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2021 Election

Due to worsening COVID-19 conditions, we will not be able to meet for our annual election meeting in December. All members should receive a ballot by US Mail within the next week. Those with family memberships will receive 2 ballots, single memberships will receive 1 (Business members are not eligible to vote and will not receive a ballot). After filling out your ballot, please return it to us in the SASE included with the ballot(s). For your vote to count, it must be received by 12/11/2020, votes will be tabulated, and the winners will be announced the week of 12/14/2020.

2021 Membership Drive

We have begun our 2021 membership drive, which typically coincides with our banquet preregistration. If you are a current member, you will receive a form with your ballot, a form is also included on the last page of this month's Rapids.

We are excited to announce that there will be an Early Bird drawing with big prizes! To be entered in the drawing, we must receive your registration by 12/31/2020. Prizes are

1st - \$500
2nd - 5th - \$50



Upcoming Events

December 11 2021 Election Ballots Due

December 14 2021 Ballots Counted

December 31 Early Bird Member Registration Ends

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/osm/b/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

Fall is a great time of year to own a Jet boat, the weather is great, and the fishing is awesome. The parking lot at Pittsburgh landing was finally chip sealed and the project at Hells Canyon dam is ongoing but the ramp is usable. The water system at Pittsburgh landing campground is another story. In the last newsletter I said that we were going to try and hold a general meeting via video meeting, well after having a Board and a Banquet committee meeting that way it was decided that we will not be trying that, at least for now. The Nomination committee has been busy gathering nominations for the various open positions. You will be receiving a ballot via the mail. Please read the instructions and return them. As we stated in the last newsletter the WWA will be holding an online auction and fund raiser in place of the banquet, please do what you can to assist with donations. More information soon. This has been a strange year, but we have had some fantastic club runs and some great times. Don't forget to renew your annual WWA membership!

-Jeff Higgins, President Western Whitewater Association

Hammer Creek (Shorts Bar) Run

The 2020 Hammer Creek Run was held on October 24th. The run started at 8:00 at Shorts Bar although several started from Hammer Creek. 36 people were signed up and 2 native fish were caught and released, one by Chet Thorson (photo on page 1) and one by Mark Austin. As there were no hatchery fish caught there were no winners for the 2nd year in a row, next year's prize pot will start at \$670. Potluck was hosted by Skip & Sharon Bailey, thank you to the Bailey's for being such gracious hosts. 19 people attended the potluck and 14 were eligible for the prize drawings, as luck would have it there were 14 prizes, so everyone got a nice prize. Thanks to Tom Roach for once again hosting this event. Winners of the costume contest were Smitty Smith, Cindi Baker, and Julie Graham.





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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

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 208- 388-2255

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**WWA Member
Registration**
PO Box 8922, Boise, ID 83707



Early Bird Registration!!
Return your registration by 12/31/2020
to enter your name in a drawing.
1st prize - \$500.00
2nd-5th prizes - \$50.00

___ Family Membership \$50 (includes 2 votes)

___ Single Membership \$40 (includes 1 vote)

___ Business Membership \$150 (No votes, includes 1-year ad in Newsletter)

Please include Business card for Business Memberships

Name(s):

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Do you want to receive the newsletter and club alerts by email?

YES

NO

If you don't have email do you wish to receive the newsletter by US Mail?

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To stimulate and advance the general welfare and safety of boating.

To serve the interests of all recreation water users.

To defend against discriminatory legislation, regulations and burdensome taxation.

To develop a fraternal spirit among all recreational water users.

To provide a medium for the exchange of boating information.

To own or lease property for the Association users.

To perform all desirable and lawful functions for the successful operation of the Association and in the general public's interests.

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I will maintain and enhance the quality of the water upon which I operate.

I will, at all times, drive at speeds as to keep the boat under control.

I will always respect the rights of other water users.

I will, at all times, give down-river traffic the right of way.

I will leave campgrounds and campsites clean and bring out all litter.

I will get permission and have respect for private property.

I will give aid to any boatman or water user when in danger.

I will read the Code of Ethics of the Association and agree to abide by them as an active member and boatman.

