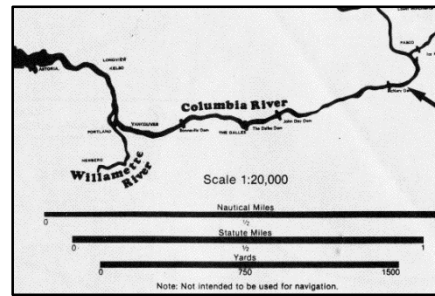


TREASURE MAPS OF THE GREAT NORTHWEST

Many great men have explored and mapped the waterways of the great Northwest. It began with Captain Robert Grey and the great ship "Columbia" in 1792. Grey was a brave man, but not brave enough to sail the upper reaches of the treacherous Columbia River.



Twelve years later, in 1804, Captain William Clark (a renowned cartographer with the Corps of Discovery) mapped the river beginning where the "Great River Bends" near the location of the now famous Walla Walla Yacht Club. Captain Clark mapped the river, but no charts were available until the men of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers made an initial chart of the shoals and water hazards much later.

For many years, only flat bottomed stern wheel river boats would dare to venture up river above Portland, Oregon. Likewise, only a few of the hardest sailboat captains were able to navigate the treacherous waters between Portland and Cape Disappointment, the graveyard of the Pacific, at the mouth of the Columbia River.

Two hundred years would pass before Captain Earl "Ice Man" Yoes of the great sailing ship "Adiyoes" would refine the cruise charts of the great river and plot the safest course for 350 miles of river passage to Hanford, Washington (the last deep draft port on the Columbia River). This is the same course used to this day by the United States Navy to deliver decommissioned nuclear reactors to their final resting place at the Hanford reservation burial site.



Captain Yoes almost certainly earned the nickname "Ice Man" as a tribute to his sailboat racing abilities. The Ice Man is such a strong competitor that during a race he will wear the competition down by sailing a perfect line, rounding the marks with precise tacks or jibes, then sprinting to the finish line with his bold blue and white spinnaker flying! The Ice Man has only been disqualified once during a race. Once, in the heat of competition, his first mate fell overboard. Rather than stop and perform a "man overboard drill", the Ice Man pressed on to the finish line, leaving it up to a lesser boat to recover the wayward sailor.

Great men often surround themselves with equally impressive people. Captain Grey had his first mate Mr. Hoskins, Captain Clark had Meriwether Lewis, and Captain Yoes has his first mate Linda. Linda also contributed to the famous hand-drawn charts of the Adiyoes. Many of the landmarks found in the chart are not merely hazards and shoals. The numerous points marked with "SD" designate the crew's favorite skinny dipping holes and "NB" designate the nude beaches they established, such as full-moon bay, and the now famous Rooster Rock State Park.



Sadly, Captain Yoes' hand-drawn charts are still not published and available to the general public. The Navy has designated them "confidential" and will not share them. Captain Yoes will only allow other club members to make hand-drawn copies (he won't let you copy the "SD"'s, they are private). Just memorize them and write them in later if you can. Our best hope is that Captain Yoes accepts the offer from "National Geographic" and shares this treasure with the rest of the world!