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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE WESTERN WHITEWATER ASSOCIATION

## Lov'n & Chili Month



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### Upcoming Events

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| <b>February 21</b>           | Chili Run                   |
| <b>March 13-14</b>           | Glenns Ferry Run            |
| <b>April 15-16</b>           | Salmon River Run            |
| <b>April 17-18</b>           | Salmon River Jet Boat Races |
| <b>May TBD</b>               | Payette River Run           |
| <b>May 14-16</b>             | Veterans Run                |
| <b>May TBD</b>               | Weed Run                    |
| <b>June 5 &amp; 6</b>        | Skills Day Run              |
| <b>September 11 &amp; 12</b> | Confluence Run              |
| <b>November 6 &amp; 7</b>    | Hammer Creek Run            |

### President's Message

Snow is beginning to pile up in the mountains which equates to water in the rivers. I can see online that people are starting to head out to fish and some ATV riders are making tracks as well.

The annual Chili Run is scheduled for Sunday, February 21st, and is launching from Celebration Park in Melba with the Chili Cookoff following at Rattle Snake Eddy. The Pre-run will be held the Saturday prior. Drivers meetings are at 10:00 am each morning. Try to bring nonperishable food items to the run and they will be given to the Melba Senior Center the following Monday morning.

The board has unanimously agreed to sponsor the Riggins Jet Boat races as well as the safety boats April 16th-18th. Our Salmon River Run will be the day before. We will be in touch with the race committee soon.

The Veterans Run, scheduled for May 14th-16th, is still pending as the national office of Team River Runners has cancelled most of their events pending the COVID-19 developments. We will keep in touch with them for future information on this event.

Also, we are working on securing Expo Idaho for the 2022 banquet as well as keeping all our runs on schedule this year. Everyone I am talking with is anxious to get out and enjoy the great outdoors.

See you on the water and be safe.

*Clyde Durham* 1

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**Legislative Update** – Many of the agencies are transitioning to new leadership and therefore most plans that were in development or late in the adoption process are being held for review by the new administration.

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation – Susan Buxton, Interim Director

US Department of Interior – Secretary Nominee – Debra Ann Haaland, US Rep. NM

Idaho State BLM Director – John Ruhs, March 2019. He started with BLM as Range Technician in Vale, OR and has served many positions within the BLM including a stint in Washington DC. He has a BS in Animal Science from the University of Idaho, and has served in the US Marine Corps.

US Department of Agriculture – Secretary Nominee – Tom Vilsack, Sec. of Agriculture 2007-2017 under President Obama, former Gov. of Iowa

Region 1 USFS – Regional Forester – Leann Martin Missoula, MT

Region 4 USFS – Regional Forester – Frank Beum, Acting Ogden, UT

Region 6 USFS – Regional Forester – James Pena Portland, OR

## Idaho Boating Safety Classes

Resources for Idaho Boating Safety courses, including Free Boating Safety classes and online education, are available on the Idaho Parks & Recreation website at: <https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/activities/boating> Some of the Online Education courses require a fee.

The WWA has a few Idaho Home Study Boating Safety Course booklets available at no charge; you may pick one up at a general meeting, run event or contact WWA via e-mail at [jetboat2@westernwhitewater.org](mailto:jetboat2@westernwhitewater.org). These booklets are also available through Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and some boat sales locations.

Note – This self-guided training, upon completion, offers a safety card that is recognized for boat operation in Oregon waters, (at this time).

## Food Donation Update

Remember to bring your canned and packaged food donations with you to the Chili Run on February 21<sup>st</sup>. We are making the donations to the local food banks and pantries in the town we visit near the launch sites for our monthly runs. This month's donations will be going to the Melba Food Bank. Show a little love for Valentine's Day and show the folks in Melba that there is a supportive recreational group (The WWA) that appreciates their town.

Our next run will support the Food bank in Glens Ferry during March, followed by Riggins in April.

Hope to have a total of our donations to these communities as we go along. And report them here.

If you are unable to attend the run and wish to participate please, contact any board member to arrange for a drop off.



## Western Whitewater has Boating Bling

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&*

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*All items will be on display at the  
Glenns Ferry Run and the  
Hammer Creek Run. If you would  
like something earlier email*

*Dave Dickerson*

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*and he can bring it to the Chili Cook  
Off.*





## Chili Cook Off February 21st

Chili Cook Off at Rattlesnake Eddy.

Prizes for best chili, hottest chili, best name and best side dish.

Bring your award winning chili and/or side dish and win a prize.

Leaving from Celebration Park – Drivers meeting at 10:00

Pre Run 10:00 February 20<sup>th</sup> from Celebration Park.

### 2021 AWARDS

Jet Boater of the Year and the  
Silver Rock Award will be  
announced at the Chili Run on  
February 21, 2021, see you there.

### Quote of the Month

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### Winter Boating Tips

If you are in and out of the water without drying the pump bowl out, check the weep hole in the bottom of the pump bowl to make sure it has not become plugged with debris. If you try to start your engine when the impellor is encased with ice it will most likely mess up the pump, impellor. If you place the boat into the water and let stand a while, the ice will thaw out and you will be ready to go.

Check the trailer tire pressures to make sure they are up to the proper air pressure. Many trips are hampered by tire problems and usually caused by a tire getting over temperature due to low tire pressures.

We will have more information on trailer tires prior to the summer.

#### *Experiences from an "Old Boater"*

Anyone interested in having a "Dry-Dock" discussion a week prior to a run, please call *Bob the Old Boater* at 208-880-3522 and we can have an open discussion regarding my experiences on that section of river.



# Salmon River Jet Boat Races 2021



*The Salmon River Jet Boat Races are planned for April 17-18. Western Whitewater Association helps sponsor this event and coordinates the Safety Boats. Please consider helping out. Friday night there is a Safety Meeting (following the Community BBQ). An EMT and Radio Operator will be assigned to each safety boat. As a Safety Boat crew you will be on the river Saturday and Sunday. Additionally, a couple boats will be needed for race course set-up and race boat "test and tune" on Friday. If you would like to volunteer contact, Jim Moore at 208-250-2267 or email: [mooretruckrepair@msn.com](mailto:mooretruckrepair@msn.com)*

## Planning to Boat in Oregon this year?

Please note that the state of Oregon modified their boating laws in 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 boater education card. Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation offers three ways to get a card:

- 1) Home study course – study the course materials at your own pace for free. Call David Dahms at (208) 514-2412 or email [david.dahms@idpr.idaho.gov](mailto: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 ranging from \$30-\$40, but the Boat U.S. Foundation course is free.
- 3) In-person class. Idaho Parks & Rec and local marine deputies around the state offer free classes on occasion. The classes run approximately 6 hours and a current listing can be found at [www.boatidaho.gov](http://www.boatidaho.gov). Note – class availability is extremely limited at this time due to Covid-19. *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](http://www.boatidaho.gov) If you do get an Idaho boating safety card don't forget to contact your insurance agent to see if you are eligible for any discounts. For questions on Oregon boating laws or to find out how to obtain the Oregon Boating Education Card visit [www.oregon.gov/osmb](http://www.oregon.gov/osmb)





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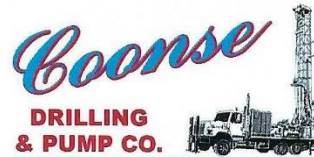
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