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OF THE WESTERN  
WHITEWATER ASSOCIATION*

# THE RAPIDS

## April

## 2022



### President's Message - April 2022

Spring is slowly appearing across Idaho...and many of you are getting your boats ready. Please remember that spring run-off and water levels can be deceiving. We are all hoping for a good water year, it remains to be seen this year how much water we will have. Spring run-off can cause a lot of trash in the water, from sticks to logs. It is a good idea to keep dry clothes and blankets in your boat in case you are stranded or breakdown. Another extremely important item that needs to be taken care of as soon as possible is please register your boat. It is online with Idaho Parks and Recreation. You can choose the county that your money goes to, and we have had some boaters ticketed for lack of registration. Let me know if you are having trouble getting your boat registered.

The Glens Ferry run was a great day on the river. Several boats braved the Peg Leg rapid and did a great job. The weather was a typical spring day. This was the first time my family and I have been available to go on the Glens Ferry run, in quite a few years. It was so fun hearing my mom and dad tell stories about this run when Grady and I were little kids. The Pilgrim Rapid was formed after a land slide that brought down a huge number of rocks. As kids, my brother and I had little rock-hound hammers and found tons of fossils in the rock bed above Pilgrim Rapid. If any of you have pictures from this year's run that you would like to show-off, please send them to Dave Dickerson for the website and Facebook.

I heard a great quote from one of our WWA members, John Peabody..." Jet Boating is a team sport"! John is completely right. We never know when someone on the river may need help. I would like to thank Jeff and Melanie Higgins, Dave Dickerson, Terri Dickerson and Bill and Patty Davis for the tow down river on the Glens Ferry run. Awesome job Jeff for your first time towing another boat. I really appreciate your willingness to help. I would like to also thank John Peabody and friends for helping get our boat on the trailer. It turned out to be a great run and thank you Jim and Brandi Moore for chairing this event and all the captains that led boats up and down the river. We also had some jet boaters that came from Anaconda Montana to enjoy our Idaho spring and rivers. It's impressive when we have members in other states that enjoy our recreation opportunities.

A couple of things going on right now.... The water has been turned on at Pittsburgh Landing. I do not believe the dump station is working yet. Forest Service is trying to get it emptied but because there has not been water for several years, they are having to do a special clean-up or out.

The Salmon River Jet Boat races are April 15-17 in Riggins. If you are interested in being a safety boat, please contact Jim Moore. The WWA has sponsored the jet boat races for a number of years. Prior to the jet boat races on April 15<sup>th</sup> we will hold our annual Salmon River Run chaired by Bill and Anne Dutton. There will not be an official pre-run due to the rising gas prices. We are always looking for qualified captains willing to lead other boats upriver. It is getting harder and harder to find captains that are willing to lead others on runs. If you are experienced with the Salmon River, please let Bill Dutton know. The Salmon River can be incredibly challenging if you are an inexperienced boater, and we want to make sure everyone has a fun time but also safe at the same time.

The next regular meeting of the Western Whitewater Association is on April 11<sup>th</sup> at Bob's in Nampa by the Shilo Inn at 7:00 p.m. I want to encourage everyone to attend at least two meetings a year. We need new ideas and input from everyone.

Respectfully,

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## Up Coming Events

March 4<sup>th</sup>

Board Meeting

March 11<sup>th</sup>

General Meeting

April 15<sup>th</sup>

Salmon River Run

April 15-17

Salmon River Jet Boat Races

May 21<sup>st</sup>

Veteran's Run

*General Meetings @ Bob's Restaurant, Nampa, ID*

## Salmon River Jet Boat Races

**April 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>**

WWA is the main sponsor of the Salmon River Jet Boat Races. We also supply the safety boats for the event. We still need safety boats. If you would like to volunteer, please, contact Jim Moore at 208-989-3454 or

[mooretruckrepair@msn.com](mailto:mooretruckrepair@msn.com)

We have openings for Friday, Test and Tune and Saturday and Sunday for the Boat Races



## Glenns Ferry Run March 19<sup>th</sup> 2022

The Glenns Ferry run was a great success again this year; the weather was great on Saturday. On Friday a few boats went on the pre-run and to fish. There were 41 boats for the run Saturday. I am not sure if we had any bumps or issues, but if we did keep them in mind for nominations for the Silver Rock award at the end of the year. Thank goodness we had a great group of leaders and enough that we were able to put 3-5 boats per leader, quite the feat when we have that good of a turn out. I would like to thank everyone who led a group and we appreciate your help with this run. We would also like to thank those that stepped up to cook and everyone who brought the great side dishes. We had a great turn out for dinner, we cooked 84 steaks to perfection. We had a raffle at dinner with 79 tickets in the drawing and some great prizes including a CB radio. Due to a change in weather we did not have a breakfast on Sunday morning. Therefore, we donated our breakfast supplies, at least six boxes of donated food, and \$110.00 in cash to the Three Island Seniors Center, for their food bank. Thank you Dave Dickerson for delivering the food donations.

We have enjoyed chairing this run and again thank you to everyone that helped. We hope to see you all again next year. - *Jim & Brandi Moore*

# *Salmon River Run - April 15th*

The annual Salmon River Run will take place on April 15th. There will be no pre run this year due to the long distances and price of fuel. As usual, the run will start at Spring Bar and proceed up stream. The club policy is that if the flows are under 8,000 cfs and over 20,000 cfs the run will be cancelled due to safety concerns. This is one of the more technical runs that the club holds. Novice captains should take note of this. A driver's meeting will be held at 9:30 at the Spring Bar ramp. As always, leaders for this run are needed. If you are willing to lead a group, please call Bill Dutton at Whitewater Marine, 208-377-5110 prior to the run for planning purposes.



## **Fish & Game Commission sets Chinook season to open April 23 for the Clearwater, Snake and Salmon rivers**

Idaho Fish and Game Commission approved spring Chinook fishing seasons for the Snake, Clearwater and Salmon River drainages, which will open April 23.

Seasons will run no later than Aug.7, but are typically closed sooner by Fish and Game when harvest shares are met by sport anglers.

Full seasons and rules for Chinook fishing are available on the [Chinook Fishing webpage](#).



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