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### **IDAHO TO HOST THREE JET BOAT RIVER RACES IN 2013 RACES WILL COMPOSE THE U.S.A. JET RIVER RACING SERIES**

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The American Power Boat Association has announced Idaho will host three jet river races as part of the U.S.A. Jet River Racing Series for 2013 including a new whitewater jet boat race along the St. Joe River at St. Maries, Idaho.

“This is an exciting time in American jet river racing,” APBA Referee Larry Darneille said.

“We’re seeing renewed interest in Idaho for growth in the sport of jet boat river racing,” Darneille said.

The first race in the series will take place April 19-21 on the Salmon River at Riggins, Idaho for the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Salmon River Jet Boat Races. This annual event is the longest consecutive running jet boat race in the country and is sponsored by the Salmon River Chamber of Commerce and Salmon River Jet Boat Committee. For more information on the Salmon River Jet Boat Races contact Kim Friend, (208) 628-3095.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Race the Joe! 2013 will debut May 17-19 on the St. Joe River along an approximate 25 mile course from St. Maries to Calder. Approximately 5,000 fans lined the St. Joe riverbank to watch the first two days of the 2012 U.S.A. World Jet Boat River Marathon Championship in April 2012. The event is sponsored by the St. Maries Chamber of Commerce, St. Maries – St. Joe River Jet Boat Club and Epic Motorsports Consulting Group, L.L.C. For additional information on Race the Joe! contact Kyla Sawyer, Epic Motorsports Consulting Group, L.L.C. (208) 890-3868.

The final U.S.A. series race, Thunder on the Snake is scheduled for August 23-25 at Lewiston. This successful whitewater racing event was last held in August 2011 on the Snake River. For more details on Thunder on the Snake contact Kim Friend, (208) 628-3095 or Ryan Rogers (208) 743-5577.

“The APBA is thrilled to have such a exciting series of races coming to the United States this year. These races will provide competition and excitement, and are ideal family-friendly entertainment for all local race fans”, said APBA Executive Director Dan Wiener.

Idaho hosted the 2012 World Jet Boat River Marathon Championship on the St. Joe, Snake, Clearwater and Salmon rivers in April 2012. The free event drew race teams from Canada, New Zealand and the United States to the North Central Idaho area and hosting communities of St. Maries, Lewiston, Orofino and Riggins.

**About the American Power Boat Association:**

Formed in 1903, the American Power Boat Association is the oldest governing body in motorsports. Headquartered in Eastpointe Michigan, the APBA has over 3,000 active members and sanctions over 150 races nationwide. The APBA sanctions all types of power boat racing from 250+ MPH Unlimited Hydroplanes to smaller Junior Class racing starting at age 9. For more information, please visit [APBA.org](http://APBA.org).

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