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Chili Run

A pre-run was held on February 22nd at Celebration Park. There were 8 boats, everyone had a good run up to Rattlesnake Eddy and the weather was great.

The Chili run was held February 23rd, boats launched at Celebration Park and it was an awesome day on the river. We had 20 boats, 13 chilies, and 49 people. One minor incident was reported. Thank you everyone who attended and made this a great event. We had several new faces this year along with the familiar ones.

Winners were as follows:

Best chili - Jeff Higgins
Most unique - Terri Dickerson
Best Chili Name - Dave Dickerson (Flaming Monkey Butt)
Hottest Chili - Kirt Palmer
Best Kitchen - Katie Anspach
Best Side dish - Katie Anspach



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Upcoming Events

March 9 General Membership Meeting

March 14-15 Glenns Ferry Run

March 21 Salmon River Jet Boat Races Fundraiser

March 28 Northwest River Runners Banquet, Lewiston Elks Club

April 6 Quarter 2 Board Meeting

April 13 General Membership Meeting

April 16-17 Salmon River Run

April 18-19 Salmon River Jet Boat Races

General Membership Meetings are held at 7PM at Fiesta Guadalajara, 1202 N Jacob Alcott Way, Nampa, ID 83687.

Oregon Boater Education Card

All boaters who operate a motorboat over 10 horsepower (hp) and youths 12-15 operating a motorboat of any size are required to take an approved boating safety course and apply/carry a boater education card.

Non-Oregon residents will need to either obtain an Oregon Boater Education Card or have a card from any state that issues cards for NASBLA-approved courses.

<https://www.oregon.gov/osmb/boater-info/Pages/Boater-Education-Cards.aspx>

Idaho Boating Safety Classes

We have several FREE Idaho Home Study Boating Safety Course booklets available; you may pick one up at a general meeting.

Other resources for Idaho Boating Safety courses, including Free Boating Safety classes and Online Education, are available on the Idaho Parks & Recreation website <https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/activities/boating>

Note that some of the Online Education courses require a fee.

President's Message



Springtime brings higher water flows and good times on the rivers. I hope you all got the permit dates that you wanted for Hells Canyon. Don't forget that from August 1st thru September 30th, 2020, due to ramp reconstruction, private power boat launches will not be allowed at Hells Canyon Creek launch during that time frame.

Melanie and I are looking forward to our next club run on March 13 & 14 at Glenn's Ferry, Idaho. Boats typically launch from the Glenn's Ferry ramp and proceed upriver to just above Pilgrim Rapid. We will have a pre-run on Friday, with the regular run on Saturday. Steaks will be provided and grilled by the club Saturday at 6 PM in the covered picnic area in the bottom loop. Please bring a side dish to share. Breakfast Sunday morning served by the club at 09:00 in the same area. Also don't forget to make reservations if you plan on spending the night at Three Island Crossing State Park. Most boaters try to stay in the lower section, and it tends to fill up fast.

Don't forget the Salmon River Run in Riggins Idaho on April 16 & 17, with the Salmon River Jet Boat Races to follow on April 18 & 19. If you are interested in being a Safety Boat please contact Jim Moore, Bob Hays or any other Board Member. Please remember to check the Western Whitewater Association Facebook page and web site for up to date information and stream flows.

- Jeff Higgins

Glenns Ferry Run

Please join us for the annual Glenns Ferry Run March 14th, 2020. Please contact Jim or Brandi Moore at 208-250-2267 if you can lead a group. We will have a driver meeting in camp site 68 on Friday night at 6:00 PM and another one at 8:00 AM Saturday, same camp site. We will be serving steaks at 6:00 P.M. in the lower Three Island Campground ([Sunrise View Shelter](#)). Please bring your favorite side dish to share. We look forward to seeing all of you and all the different side dishes and desserts.

Don't forget to reserve your camping spot, they go fast.

<https://idahostateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/three-island-crossing-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=ID&parkId=313036>

Breakfast will be served at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning in the same shelter.



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22 Foot Weldcraft Jetboat built in 1984, less than 700 hours total time, with fresh A4 impellor in a Berkley Jet Pump Unit pushed by a normally aspirated 454 Chevrolet engine with approximately 150 hours on it since rebuild. Stick steer (solid rod - right side), newer fish finder, sand trap, center mounted 8.8 Yamaha high thrust kicker motor (plumbed fuel line), cover, anchor, spare nozzle and miscellaneous parts included. This is an experienced boat and very capable in Salmon River and Hells Canyon / Snake River waters. Health considerations and alternate boat availability motivates the sale of this set up.

Contact Bob and Becky Hays at 208-880-3522 for more information and photos.

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Oregon Current Stream flows:

https://waterdata.usgs.gov/or/nwis/current?type=flow&group=key=basin_cd&search_site_no_station_nm=

Washington Power Streamflow Information: (03-02)

https://waterdata.usgs.gov/wa/nwis/current?type=flow&group=key=basin_cd&search_site_no_station_nm=

Addresses and Telephone Numbers

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

Hells Canyon Power Boat Reservations: General
information: 509-758-0616
Reservations must be made online.

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

Bliss Dam Outflows: Idaho Power (Call weekdays only)
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Planning to Boat in Oregon this year?

Please note that the state of Oregon has modified their boating laws starting January 1, 2020. Visiting boaters are no longer exempted from the requirement to have boating education. All boaters, regardless of residency, must demonstrate proof that they have completed a boating safety course.

Oregon will accept the Idaho boating course and card. We offer three ways to get an Idaho boating safety card:

- 1) Home study course (study course materials at your own pace for free). Call Dave Dahms at 208-514-2412 or email david.dahms@idpr.idaho.gov to request a free course book.
- 2) On-line courses. The state of Idaho has approved four on-line vendors. Some vendors charge a fee (\$30-\$35), but the Boat U.S. Foundation course is free.
- 3) IDPR can work with WWA to schedule a class for those interested. Classes run approximately 6 hours and can be done in one day or spread over two days.

All three options require the passing of an exam to get the boating safety card. For more details on Idaho boating education options visit www.boatidaho.gov

For questions on Oregon boating laws or to find out how to obtain the Oregon Boating Education Card visit www.oregon.gov/osmb