

Upcoming BWC Overnights

WaterStart Weekend #2

Weekend #3 August 4,5,6

July 14,15,16

Trip Leader: Dick Desler

Where The Hook in Hood River

Skill Level Anyone who wants to learn or perfect their waterstarts that can sail in at least 8-15 mph wind. This is the place to learn or fine tune your waterstarts.

Waterstarting is your key to sailing the Columbia Gorge. On June 23,24, and 25th, Dick desler will be providing waterstart classes at the Hook in Hood River. We will meet each day at 9:30 on the Hook jetty on-land class to learn:

- Proper Equipment Set Up
- Safety
- Wind Orientation
- Board Sailor Position
- Flying The Sail
- Floating Direction and Technique
- The Waterstart

We will then rig up and hit the water to learn and practice. Dick and his crack team of waterstart instructors will be working with each of us in the water to help with questions and provide instruction.

Similar instruction will be given each day, attend all 3 days for extra instruction and practice.

Beyond Waterstarting: Although called waterstart weekend, this year we will also be working with people on hooking in, getting in the straps, and starting to jibe. If you have a fairly competent waterstart, come and try the next step. We will meet at the hook, then move this instruction to the Event Site depending on the wind. In the afternoon, everyone free sails together for even more fun.

What to Bring: Patience and a good attitude, Short board, (8'-10') or Transition Board (9.5' - 10.5)' No beginner boards please, Wet Suit, Life vest, Foot protection, Helmet advised, Sun screen, and Lunch

The class will end around 1:30pm allowing plenty of time for the intermediates to drive to their favorite gorge sailing spot for more practice. If it is windy at the hook, the instructors usually head out to Well Island for the afternoon. Students who have learned to waterstart are welcome to join in.

Last year we had 6 good instructors and 20+ students and everyone had a great time. Afterwards, everyone converges on one of Hood River's fine eating establishments to re-charge our bodies, talk about the day's events and prepare for the next day.

Where to Stay Most of the group usually camps at Tucker Park, 10 minutes south of Hood River. The club has reserved the Hawaiian Site at Tuku for Saturday night. Cost to club members is \$7 per car.

How to Get There Take exit 63 off of I-84 in Hood River. Go north to the water, (this is the Event Site) then west to the end of the road. We will meet on the West end of the hook, Look for Dick Desler's bright orange van. We will meet each morning at 9:30.

Contact Call Dick Desler 425-413-2128 hm, 206-662-6730 wk if you have questions.

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