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MONTHLY
NEWSLETTER OF THE
WESTERN WHITEWATER
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2021 Election

We had a remarkably successful mail-in vote with 95 ballots received and are pleased to announce the winners of the annual election. The Officers & Board for 2021 will consist of:

President – Clyde Durham

President-Elect – Shay White

Vice President – Dave Dickerson

Former President – Jeff Higgins

Secretary/Treasurer – Becky Hays

Board:

- Marc Claborn (2021)
- Bill Davis (2021)
- Anne Dutton (2021)
- Bob Hays (2021-2022)
- Jim Moore (2021-2022)
- Chet Thorson (2021-2022)
- Richard Powell (Alternate)

Jet Boater of the Year and the Silver Rock Award will be announced at the Chili Run.

Upcoming Events

December 31 Early Bird Member
Registration Ends

December 31 New Years Run Pre-Run
10:00 Celebration Park

January 1 New Year's Run 10:00
Celebration Park, BBQ lunch ~12:00

January 4 Annual Board Meeting

February 21 Chili Run

March 13 Glens Ferry Run

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

2021 Membership Drive

This will be your last reminder to qualify for the Early Bird Drawing. We must receive your registration by 12/31 in order to qualify, winners will be drawn at the annual board meeting (1/4/2021). If you have not yet mailed in your registration, please consider registering on-line: [Membership - \(westernwhitewater.org\)](https://westernwhitewater.org/membership)
(<https://westernwhitewater.org/membership>)

Prizes are:

1st - \$500

2nd – 5th - \$50



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

As 2020 is winding down let us reflect on this crazy year we have had. The year started off with the New Year's Run, weather was good, and a good time was had by all. Next was a highly successful WWA Banquet that was attended by approx. 375 people. On Feb 23rd, the Chili Run was held, we had 20 boats, some great food and we were able to spend time with friends. March brought the Glenns Ferry Run and basically the last weekend before everyone's lives were thrown into chaos. The run was awesome with 36 boats making the trip. After that everything changed, the board followed the advice of the CDC and the Governor and cancelled the Salmon River run and in-person meetings. As summer rolled in, it appeared that we were going to get back to some sort of normalcy. We went ahead and had a scaled back Confluence Run in September and the Shorts Bar Run in October, but then COVID-19 was again on the rise. With the increase in COVID-19, the decision was made to cancel the 2021 WWA Banquet, this decision was not taken lightly as we know that many members look forward to this event and the good times it brings. Now we find ourselves at the end of the year and looking forward to a better year in 2021. I hope everyone is healthy and has a Merry Christmas. See you on New Year's Day at Celebration park for the New Year's Run.

-Jeff Higgins, President Western Whitewater Association

Banquet/Auction Update

The board of the Western Whitewater Association has actively been discussing how to move forward, keeping our membership safe and our mission alive. In this, an unprecedented year of change and struggle for many, the board has come to the difficult decision not to hold the annual banquet and auction. While we are extremely disappointed, it is the right move. The option of an online auction was explored but it was felt that asking for donations from business and individuals that might be facing hard times to promote our cause would not be prudent. In lieu of asking for donations to the WWA, the leadership of the club wants to give back to the community by asking members to bring non-perishable food items to the scheduled runs which will be donated to the food bank. Letters will be going out to past donors asking that they support their local food banks and thank them for their past patronage. Please be assured that the board understands the importance of the fellowship that the banquet promotes and knows that in the future, we all will rejoice when we gather once again.



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Washington Power Streamflow Information: (03-02)

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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-
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Bliss Dam Outflows: Idaho Power (Call weekdays only)
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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?

YES

NO

By checking below, I am electing to have the following information EXCLUDED from the WWA Membership Directory

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PURPOSE

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.

CODE OF ETHICS

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.