

IWFF Rafting Fishout on the Cowichan River July 25

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A fishout was called for Tuesday, July 25th at 0800hr and car pooling from Save On parking lot to the Cowichan River, arriving at the Lake Cowichan Park and debarking by 1000 hr \pm ? for downstream Road Pool. It was a beauty of a day if you like clean blue sky and sun ($24\text{ C} \pm 2$).

Six IWFF members (and 2 grand kids) braved the occasion and elements for a place in the IWFF Newsletter history book.



Bob

Dennis

Bill

Bruce

Matt

(Photo by Dan Hooper)

River Stage height was 0.302m, a good half meter lower than optimum fly fishing water height and the water temperature was bath tube warm so the fly rods were quickly disassembled and the fishout became an enjoyable float through shallow riffles and interesting deep holding

pools with large boulder cover; ideal for holding spawning salmon and predatory, salmon-egg snatching rainbows during fall and early winter months when we shall return to enjoy the ultimate power of hungry rainbow trout.



You got to love this community



Dan Hooper navigating a sweeper



Bob MacEachern (right), Matt Haapala in background with Dennis hidden by my finger (or getting the finger)



Matt (background) and Dennis Mullins navigating a boulder riffle.



Matt's Grand Kids "dolphining" down the Cowichan



Matt's Grandson

Bruce

Matt



Bill Croft sliding effortlessly through heavier water



Looking downstream toward Road Pool where we got out and returned to Lake Cowichan Park and drifted the Cowy a second time. Each Float was approximately 1.5 hr duration at this stage height.