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RIVER QUEST!

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A New River Quest by NorCal Paddlers for All Paddlers

It was a hot day on the Sacramento River. As we got closer to China Rapids, Jeff and I laughed that the 45 miles we'd paddled were only 10% of the total distance of the Yukon River Quest, which we were training for (again). As the day wore on and the heat intensified, we distracted ourselves recounting past adventures on this piece of the river. We kept coming back to the California 100, the race where we met and became friends. The race only ran for four years, but was beloved by those who participated in it.

We decided that we wanted it back. Well, not exactly. We wanted to get more of our friends and a lot of other paddlers on that stretch of the Sacramento River. For years we'd heard that people wanted to play on the riv-



California River Quest Starting Point

er but were intimidated by the distance. OK, then why not create a new event for both competitive and adventure paddlers with shorter courses to make it more accessible?

For the next 40 miles, Jeff and I talked about it. By the time we reached Woodson Bridge, we were convinced that we could make this happen. Funny what heat and distance do to paddlers' brains...

We decided to make a California River Quest, running the course between Redding and Chico with 25, 50 and 100-mile options for paddlers on a variety of craft: kayaks, surfskis, canoes, outrigger canoes as well as standup and prone paddleboards.

Two weeks later, we announced the event and opened registration for the 2019 California River Quest to be held Memorial Day weekend. *What the hell*, we thought. *It's worth a try*. To our delight, we quickly had excited



River Quest Race Start

paddlers not only signing up for the event, but offering to help.

Our inaugural event drew 120 paddlers from nine U.S. states (Alaska, California, Hawaii, Michigan, North Carolina, Oregon, Texas, Vermont and Washington) as well as from Canada and the United Kingdom. Participants ranged in age from 23 to 75 and included a group of 12 wounded veterans from Team River Runner, who paddled the 100-mile course as a relay team.

The California River Quest is run 100% by volunteers. Profits are donated to organizations that advocate for and protect rivers. This year, the event was supported by more than 30 volunteers from California and Oregon.

Registration is open for 2020 and paddlers have already started signing up for the event. The race will be on May 24, 2020. The celebration lunch will be held the

following day, May 25, 2020 at Sierra Nevada Brewery.

Find more information at:

www.californiariverquest.com



Starting lineup at River Quest



Post-race lunch at Sierra Nevada Brewery



*And
they're
off!*

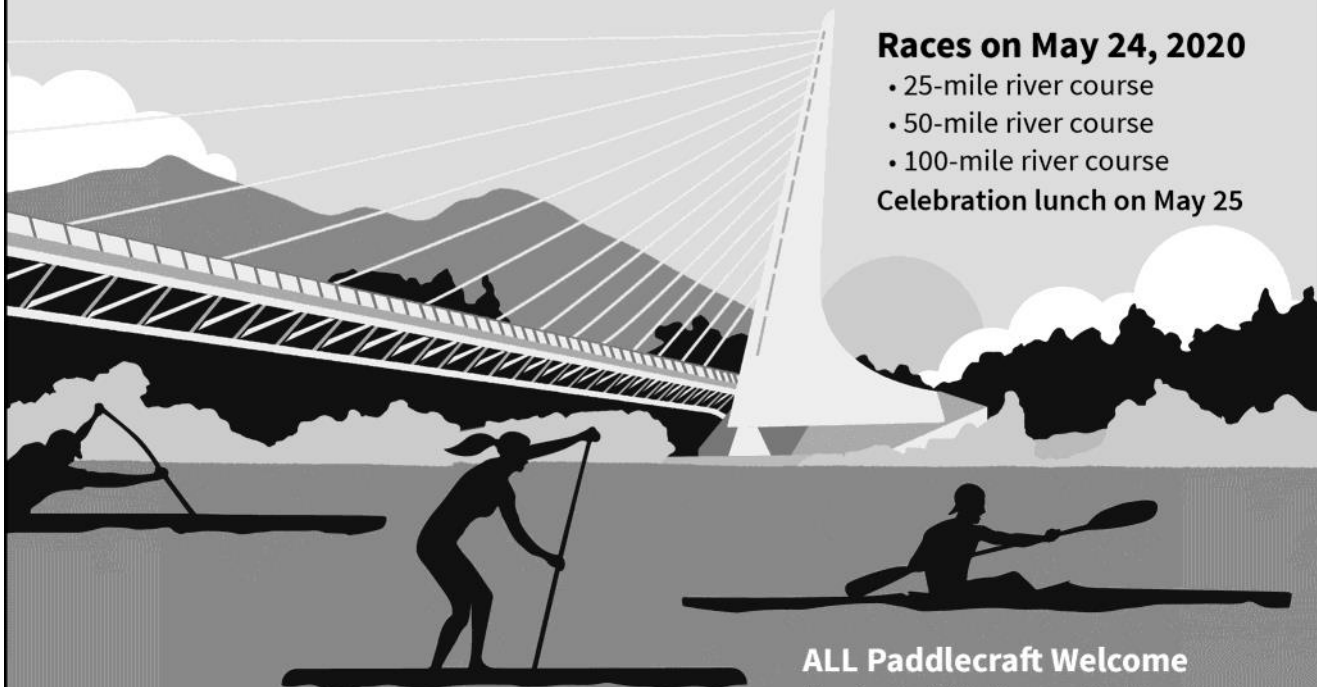


Join us for a paddling event on the Upper Sacramento River with courses for competitive and adventure paddlers.

Races on May 24, 2020

- 25-mile river course
- 50-mile river course
- 100-mile river course

Celebration lunch on May 25



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