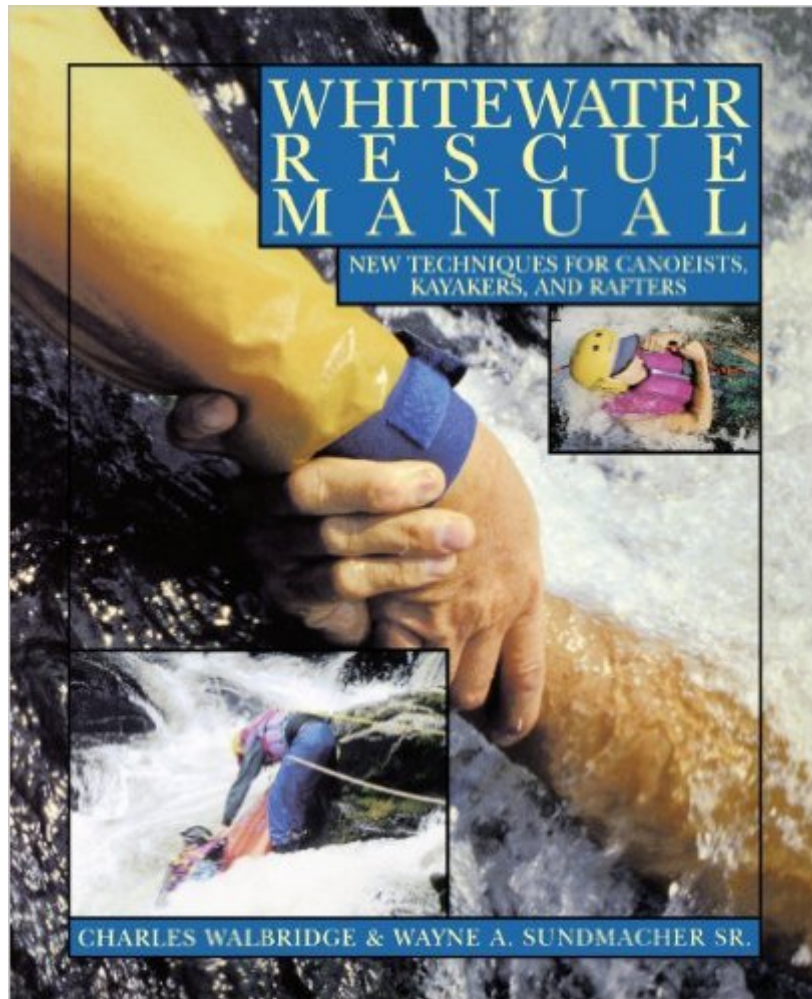


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# Whitewater Rescue Manual: New Techniques For Canoeists, Kayakers, And Rafters



## Synopsis

Whitewater Rescue Manual is for all whitewater paddlers, beginner to expert. This book presents the best techniques for self-rescue and rescue of companions on the river.

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Mssrs. Walbridge and Sundmacher cover the subject of whitewater rescue well. It is geared toward the recreational boater, but is also a valuable tool for the public safety officer (police, sheriff, fire/rescue, SAR, ranger, etc.). It does not cover reading whitewater, since assumes the reader is already a boater of some sort. It does present the most common problems and solutions. In addition it covers use of the tools needed to safely execute timely rescues. Easy reading, excellent photographs and drawings illustrate the points well.

I think that no matter what level or river you paddle you should take the time and read either this book or another like it. For the most part none of us ever plan to be in or part of a rescue, but it can and does happen. So I think every paddler should know the basics, not just for themselves but also for the friends and family that they paddle with. If you only ever use this knowledge once in your lifetime, someone is going to be very grateful. This is a great book, the presentation is now looking very dated, but the content is a fresh and relevant today as it was when written. It is as strange revolution or cycle of events, that my wife has paddled with Charles Walbridge back in the day, since then she hung up her whitewater paddle for a few years and now she is back paddling after

having introduced two new people to whitewater paddling, her daughter and me, and now we are currently preparing to take a whitewater rescue class for which this book was recommended reading. It will never be a wasted read, so get informed and pass it forward, keep that good paddling karma going.

Great book that anyone who plans on kayaking, rafting, or anything on the river, should own. There's the important and simple things that every one should know about what to do in possibly dangerous river situations. There is also a good amount of advanced rescue techniques involving many ropes, pulleys, carabiners, and people so if that's what you're looking for this has it.

This book is a must read for any paddler. Learned a lot about whitewater safety that I never would have thought of before reading this. Haven't had to put any of it to use yet and hopefully won't have to!

This book is a must have for serious paddlers. It is well written and organized and covers techniques that should be part of any paddlers toolbox. While nothing can take the place of rescue training (and practice), the book is a good reference resource and can be used to broaden technical knowhow and refresh rusty memories BEFORE going back on the water.

Charlie Walbridge is probably the foremost whitewater rescue expert in the country. This book, although a little outdated, is still the best one written on the subject. It is easy to understand and easy to remember the techniques at the critical time. It is a must for all serious canoers and kayakers.

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