

From the Back of the Boat
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Ever notice in the summertime how everything seems to click? For most of us anyway, our mood is always a little more upbeat in the summer. The days are longer, we're with our pards, weather is warmer, we're in the Canyon doing what we love, we're doing river trips.

There are days when things get rough, a bad day, bad run, got bit by a red ant, some passenger is wearing you thin or wearing your shorts, things aren't going the way you planned, you didn't get the camp you wanted or you didn't get into camp until after dark. But no matter what, at the end of the day there is always a place to go. You go down to the boat. That's where everything seems to make sense. That's where you can talk about the days events, relax, talk things over with your pards, talk about anything, listen to one another, or listen to the river, laugh, sing, tell stories, make plans or make your moves. Everything is right on the back of the boat.

Summer turns to fall and fall to winter. Winter can get cold and lonely. It's just not the same. You can't go down to the boat. That feeling you get from the back of the boat is what the Whale Foundation is all about. A virtual place to go to, to talk, to listen, and to plan for the days ahead. The Whale Foundation plans to publish a quarterly article in the bqr. These articles will be informative, helpful and sometimes humorous but always to heart.

The strength we share is the strength we have within this community. Our family is strongest when we support one another. Thanks to everyone for their continued support of the Whale Foundation.

Our recently expanded board welcomes input from, and discussion with, you—Annette Avery, Bob Grusy, Sarah Hatch, Fran Joseph, Bill Karls, Roberta Motter, Tom Myers, Robby Pitagora, Sandy Nevills Reiff, Walt Taylor, and Tim Whitney. Check out the Whale Foundation online at: www.whalefoundation.org. The site will continue to evolve and ideally act as a clearing house of information to aid our unique community. If you have any comments, ideas, or expertise to share please contact us for inclusion to this website.

To use the Whale Foundation services, leave a message on the Toll Free, Boatman's Line 866-773-0773.

Please keep in mind that your donation to the Whale Foundation of time, energy, and money will make a difference for the river community.

We have changed our address. Please note and contact us at:
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