

Air: 50°

Water: 41°

Wind: 12 kts out of West

Current: 1 kt

Sun: Thin high overcast

March 16, 2008 Confluence Scoping Report

By Tim Lynch, Race Chair

I'll try to keep this quick and informative -

Setup Area

Plenty of room and highly visible from traffic coming across the bridge to Clarkston. Trees are not a problem. There are public restrooms as well.

Launching

The Corps has a \$3.00 launch fee for this location. Envelopes are by the dock and the Ranger does check and write tickets for those who think they need not pay.

There is one tree that needs to be paid attention to if you put in on the east side of the dock. It shouldn't be an issue unless you pull too far forward.

Dock

Long, plastic dock with a ton of goose poop on the bitter end. Room for at least three boats down each side.

Boat Basin

Water is plenty deep. One could probably even nose into the west bank without putting up the keel. Wind is minimal is from the west. Other directions should allow for sailing out to the river.

Sailing

On Sunday, March 16, the wind was from the east and the north, oscillating every ten minutes or so until about 2:00pm when it filled in from the west. It is a lot further than it looks to the north shore. Sailing up the Clearwater was nice. There seemed to be many more people on the Lewiston side of the River, many walking down to the water at the Corps Confluence Info Center. I could sail quite close the the Lewiston side of the River to the delight spectators.

The leg to the blue Bridge works if there is a moderate breeze. If it light and fluky, the east/west portion of the river is better.

Current

I didn't notice that the current was any worse than down at Red Wolf. I did have wind, so that may have distorted my perception.

Recommendations

Using the section of the River from Granite RV Park to the Blue Bridge will result in a reach/run leg of the race. This could be fun since we haven't been doing that lately. I would definitely set a mark up the Clearwater - closer to the south side. This would allow for great viewing from the walkway atop the dikes.

A another mark could be set between the RV park and the dock at the Quality Inn. The start line could be anywhere, but with the wind predominately from the east or west it would be best out in the middle, towards the north.

March 23 Frostbite Confluence Race

Go to the Frostbite Race page for details.

I've put a couple of comments on the Blog page, too.

Tim Lynch
2008 Race Committee Chair

March 16 Only Procedures

Fun Pre Race Scoping Voyage

Sunday after noon: March 16.

This will be an exploratory process to scope out the best course and process for Racing at the Confluence. We will set up a short course and test it to see what works well, and enjoy the afternoon sailing.

Location

Confluence. Starting area at the Corps' *Greenbelt Ramp* in Clarkston just north of the Interstate Blue Bridge. [Map](#)

12:15 pm: Informal Skipper's Meeting

Welcome.

Introduction of new members and participants.

Course and racing discussion.

Course and racing instructions.

4:00 pm: End of Racing

No races will be started after this time unless agreed upon by all participating skippers.

6:00 pm: Pizza!

No host social at Fazzari's Pizza 1281 Bridge St. Clarkston.

Recap the day's events.