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## UPcoming EVENTS

May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Marine Enforcement Training
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Veteran's Run
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Northwest River Runners Banquet
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting
June TBD	Skills Day
<b>General Meetings @ Bob's Restaurant, Nampa, ID</b>	

### 2022 Veterans Run

### Pittsburg Landing ~ May 21<sup>st</sup>

We are again partnering with Team River Runners to make this event possible. Typically, we have approximately the boats with a captain and a deck hand to help with boat safety and aid the veterans in fishing or enjoying the river and beautiful scenery. Presently, we have eight boats scheduled to come and we could use at least two more (possibly four) as we have eighteen veterans with possibilities of more. We need experienced captains that know the river. Each participating boat captain will receive \$200 for fuel after the run is over, we have returned home and have an official count. If you would like to join us with your boat, please call me at 208-890-2872 and we can visit about the run. Also, if you know a veteran who would like to attend you may call Christina from Team River Runner at 208-957-8533 to check on available room. This is a very special event for the veterans as many never have an opportunity to experience a trip like this, everyone's participation is greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you on the river. *Clyde Durham*



# President's Message

## May 2022

It seems like everything really starts hopping during April. This year has not been any different and it does not appear to be slowing down any. Huge shout-out to our Salmon River run chairs Bill and Anne Dutton. The water levels on the Salmon were below 8000 cfs this year. As always, the WWA prefers to keep our members and their equipment safe. The decision was made to cancel this year's run. Several boats elected to run the Salmon on Friday, April 15. We were fortunate enough to see some of the boats come down through Chitum at the end of the day. I have not heard that anyone had any major problems and I hope everyone had a great weekend.

The 38th annual Salmon River Jet Boat races were also held the weekend of April 15. The Western Whitewater Association has sponsored and supported these races for many years. This year was no different and everyone did an excellent job despite the rain, wind, blizzard, and sunshine conditions. A huge Thank You goes to Jim and Brandi Moore for getting safety boats set-up with ham radio personnel, EMT's, and the perfect safety spot on the river. Friday evening's Show and Shine was moved to the Riggins Community Center because of weather. Six boats were there to race the mighty Salmon. Unfortunately, Saturday morning was blizzard conditions. The organizers and racers chose to postpone the race until 1:00 pm due to the adverse conditions. Many of the safety boats windshields were freezing up and visibility was extremely low. One o'clock came and went, and the decision was made to wait until Sunday morning to see if we could get enough legs in to make a race. The fireworks were great, and Easter Sunday was fantastic. Racers started out at 10 a.m. and Chuck Thompson was the overall winner. My brother Grady and I chose not to race this year. This is the first time we have been able to enjoy the races from the sidelines and cheer on our fellow racers. My family has been either a safety boat or racing for the past 33 years. I genuinely appreciate all the work and planning that goes into putting on the races. Thank you to all of Riggins and the Jet Boat Race Committee for always putting on a quality event.

Some very important events are coming up that we need some volunteers for. On Wednesday, **May 4**, there is a Marine Law Enforcement training (MLE) at Spring Shores at Lucky Peak Reservoir. We need anyone that would like to see the law enforcement side to bring your boats to Spring Shores at 7:30 a.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup>. These officers are from all over the state and are here to train for any issues that could happen on any waterway in Idaho. They will have boat inspections and many different scenarios for the officers to train with. If you have any questions or concerns, just call, or send me an e-mail. They did not specify how many boats but the more the merrier.

The Veterans Run will be happening again this year on May 21 at Pittsburgh Landing in Hells Canyon. Clyde Durham is the chair for this event. If you can help and would like to bring your boat to the canyon, please let Clyde know ASAP. You need to be an experienced boater in Hells Canyon for this run. It is extremely rewarding to give back to our military community.

That same weekend, May 21, the Northwest River Runners will be hosting their annual banquet in Lewiston. We would like to see as many of you as possible attend their banquet. The NWRR was unbelievable this year at our banquet. Please consider going to Lewiston for the banquet. Here are the details:

**Dinner Includes:** Buffet and dessert. *(adult beverages may be purchased from the bar at the event)*

- Boats on display at 4:30PM
- Silent Auction at 4:30PM
- Dinner Served at 6:30PM
- Live Auction begins after dinner
- Auctioneer: Chad Lowry

Tickets (per person) – **\$50.00**

Tickets (per child) – **\$20.00**

1 Family Membership (2022) – **\$50.00** – **PLEASE REMEMBER TO JOIN OUR GROUP AND HELP SUPPORT OUR ACCESS!**

VIP Tables for sponsors and friends of the Northwest River Runners includes: Preferred seating for 8, dinner for 8, custom center piece, NWRR gear, and a 1-year NWRR Family Membership – **\$1,000.00**

Vendor Booths are available, approx. 10'x12' – **\$200.00**

1 Boat Display (limit is 2 per manufacturer) – **\$500.00**

**Location: Nez Perce County Fair Pavilion**

1229 Burrell

Lewiston, ID 83501

<https://nwriverrunners.org/product-category/events/>

Please let me know if you have any questions.

One last item for you to consider. We will be holding a Skills day this year. I am currently working with the Marine Deputy out of Canyon County to get this put together. If you would like to volunteer with set-up, send me an e-mail. The date is still to be determined. Skills day is for anyone that needs help backing up a boat and trailer, parking and loading a boat on a trailer and many other tips and guidelines. We are going to try for a BBQ and some Dutch Oven treats.

Very Respectfully,

*Shay White*

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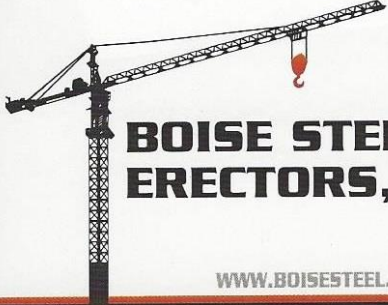


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