



JET BOAT RIVER RACERS ARRIVE IN ONE MONTH TO COMPETE IN THE 2012 TOYOTA WEAVER SEED WORLD JET BOAT MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIP

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In less than 30 days jet boat river racers from around the world will compete in Idaho for the 2012 Toyota Weaver Seed World Jet Boat Marathon Championship.

Racing teams from Canada, Mexico, New Zealand and the U.S.A. will be in the Gem State, April 13-21 to race on the St. Joe River at St. Maries; the Snake River at Lewiston/Clarkston; the Clearwater River at Orofino and finish on the Salmon River at Riggins.

Some of the U.S.A. racers competing include Meridian, Idaho brothers Shay and Grady White, both students at Eastern Oregon University.

“We’re excited about the opportunity to compete in an international event in our own state,” Captain Shay White said.

White, 24, will pilot his boat, #51 Predator in the Coors Light/Rockstar FXV Class with his brother and navigator, 27 year-old Grady White. The brothers grew up in the jet boat community watching their father, Rick White, repair racing boats and assisting as a safety boat captain at several jet boat river races. This will be the Shay brothers first ever jet boat race.

“Jet boating is in our blood and we are looking forward to participating in the World Championship,” White said.

Race fans can also expect to cheer on Shore Lodge A Class driver and Idaho locals Jake Barney, 31, of Lewiston and navigator Allen Paul, 31, of Orofino, piloting #212 Never Satisfied. Another local favorite set to compete is 2011 Thunder on the Snake Champion driver Ryan Rogers, 35, of Lewiston piloting #285 Pure Insanity in the Eagle Performance Boats CX Class.

“I would honestly say we have approximately 30 teams listed at this time,” U.S.A. World Race Committee Organizer Kim Friend said. “We are hoping for possibly more teams from Canada to enter at the last minute on April 13.”

Spectators may watch the race for free from a river bank with public access along each of the four rivers. For more information and to view the official race itinerary go to: facebook.com/2012usa.worldjetboatmarathon.