

THE JIM BUCKLEY

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Local seabird ideas:

Kingfisher
Cormorant
Tern
Goldeneye
Heron
Osprey

Less graceful but also local seabirds with fun names:

Auklet
Wigeon
Merganser

Don't forget Puffin :-)
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Ann Wiltshire <dodgeann@hotmail.com>

I think Buckley would be a great name for a boat!

“Harmony, Balance, Rhythm”

There you have it, that's what life's all about.

George Y. Pocock 1891-1976

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Glen Eppick <gleppick@yahoo.com>

After rowing out there this morning I vote for Amorphous Slosh.

Lynn <passages2007@yahoo.com>

Some other names:

Salish

Tatoosh

And I like Osprey, too.

Lynn

Sandra Wanstall <s.wanstall@gmail.com>

Personal faves:

Bullwinkle (Gill) & Rocky (Skwerrill)

And Kaschper for the Kaschper.

And if we are talking about birds, don't forget puffin.

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I am no longer a member so I really don't have a vote. But in 1998, when I first arrived in Port Townsends someone told me that if you showed up at the cupola at 4 in the afternoon you might get to row. There was no club then. There was no boat house, there as only one boat, an eight called the Husky challenger on racks behind the cupola. (A sister boat to the Husky whatever that won the Olympics in Germany and which we called the Husky Colander since it leaked prodigiously. There were only a few "old Guys" who had rowed in college Jim Buckley among them, and a couple of women, the one for whom a boat is now named and a youngish woman who had rowed more recently (sorry, can't bring her name up (Delma!) . There was no boathouse, no club, no organization, but if you showed up you could get to row. Time went on. The boathouse was built and the club organized, and I became a devoted member - rowing 3 days a week. I was always welcomed. As time went on. I grew older. As my grandchildren came along (they are now in their thirties, they were then about 12. Jim took each one out to row when they were 12 or so. And a couple ended up rowing in the Charles, where they lived in Boston. I continued to row three times a week until 2012, when I had a massive brain hemorrhage, which stopped my rowing,

There would be no club now. no club, maybe even no boathouse. I think you should name a boat (the best you have), after Buckley.

You can go back to birds at a later time.

My best to all of you. I keep an eye on the club. Rowing was one of the best experiences of my life.

My very best to all,
Mary Grace Swift

Donna Daus <ddbout09@gmail.com>

I am a newcomer to RI Rowing club. However the pioneer spirit of Buckley's impact definitely gets my vote to naming a boat after him and his legacy.

Lynn <passages2007@yahoo.com>

I concur with Donna, one boat could be named the J Buckley. We have the Frank, the Stan, do we dare have a George P?
Lynn

linda deal <lindajodeal@gmail.com>

Love Ann's suggestions!

Corine de Boer <corinedeboer@gmail.com>

I repeat my recommendation for the Buckley

Erica Delma <ericadelma@gmail.com>

Hi! It's me, Erica "Delma", I don't have a vote either but I LOVE what Mary Grace had to say.

The Buckley is a super recommendation!!! Jim is the best! I appreciate every second I have been able to spend with him and heck, the Club, Jim included pretty much helped me raise my kids, Elliot and Max!

I miss you guys and hopefully I can come row sometime soon!

In gratitude,

Erica

Micaela Colley <micaela@seedalliance.org>

YES! What she said. 😊

And Erica let me know anytime you want to guest row or double with me.

Mic

Marsha Wiener <marshab@olympus.net>

I don't have a vote either but if I did, it would be for Buckley. 😊
Marsha

linda deal <lindajodeal@gmail.com>

Well I am thinking I like "J Buckley". I loved reading Mary Grace's account and Erica's. Great to have a forum to get our past members and teachers involved. Erica, Jim and Mari were Kathleen, Francine and my instructors, where we learned to sweep and not scull. The new rowers are so lucky that they have the Learn to Row program as you progress much faster.

Linda

Peggy Myre <plmyre@gmail.com>

I concur with everyone about Buckley, but it should be the new wooden boat, because of Jim's long-term love and support for the Pocock legacy.

As for the plastic boats, I think we should continue our tradition of naming them after rivers of the Olympic Peninsula. We have had the Hoh (and Oho, long story ask Ted), Bogge (Boggachiel), Grey Wolf (sadly sunk), Quinault (the boat many of us learned in!), and Dose (Dosewallips).

I suggest Elwha to honor the newly wild and free flowing river.

The second name could be Queets, Sol Duc, Humptulips, Hamma Hamma, or there are other options.

Peggy

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Robert Alexander <seatrials@gmail.com>

Not to make an actual suggestion, only to observe that Mary Grace's Husky Collander is absolutely the funniest, most apropos in boat naming history. Even better than Farley Mowat's in The Boat Who Wouldn't Float!

Don Bryson <dbryson59@yahoo.com>

I like the name J Buckley!

Don B

Roger McPherson <roger76@olympus.net>

Good idea Peggy. Roger

Ed Kirkpatric <edkfast@gmail.com>

I'm in total agreement for The. "J Buckley" a well deserved recognition of absolute, significant contribution's to the growth and excellent reputation of 'Rat Island Rowing'

Ed K

Jeanne Costello <pgjeanne@yahoo.com>

I agree with Peggy also. Buckley for the wooden book; rivers starting with Elwha next. Jeanne

Steve Jefferies <sjefferies544@gmail.com>

Ditto
Steve Jefferies

MICHELE OLSEN <charlies1st@icloud.com>

I too agree with Peggy.
Michele

Ron Moller <ronmoller@icloud.com>

Sounds great to me too... BUCKLEY plus three river names;
adding a few Olympic Peninsula rivers for consideration (looked
up a big list online)

Xep Campbell <xephaniah@gmail.com>

I really like the idea of a boat we can call the Ducky. But would
that be the Sol Duc or the Duckabush?

Patricia Farmer <pjfarmer@olypen.com>

I have enjoyed reading all the excellent suggestions but the one
that stands out for me is this one from Peggy. Thinking of all of
you and our good times on the water, Patricia Farmer

Kate Franco <katiegagefranco@gmail.com>

I'm jumping in with a couple of the « old timers » such as Patricia
and Peggy, who, like myself, go way back with Jim Buckley. «
Buckley » must be on a wooden boat, with our tradition of river
names going to plastic ones.

Kate Franco

Jim Whittaker <impossible@mountanalogue.com>

The Buckley, the Ducky and the Humpy!
I love it!



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Kathleen Sailer <talkstohorses@msn.com>

Agree with all - can't think of a more fitting name than the Buckley for the almost refurbished wooden boat.

Kathleen

Jim Mason <cnjmason@olypen.com>

I also like "the Buckley" on the wooden quad but also, last spring there was a suggestion to name the Vashon boat after John Collins. He moved here from Vashon and was the primary instigator to form RIRSC. That would still leave 2 plastic boats after rivers.

Thanks, Jim M

Sandra Wanstall <s.wanstall@gmail.com>

I am enjoying this discussion of names and am totally on board renaming the Lusk the Buckley and the new boats and the Kaschper after rivers. I loved Peggy's suggestions, especially the Elwha. The Quilcene and Duckabush sound good to me too but I'm not feeling too attached to particulars.

Sandra

Jeanne Costello <pgjeanne@yahoo.com>

Good idea. Honoring John with the Vashon boat where he rowed for years would be excellent.

John Collins <collinsj37@gmail.com>

The proposal to name a Pocock wooden shell after Jim Buckley has my full support. Jim embodies for me the spirit of community and inclusion that has become a hallmark of RIRSC. Even after RIRSC was formed, Jim always reminded us that we are part of a larger rowing community in this part of the world, regardless of membership in RIRSC. The active rowing community in PT that existed before I moved here in 2004 and before RIRSC was formed in 2005 was largely, but not exclusively, a result of Jim's deep love of the sport. Jim brought with him to PT his deep

contacts with the Seattle rowing scene, where he was active in rowing before relocating to PT. Jim also brought with him his deep respect for the unique contribution to international rowing of the Pocock tradition of fine crafted wood shells. I don't think there is another rowing club that has, in its mission, the commitment to "...to preserve and celebrate the legacy of traditional wooden racing shells..." That was Jim's idea. I have always felt that Jim was, and continues, to represent the soul of PT rowing.

Thanks
John

Roger McPherson <roger76@olympus.net>

Another good idea. The "John Collins" has a nice ring to it. Roger

Laura Duncan <kineticmom@gmail.com>

I love what everyone has to say about Jim. As an occasional wanna-be Rat from Corvallis, I'm always happy if Jim is part of that day's crew.

I like the sound of the JimB for a boat.

Laura

Sally Giesler <SallyGiesler@msn.com>

Rowers,

We had a very good meeting last night and discussed all the great ideas that you offered for Boat names. Here is what we decided were the best options. Hope you will agree with what we have decided.

Lusk - Jim Buckley

Gill - John Collins

Skwerrell - Duckabush

Kaschper - Elwha

We stuck with tradition for the two fiberglass boats this club has had from the beginning to honor the rivers of the Olympic peninsula. The wooden boats that leave a legacy, it should be in honor of a leader of caring and preserving the boat. In Jim Buckley's case, he has done way more than just preserving the boats. He has been a driving force for this club acquiring many of our fleet and making sure all rowers get the help needed to succeed as a rower.

As for John Collins, He was a such a leader during the forming of the club. He put together our By Laws written with his knowledge as a professor at Seattle University teaching Non Profit Management. He also promoted and coached LTR when in the beginning. John rowed at Vashon Island for many years and since the Gill came from there, we thought it was appropriate he should have the honor to be on that boat.

Jim Buckley <buckley@rumford.com>

Sally and all,

I am honored that the Club decided to name the Lusk the "Buckley". And I'm blown away by the many kind comments many of you made in the emails leading up to this decision.

Thank you all very much.

Jim