Elk River Challenge brings Sound Rowers to Grays Harbor

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BAY CITY, Wash. - Man-powered boat racing is coming to Bay City on the Westport Highway When the Elk River Challenge takes place July 27th. The start and finish line is at Brady's Oysters off of State Route 105

Entry fees are $10 for non-Sound Rowers Open Water Rowing and Paddling Club members.

for details call (360) 268-9712.From Aberdeen, follow the Westport Hwy (105) to the Bay City bridge (about 15 miles). Take the first right and follow the road to the shore. Get directions via Google Maps

Event coordinators said participants can race on Saturday, then stick around for a non-competitive row or paddle from Westport (Brady’s Oysters) to Ocean Shores and back Sunday; approximately 12 miles.

Elk River Challenge

Start : July 27, 2013 11:00 AM

Level: 2

Distance: 3/7mi

Meeting: 10:15 AM

Director : Vern/Janet Heikkila

Phone: 360.268.9712Getting to the StartFrom Aberdeen, follow the Westport Hwy (105) to the Bay City bridge (about 15 miles). Take the first right and follow the road to the shore.Get directions via Google Maps Race RegistrationIf you would like to fill out your entry form ahead of the race (especially if you are under 18 years of age and need parental permission) you can get a copy here: Entry/Release Form (PDF).Race CourseFrom the Elk River Bridge into the estuary, and return. Start

and finish at Brady's Oyster Co. at the west end of the Elk River Bridge.Course RecordBecasue of frequent course changes over the years, there is no course record to compare year to year.Entry FeesMembers of Sound Rowers: FREE!
Nonmembers: $10 per person.AwardsRibbons awarded for 1st-3rd by category.Camping and LodgingFor lodging information call: Westport Grayland Chamber of Commerce, 1-800-345-6223. Free camping at the Heikkila's.More water fun!Special this year. If you need another excuse to visit Westport, you can make a full weekend of paddling/rowing fun! Race on Saturday, then stick around for a non-competitive row or paddle from Westport (Brady’s Oysters) to Ocean Shores and back; approximately 12 miles. This will be a non-sponsored crossing for experienced participants only. Start around 8:30 a.m. Bring your own munchies for a quick lunch or snack before heading back to Westport. No fee. Just enjoy the camaraderie of the crossing.