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2012 TOYOTA WEAVER SEED WORLD JET BOAT MARATHON

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April 13 through 21, 2012 brought an international event to four rivers in Idaho for the first time. Approximately 9 months ago I agreed to coordinate the safety boats for this event and while I have been involved with safety boat operations at the Salmon River Jetboat Races in one capacity or another for approximately 25 years, in re-

flection that experience was helpful but several magnitudes below what occurred during ten days in April (not used to several twenty-hour days stacked on top of each other).

First, I want to thank the Western Whitewater Association for the support in making the logistics meetings and purchasing the miscellaneous equipment for

these activities less of a financial drain on my family budget.

Second, I want to recognize my Brother, Gary as he attended most of the meetings with me and filled in on the Clearwater River safety boat location survey when I was not feeling well. But most of all for keeping me on track and

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Special points of interest:

- 2012 World Championship Jet Boat Marathon
- Congratulations—the White Boys (Shay & Grady), Meridian, finish 4th.
- Weed Run has been postponed.



Ryan Rogers – World Champion downstream at Time Zone

"This kind of exposure to our sport can't be estimated."

There are many things to say about the jet boat races recently completed April 21, 2012. Most of those things will be said by those directly involved in the logistics of this tremendous event. As a club and as a representative of the club, I was able to take part in Riggins Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the final leg of the race.

I was impressed with the club membership and each individual's willingness to participate and help out where needed. Personally I was a safety boat driver near Shorts

Bar. What impressed me most was the coordination of the entire event especially the safety boat crews with EMT's and radio operators. All of these crew members did a quality job as volunteers and each represented their professions and associations well.

This kind of exposure to our sport can't be estimated. When I stop to think about the economies of each town where the races were held, the impact to the local economies was significant. The café in St. Maries, the hotel in Orofino, the convention casino in Lewiston and the gas station in Riggins and many more businesses along the way saw posi-

tive economic impacts from the races.

Besides the economies, the friends of Jet Boat operations grew through this event as well. There were the safety boat crews mentioned earlier but the spectator and fan base also grew through this event. There was a young boy in Riggins about six years old who had drawn a picture of the "Predator" boat and was proud to tell me that he was able to sit in the boat. He also thought he may like to race on of them boats someday. I would guess the picture of the boat is on the refrigerator at home or his desk at school.

Lastly, I stayed at

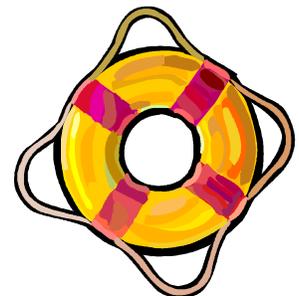
the Canyon Pines RV Park on the Little Salmon River just a few miles from Riggins during the races. If you need a clean quiet spot to stay in Riggins, I would highly recommend this place. They have a store and stay program for the off-season that is very reasonable. Along with about fifty RV spaces the place has showers, a store, dump station, recreation room and a laundry facility. The setting is pleasant right along the Little Salmon and the staff is equally pleasant.

Get ready for the Payette run and the weed run. See you on the water.

JED MYERS



Duane Carmont
– driving the
local (Riggins)
favorite



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providing back-up coverage during our assignment meetings at the various races and my mid-week trip to attend a funeral. It was great to have an adventure with my Brother in the mix.

Third, I want to thank the WWA members Rick White, Don Moore and Clyde Schrader for their assistance in getting the old "Milk and Cookies" boat in shape and bringing the WWA Trailer up to operational condition.

There was a core of safety boats that followed the race from start to finish; Don Moore (Boise), Gary Hays (Grangeville), Doug Hadley (Idaho Falls), Dan

Mally (Spokane), Wes Rainey (Nampa), Jim McGarvin (Caldwell), Doug Martin (St. Maries) and myself. Of that group I was the only one that did not work every race as a safety boat (stood in reserve on the Snake River and Clearwater). The advantage of having this core group was echoed at the awards banquet when World Champion Ryan Rogers noted that the race would move from river to river and it was reassuring to see the same safety boats in the new locations.

Ross Schlotthauer (Spokane) piloted the Leo Wright sweep boat for the St. Joe, Snake River and Clearwater River, while

Gary Hays piloted the McGarvin boat to sweep the Salmon River races. Weaver Seed provided funding for the sweep boat fuel.

In the end there would be forty-seven safety boats from the Western Whitewater Association and the Northwest River Runners participate in the races, with the goal to have twenty safety boats available on each of the seven days of racing. Considering that all safety boats were totally volunteer operations, there was an impressive mix of equipment and logistical support that always met the challenges and demands of the operation and situation.

Once again we were
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matched up with volunteer EMTs and HAM radio operators to make up the safety net during the actual races. We were joined by Nez Perce County and Clearwater County Sheriff Department Boats on the Snake and Clearwater Rivers, respectfully. Additionally, two Coast Guard Auxiliary boats assisted at the Hellgate State Park area and the Asotin County Fire Department boat assisted at Hellers Bar.

Starting with seventeen race boats in St. Maries (less than the number anticipated) we had several disabled boats that were towed to safe harbor but two incidents; one on the Snake River and one on the Salmon River that required quick action to insure that the race crews were safe. The Snake River event was created when a turbine powered boat captained by Mark Cromie of New Zealand hit a wave in Captain John Rapids and after going approximately thirty feet into the air stuck the bow into the next wave and submerged bending the hull (like a beer can). The boat

stayed afloat and after evaluation, and a bilge pump test, it limped back to Lewiston at 60 mph. The Salmon River event involved a sport-jet boat that hit a wave in the Little Salmon River confluence area, flipped and sank, leaving the crew to make the short swim to shore (under the watchful eye of the safety boat crew) where they were evaluated and found to be OK (the boat was removed from the river that evening, duck taped together, and ran the first leg of the Saturday races). The safety boat captained by Doug Hadley was on response to both of these events.

There was one accident involving a safety boat. I received a call from Fred Goins on Tuesday evening (4-17-12) that his boat and trailer were involved in a traffic accident in Orofino,

which forced him to find new lodging since he was sleeping on his boat. Hopefully, all is well now that the dust has settled a bit.

I would like to thank HAM Radiomen Barron Barnett (Colton, Washington) and Wade Hale (Middleton, Idaho) for their assistance in moving the WWA Trailer from St. Maries to Lewiston, to Orofino, to Riggins and then to Boise. The WWA trailer was a great asset in moving the race equipment from site-to-site and providing on-site storage (it took almost two hours at Riggins to unload, sort out equipment for return to Lewiston and St. Maries and rearrange the equipment for the trip to Boise on Sunday).

To those individuals that
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**The White Boys
- Flying
Through Time
Zone**



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did not get the word that we cancelled the Lucile to Shorts Bar run on Sunday, I apologize and will issue rain checks for a later date. After ten days on the road I simply ran out of time to get everything covered.

I met a lot of great folks on this adventure and would love to be involved in future events but maybe just pare it down to 16 hour days (although I enjoyed the early morning coffee talk in St. Maries). This race was well received and St. Maries was a great place to start. We had volunteers in St. Maries that stayed with us the whole week after they found out what was involved.

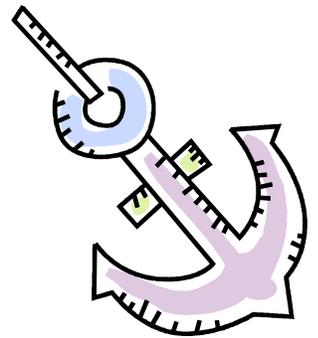
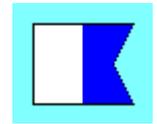
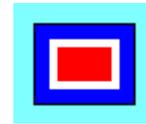
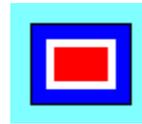
Thanks to the racing team of Shay and Grady White (and entourage) for making the home town proud by going the distance. If you have not heard the results I encourage you to attend the next WWA meeting and get the story, maybe they will bring their rock.

Thanks to: Kim, Kayla and Michelle for their vision and energy to make this mountain and to get it to move; Janeen for shaping up the ship when it

appeared to be aground; Tim and David (and crew) for your pursuit of a perfect communication net; Mark, and Eric for the assistance at Lewiston and a great Banquet on Monday night; Steve for your assistance at Orofino and with the VIPs maybe I will catch up with you one of these days: and thanks to the folks at Riggins for a great welcome BBQ and one of the best awards banquets I have ever been to, it was first cabin.

Again, thanks to the WWA membership for their support and participation in this event that truly was a marathon both for equipment and personnel.

May the seas run with you and the wind be favorable. FISH-ON – Bob Hays



The McGarvin boat on Sweep at Time Zone

2012 Toyota Weaver Seed Overall World Jet Boat Marathon Champion THE RESULTS

Here are the final results & times for all race classes:

1. Ryan Rogers & Gary Weaver/Larry Keats, Lewiston, Idaho/Crabtree, Oregon, USA, #285 Pure Insanity, 5:37:13
2. Rick & Jodi Hollingworth, Valleyview, Alberta, CAN, #55 Little Smokey, 6:39:08
3. Tyson Allen & Sylvain Ruel, Peace River, Alberta, CAN, #03 SS Adrenaline, 6:55:42
4. Shay & Grady White, Meridian, Idaho, USA, #51 Predator, 8:05:54

American Turbine Unlimited Class

1. Duane Carmont & Roger Derry, Riggins, Idaho, USA, #321 Revelation, 6:56:00 (only Unlimited boat to attain minimum distance and minimum number of legs raced)
2. Gord Humphrey & Chris Zapesocki, Fort St. John, B.C., CAN, #CDN-1 Unnatural Disaster, 6:12:06
3. Chad Burns & Willie Burns, Peace River, Alberta,

CAN, #339 Bad Habit, 6:21:41

Shore Lodge A Class

1. Ryan Rogers & Gary Weaver/Larry Keats, Lewiston, Idaho/Crabtree, Oregon, USA #285 Pure Insanity, 5:37:13
2. Jake Barney & Lester Zehner/Casey Barney, Lewiston, Idaho, USA, #212 Never Satisfied, 9:13:27
3. Terry O'Keefe & Russ Hoisington, Monitor, Wash./Culdesac, Idaho, USA, #211 Riptear, 9:18:18

Clearwater River Casino FX Class

1. Rick & Jodi Hollingworth, Valleyview, Alberta, CAN, #55 Little Smokey, 6:39:08
 2. Tyson Allen & Sylvain Ruel, Peace River, Alberta, CAN, #03 SS Adrenaline, 6:55:42
- Shay & Grady White, Meridian, Idaho, USA, #51 Predator, 8:05:54

Future Events

The Payette River Run is scheduled for May 19. This course is very technical and will present to the driver everything from shallow water to rock-infested rapids. The river is narrow in places and affords little room to recover from mistakes.. The upper portion of this river has a long history of damaging the hulls and pride of many jetboaters.

Drivers need to be aware of the heavy float traffic in the upper portion of the river and also the floating debris that is associated with a normal spring runoff.

This year's CAST (Catch A Special Thrill) for Kids, is scheduled for August 18, 2012. This is an event sponsored by the Bu-

reau of Reclamation. CAST is a public service project promoting environmental education and cold water fishing designed for children, ages 7 to 16, with physical/developmental disabilities, or terminal illnesses.

The program runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.. A BBQ lunch, prepared by /Gem Lions Club will be ready for hungry anglers following the fishing activities. Everyone is invited to enjoy the meal at no charge.

For those of you who have never participated in this program, it is a very rewarding way to spend a Saturday. For a few hours of your time, you get to help a child enjoy the sport of fishing and there is no way to express how great it is to see their face when they catch a fish.

2012 SALMON RIVER RUN.

We had a great time up on the Salmon River glad to see everyone that could make it. We had 24 boats around 80 plus people, launched around 8:30 - returned around 5:00. Was glad to hear everyone made it up and back with very little trouble. There was plenty of water to help with that(17,000 cfs), as you could expect Chittam Rapid had some big holes in it. Dried meat had some big rollers in it that carried down around the corner, and last but not the least Ludwig would

get your attention. Everyone made it to Mackey Bar some went on to Buckskin Bill and some few went up to Alder Creek rapid. Had very little problems a couple sticks in the pumps, one lost window and a great time on the river. I would like to thank everyone that helped lead people up the river. Until next time be safe and have fun.

Tee Fisher

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Idaho Current Streamflows: (New Address) 5-01

http://water.usgs.gov/id/nwis/current?type=flow&group_key=NONE&search_site_no_station_nm=
(enter it once and bookmark it!)

Idaho Power Streamflow Information: (03-02)

<http://www.idahopower.com/h2o/idastream.cfm>

Riverflow Information:

<http://www.idwr.state.id.us/planpol/techserv/flows.htm>

Addresses and Telephone Numbers

Salmon River Reservations: Slate Creek Ranger Station:
208-839-2211

Hells Canyon Power Boat Reservations: Pat Wurl:
509-758-0270

General information: 509-758-0616

River & Reservoir Levels: Bureau of Reclamation: 208-
334-9134

Bliss Dam Outflows: Idaho Power (Call weekdays only)
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Calendar of Events

May 14, 2012: *General Membership meeting*—
Canyon Creek Restaurant, Nampa

May 19, 2012 *Payette River Run*

SKILLS DAY DATE TO BE DETERMINED

AUGUST 18, 2012: *CAST for Kids* Black Canyon Reservoir

SEPTEMBER 15, 2012 *Confluence Run*

October 27, 2012 *Hammer Creek Run*

General Meetings are the second Monday of the Month at Canyon Creek Restaurant Nampa ID