues a must. Bracing skills are also important as well as stamina. If participant want to practice their roll in rough conditions, that can be arranged as we paddle along the way.</p> <p>This type of down-wind paddle can be a blast and one can "surf" their way east. The strong West wind ramps up the height of the wave against an East flowing current .</p> <p>Come and join the fun!</p>					
Starting point: Viento Park, Columbia River Gorge			Ending point: Hood River Marina/boat ramp		
Route alternatives if bad weather: will cancel trip or move paddle further east or west on the Columbia					
Skills or Equipment (In addition to general requirements per the Activity Policy):					
<input type="checkbox"/> Towline		<input type="checkbox"/> Helmet		Min. Immersion Wear: Poly/Fleece and Shell	
Other Requirements: F.J. wetsuit/spray jacket or Dry suit recommended					
Primary Organizer: Teresa Webb			Organizer:		
First Aid Person: Teresa Webb			Organizer:		
Max # of Participants: 6			OOPS members only? No		
Has organizer been on this paddle before? Yes			Has organizer led an OOPS activity here before? No		
<i>CERTIFICATION: By checking this box, <input type="checkbox"/> the Organizer certifies that they have read, understand and will conduct this activity in accordance with OOPS Activity Policies.</i>					
CONDITIONS:			<u>RATING FACTORS:</u>		
Air Temp: 60 °F		Water Temp: 50 °F		Wind Strength: 4. 16-21 knot (25 mph)	
High Tide (Ft, time) n/a			Swell/Surf size: 3. < 3', breaking waves to 2'		
Low Tide (Ft, time) n/a			Sea State: 3. Numerous whitecaps, longer wave form		
Flood (speed, time): n/a			Landing Type: 1. Gently sloping sand, gravel, grass		
Ebb (speed, time): n/a			Currents: 2. up to 2 knots		
Water time: 5 Hours		<input type="checkbox"/> Shipping traffic		Total Distance: 2. 6 to 11 miles	
<input type="checkbox"/> Night Paddling		<input type="checkbox"/> Potential Fog		Open Crossing Distance: 1. No open crossings	
<i>Note, night or fog bumps the rating up one level</i>			OVERALL RATING: 3. Level three		
Comment on overall rating (if different than the rating system yields): This trip is a high level 3 and based on winds alone is a level 4, participant s.b confident in Wind.					