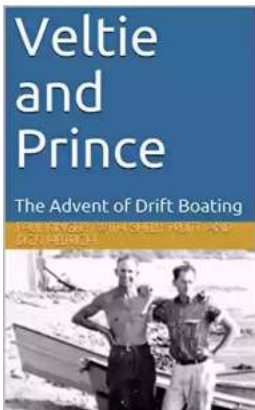
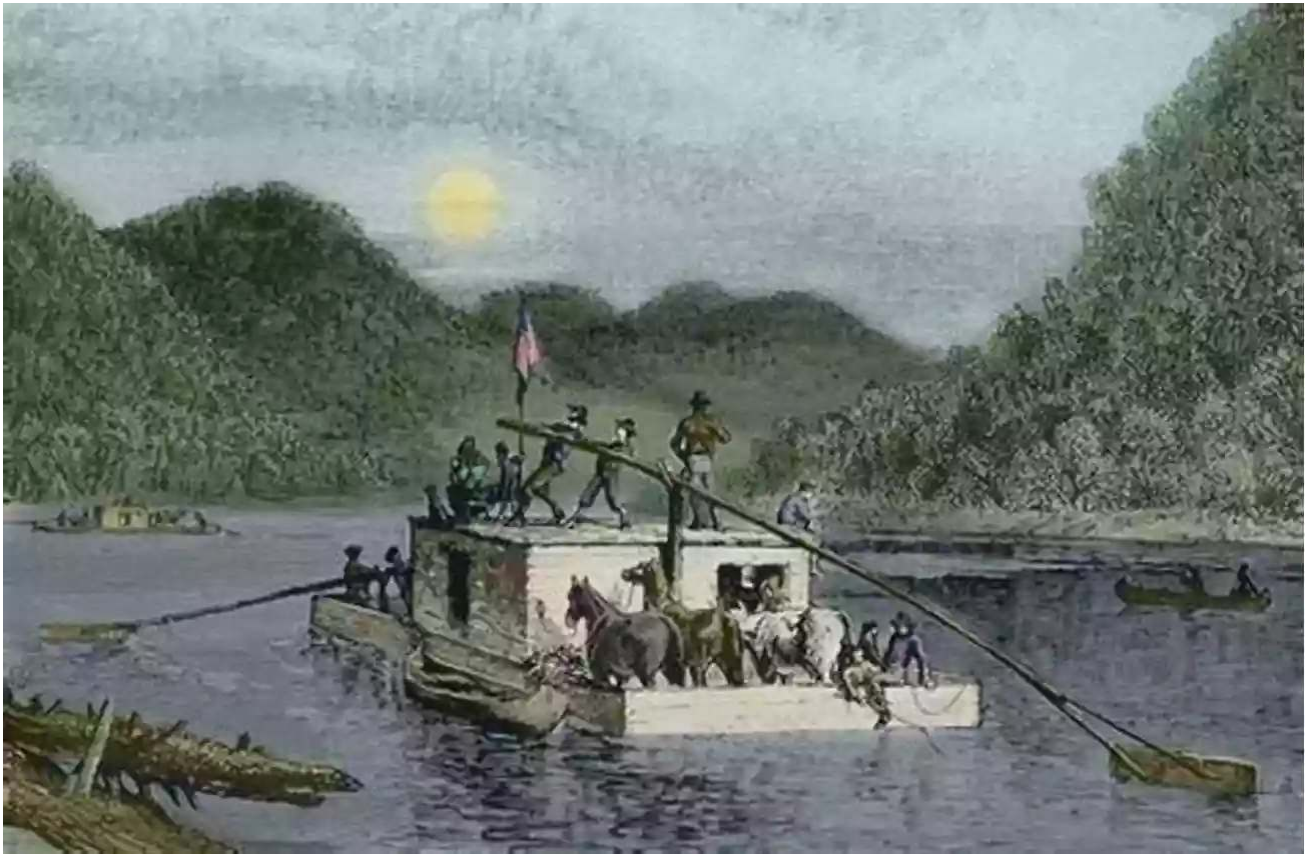


Veltie And Prince: The Advent Of Drift Boating



Imagine the thrill of cruising down a meandering river, surrounded by stunning natural beauty, as you cast your line and wait for the perfect catch. This is the essence of drift boating, a sport that has gained immense popularity among fishing enthusiasts in recent years.

The Dynamic Duo: Veltie And Prince



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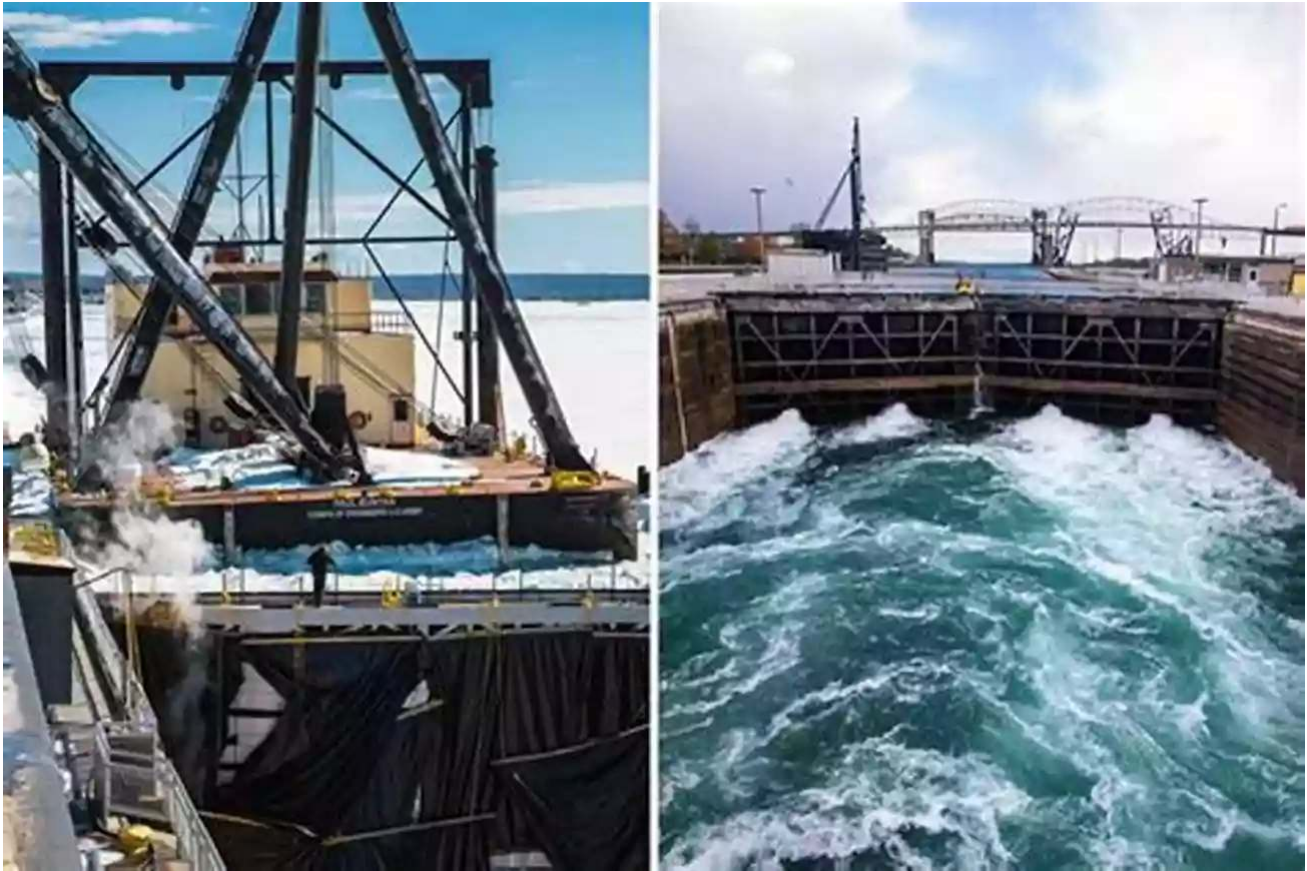
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The pioneers of drift boating, Veltie and Prince, brought this exhilarating adventure to life. Their passion for fishing and love for the rivers led them to

create an innovative way to navigate waters that were previously difficult to access. They developed a unique boat design that revolutionized the sport and opened up endless possibilities for anglers.

The Drift Boat: A Marvel of Engineering



Their invention, aptly called a drift boat, is a marvel of engineering. It features a flat-bottom design, ensuring stability and maneuverability in various water conditions. The boat's shallow draft allows it to float smoothly over shallow rapids and rocks, ensuring a seamless fishing experience.

The drift boat incorporates additional features like a lean bar, casting platforms, and padded seats for optimal comfort during long fishing expeditions. Veltie and Prince's attention to detail and passion for user experience have set the benchmark for drift boat design.

Exploring the Rivers



Once Veltie and Prince introduced drift boating, a whole new world of river exploration unfolded. Anglers now had the opportunity to venture into remote locations that were previously inaccessible. The ease of maneuverability provided by drift boats allows fishermen to access hidden fishing spots where fish thrive undisturbed.

A Perfect Blend of Adventure and Tranquility



Drift boating offers a unique blend of adventure and tranquility. While it provides an adrenaline rush for thrill-seekers navigating rapids and negotiating tricky river sections, it also presents moments of peace and serenity. Sitting back on the boat, surrounded by nature's beauty, waiting for the fish to bite, is a truly tranquil experience.

The Drift Boating Community



Over the years, a close-knit community of drift boating enthusiasts has formed. These like-minded individuals share their stories, fishing tips, and favorite river locations. The camaraderie among drift boaters fosters a strong sense of belonging and makes every fishing trip a memorable journey filled with shared adventures and lasting friendships.

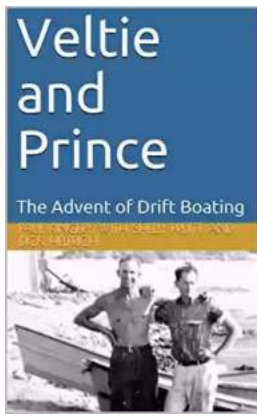
Embracing the Future



Veltie and Prince's legacy continues to inspire advancements in drift boating. With ongoing technological advancements, the future holds exciting possibilities. Innovations such as improved navigation systems, lightweight materials, and enhanced safety features are bound to enhance the drift boating experience even further.

As the popularity of drift boating grows, new enthusiasts are discovering the joy of this sport. From seasoned anglers to first-time adventurers, drift boating offers a remarkable opportunity to connect with nature and engage in a thrilling activity simultaneously.

Thanks to the visionary efforts of Veltie and Prince, drift boating has become an epitome of adventure, tranquility, and camaraderie. As more people embrace this exhilarating sport, the legacy of these pioneers lives on, inspiring generations to connect with nature and experience the thrill of drift boating.



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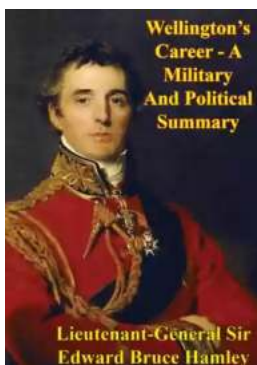
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Veltie Pruitt invented the light drift boat in 1926. In 1928, after making several boats, he partnered with Prince Helfrich, made him a boat, and the two men set off on a decade of adventure on the wild rapid rivers of Oregon and Idaho. They boated the McKenzie, Upper Rogue, Lower Rogue, Crooked, Metolius, Deschutes, John Day, Smith, Willamette, Middle Fork of the Salmon, and other rivers including sections now flooded by man-made dams. Their courageous explorations were celebrated in film and news stories and became lore along the McKenzie River. In this book their journals, news interviews, films, notes and other materials are drawn into a pictorial account of each separate river trip by Veltie's grandson Paul Kingery, with Shelly Pruitt and Dick Helfrich.



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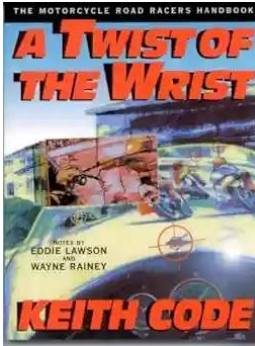
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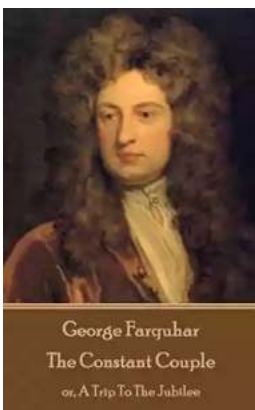
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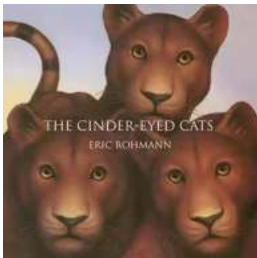
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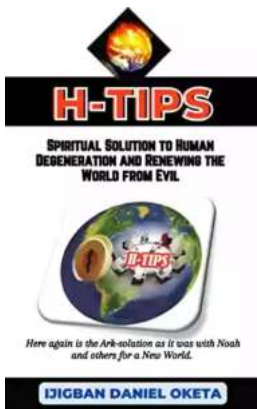
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