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WESTERN WHITEWATER
ASSOCIATION

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Upcoming Events

February 21 Chili Run
March 13 Glenns Ferry Run
April 15-16 Salmon River Run
April 17-18 Salmon River
Jetboat Races
May TBD Payette River Run
May TBD Veterans Run
May TBD Weed Run
June 5 & 6 Skills Day Run
September 11 & 12
Confluence Run
November 6 & 7
Hammer Creek Run

General Membership Meetings

Once pending and ongoing pandemic considerations are addressed, regarding public meetings, the General Meetings will resume at 7PM at Fiesta Guadalajara, 1202 N Jacob Alcott Way, Nampa, ID 83687.

Look for post cards / e-mails regarding scheduled events and possible on-line activities.

President's Message

Greetings everyone, hope all is well during this trying time we are going through. We never saw this coming but there is hope ahead. Great things are happening in our organization this year. As most of you know we are not having a banquet but instead are encouraging our vendors and members to make donations to local charities if possible. We will have our scheduled runs throughout the year and if circumstances change, we will notify everyone. We are asking members who attend runs to bring food donations with them and they will be collected and taken to the local Senior Centers or food banks. After the Chili Run on Sunday February 21st the donations will be taken to the Melba Senior Center.

Dave Dickerson has made arrangements to drop off donations in Glenns Ferry after that run. We will continue to do this after each run. A special thanks to all the members who are helping with this.

The New Year's run was a great success. We had a pre-run the day before and 21 boats for the official run. Back at the ramp we barbecued 58 burgers and 20 hot dogs and the weather was perfect. We didn't get an exact head count but it was close to 60 people. Thank you everyone who attended and made it a great start for the New Year.

It has been rough not having our monthly meetings and enjoying spending time together. As the year moves on, we hope to eventually be able to do so and get back to some kind of normal. Several members have commented how we all miss getting together so if possible, please attend our runs and we'll have some great times again.

See you on the water and be safe.

- Clyde Durham, WWA President

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. 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).

Oregon Boater Education Card Required

All boaters who operate a motorboat over 10 horsepower (hp) and youths 12-15 operating a motorboat of any size, in Oregon, 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>

2021 Membership Drive Continues Early Bird Winners Selected

Thanks to our members that have renewed their memberships for 2021. While the past year brought some interesting challenges we are looking forward to a great year of jetboating. If you have not renewed your membership, please consider registering on-line: [Membership - \(westernwhitewater.org\)](https://westernwhitewater.org/membership) (<https://westernwhitewater.org/membership>) or use the application form attached to this newsletter for mail in applications.

Early bird Prize Winners are:

- \$500.00 – David & Loretta (Rost) Brown
- \$50.00 – Bill & Anne Dutton
- \$50.00 – James & Kathy Wilder
- \$50.00 – Lloyd Herbst
- \$50.00 – Bruce Burrup

Thanks again for your membership. – Membership Committee



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Food Donation Update

The board of the Western Whitewater Association has, in this unprecedented year(s) of change, come to the difficult decision not to hold the annual banquet and auction.

While the WWA will remain vigilant in our mission to maintain access to river resources, encourage safe power boating on whitewater rivers and promote responsible shared use of public resources, our focus for the coming year will be to support the communities that we visit by asking members to bring non-perishable food items to the scheduled runs which will be donated to the food bank in that area. Letters have gone out to past donors asking that they support their local food banks this year and thank them for their past patronage.

Please be assured that the board understands the importance of the fellowship that the banquet promotes. Additionally the Board knows that in the future (January /February 2022), we all will rejoice when we gather once again to share our experiences and raise the necessary funds to continue our efforts to maintain access, to the resources, for our sport.

Following the Chili Run, the collected food will be delivered to the food pantry in Melba, Idaho, near the Celebration Park site.



Wind and Ice - December 2020, American Falls Reservoir - Photo by Steve Reidy

Idaho Current Stream flows:

https://waterdata.usgs.gov/id/nwis/current?type=flow&group_key=basin_cd&search_site_no_station_nm=

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)
208- 388-2255

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Contact us at payments@westernwhitewater.org

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HALF PAGE	\$ 90.00	3 3/4 X 9 1/2
QUARTER PAGE	\$ 50.00	3 3/4 X 4 7/8
BUSINESS CARD SIZE EACH ISSUE	\$ 10.00	≈ 2 X 3
BUSINESS CARD FULL YEAR	\$150.00	

(with Membership)

Inquire about advertising opportunities on the
WWA Trailer.

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

**“IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO
CHANGE,
SURVIVAL IS NOT MANDATORY.”**

- W. Edward Demming

Winter Boating Tips

Allow the trailer to drain at water's edge after
launching and recovering, to avoid ice build-up
on the ramp.

If walking and you find yourself on an icy
down-hill ramp, walk into the water to avoid
falling on the ice (and wrecking a great day).

Keep an eye on your engine temperature
gauge when operating in near freezing water.
Slush/ice can plug your recirculation pore in
the pump and block water from your heat
exchanger, therefore overheating your engine
(same as moss or sticks in the summer time).

After recovering a boat from frigid waters, and
before you park it for the night, be sure to
apply the brakes several times, while moving,
to dry out the brake shoes. This should avoid
freezing the brake shoes to the hubs and
tearing up the brakes when you attempt to
move the trailer the next time.

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- ☐ Family Membership \$50 (includes 2 votes)
- ☐ Single Membership \$40 (includes 1 vote)
- ☐ Business Membership \$150 *Please include Business Card*
(No votes, includes 1-year ad in Newsletter)

Name(s):

Address:

City, State, Zip

Phone #(s):

Email Address(es):

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

All Personal Information _____ Address _____ Phone _____ Email _____

For WWA use only, will not be shared with non-members or for solicitation.

I have read the WWA Purpose and Code of Ethics. _____
(Signature)

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.