



Ski to Sea Green Team Results

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Bellingham, WA – The Ski to Sea Race Committee’s Green Team has the results in of its efforts to reduce waste and increase recycling at the recently completed Ski to Sea Race held on May 24, 2009. Two of the major findings were: First, recycling increased from 30% in 2008 to 70% in 2009 at the Marine Park Finish Line. Second, the major factor in seeing this dramatic increase in recycling can be directly attributable to the Recycling Monitors that were stationed at every waste/recycling station. Studies have shown that having recycling monitors is the most effective way to increase recycling at an event. The Race Committee will be considering a “Green Team Award” for the 2010 Ski to Sea Race.

As a way to say thank you to the community, the Ski to Sea Festival will have a booth at the Bellingham Farmer’s Market on Saturday, June 13, 2009. Free t-shirts and posters will be available from past Ski to Sea Races. In addition, raffle tickets will be available for 4 round trip tickets which will be raffled off at the Haggen 4th of July Celebration.

All the race teams were encouraged to be green this year by reducing their car miles driven and increasing their recycling. Some of the winning teams in each division are also increasing their green efforts by:

BAGELRY-First-Competitive Open-Overall Winner of Ski to Sea Race

“We tried to reduce the use of vehicles by arranging carpooling. We carpooled with other teams to the top of the mountain so vehicle was full. Our canoeist took a truck to Everson with extra bikes in it so the mountain folks could bike back to town. The road biker picked up the truck in Everson and drove to Ferndale to pick up the canoe so only one round trip was made. We met at one house after the race so we could carpool to the finish line and party afterwards. We make sure we car pool up the mountain and reduce car use as much as possible pre, during and post event. Everyone on the team recycles and thinks about the environment all the time. That is one of the reasons we do the sports we do and not motor sports!” *Nancy Clark, Glenn Bond*

clippercanoes.com-Third-Competitive Open

“The company practices being green by: Using recycled materials; reuse all faxes, and photocopies - the unused sides get recycled into in-house office order confirmations and office memos; owner’s manuals are printed on partially recycled paper; decreased use of water/power/raw materials in production; shop uses radiant heat - which doesn’t heat the air. Heating the air is wasteful as our ventilation system sucks the warm air out of the shop; decreased waste, through recycling, clever production practices, or otherwise office garbage and newspapers are recycled, also all beverage containers, glass and tin cans; manufacturing plant recycles all aluminum and wood trimmings; manufacturing plant distills all acetone. Water used in the distilling process in the cooling process is recycled thru shop urinals; decreased use of packaging; purchase very few boxes for shipping, less

than 5%; most boxes used in shipping are reused from incoming product; canoes that get packaged for shipping are wrapped with 50% recycled materials; systems to minimize transportation impacts on the environment; partner with other manufacturers whenever possible to fill delivery trailers." *Lynne Smith*

RunningShoes.com-First-Whatcom County Open

"The owner commutes by bike and takes the bus as much as possible." *Phil Elsasser*

SSC You Call, We Haul-First-Competitive Mixed

"We carpoled up the mountain and we house shared (4 racers in one place) so that less driving had to occur." *Marie Kimball*

Fanatik Hot-Flashes-Second-Whatcom County Women

"Carpoled to the mountain, drove another team's cyclist to St. Joseph Hospital, then their drove car to finish, used own containers for drinks, used recycling containers at Marine Park. Our car had 4 racers in it going up to Mt Baker. Coming down, our runner hooked up with someone else for a ride home. And some of us rode bikes to the award ceremony. I always reuse my water bottle (always have) or recycle." *Martha Dearstynne*

Well Hung Jury-Second-Recreational Open

"I live in Portland but travelled to Bellingham for the event. While in town, I made all my trips by bicycle." *Chris Petrick*

Win or Die-First-Veterans

"We made a concerted effort to 'ride share' in all legs of the logistics...fewer cars = less gas." *Dwight Phillips*

CH2MHILL-Third-Corporate Open

"Consistently voted one of the '100 Best Companies to Work in America,' we are also recognized as a global leader in sustainability with projects such as Masdar. Located in Abu Dhabi, it's the world's first zero carbon, zero waste city (for more information, please visit our website at: www.ch2m.com.) Locally, the CH2M HILL Bellingham office has been one of Whatcom County's major employers for over 30 years. With approximately 300 employees, we actively promote green practices and responsible use of community resources through ongoing activities such as subsidizing public transportation, a 'turn off the lights' campaign, recycling and reducing garbage, and conscientious use of paper and workflow. As we continue to grow, look for us in our new facility on Bellingham's waterfront in 2010." *Ann Helgeson*

Aunt Janie's Roadtrip-First-Recreational Mixed

"We are all fanatical recyclers! Also, our kayaker, Debbie Arthur, tends to transport her kayak around town on a trailer behind her bicycle." *Susan Bennerstrom*

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