

## **Learn to Row Whitewater**

Been out on the river a few times and falling in love? Cloudsplitter Outfitters is now offering a Learn-to-Row Program to those looking for a unique experience through the wilderness of the Northeast on the Hudson River.

Picture this, The Hudson River Gorge is your classroom with a 3.5 mile section of the Indian River which has two significant class III sections and very little flat water. At the confluence of the Hudson the river widens and the volume increases. Depending on volume a variety of routes or “lines” become available to nurture the learning process.

Learn to Row Class II and III Rapids and be in command of the rivercraft of your choice. We have a 17' Cataract, 17' Drift Boat, and 14' Raft to choose from. You will get professional guidance from experienced oarsman on oar management mechanics, maneuvering techniques, and how to identifying whitewater features. Learn how to “read water” so you can navigate a route that is safe yet challenging enough to cultivate your skills. This program can be as basic or comprehensive as you want. Watercraft rigging, basic rescue techniques, river etiquette, gear selection, and river camping are other options. Should you decide to invest in your own raft or cataract, we can help you land in the boat that best fits your intentions. Cost for a full day of instruction on the commercial section of the Indian/Hudson River is \$575.00

## **About Your Guide/Instructor**

Dave Olbert began his whitewater profession in the early 1980s and his passion for the sport has been steadfast since his first trip as a customer. He has rafted, kayaked, or rowed the Hudson, Moose, Opalescent, Ottawa, Lehigh, Black, Kennebec, Rogue and Umpqua rivers. The highpoint of his whitewater life was when he and his raftmate, “Daba” rowed 280 miles over 21 days on the Colorado River through the majestic Grand Canyon. Dave’s love of the Hudson River has matured over the years and he and his wife Ruth established Cloudsplitter Outfitters in 1995 and relocated our operation on the banks of the Hudson River in Newcomb in 1997.