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THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE WESTERN WHITEWATER ASSOCIATION

Salmon River Run

April 15-16, 2021

Riggins, Idaho

The event of the year for the WWA is the Salmon River Run. Bill and Anne Dutton will be Chairing the River Run on Thursday, April 15 and Friday, April 16, 2021 with drivers meetings at 9:00 am, on the ramp, both days. As with any club run, group leaders are needed to help inexperienced boaters learn the river. If you are willing to help by being a group leader, please let Bill or Anne know by calling 208-377-5110 or 208-859-5312.

If you are planning on participating in the run please e-mail them at: info.wwmarinerepair.com so that they will have an idea who will be in attendance.

As with our other runs this year we will be collecting food. This time, for the local food pantry in Riggins and if you do not want to pack food there has been a donate and match offer made by the Riggins Whitewater Market, in Riggins, that for every dollar we collect for the food bank, they will match in food of equal value. To further enhance this challenge a sand trap donated by KEM Equipment will be raffled off for those that donate cash at the rate of one raffle ticket per \$20 donated. Tickets will be available at both the run and the races, check with Anne or Brandi.

Many people consider this the "Diamond Run" and it deserves preparation and study prior to launching. This section of the Salmon River is both challenging and beautiful this time of the year, enjoy.

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Salmon River Jetboat Races – April 16, 17 and 18, 2021

Race activities start on Friday, April 16th with course set-up & race boat test and tune activities. In the City Park the fundraiser starts at 4 PM followed by a BBQ & Race Boat Show and Shine at 6 PM. The safety meeting for Safety Boat Crews is at 7 PM @ Community Center, with assignment of EMT and Radio/Communication crew members. Races Saturday April 17th and Sunday April 18th start at 10 AM with Awards at Riggins Community Center following the Races on Sunday. Fireworks Saturday night at the City Park.

If you would like to volunteer for safety boat activities contact, Jim Moore at 208-250-2267 or email: mooretruckrepair@msn.com

Glenns Ferry Run Report

The Glenns Ferry Run was a great success again this year; the weather was great and we had a great turn out. On Friday a few boats went on the pre-run and to fish.

There were approximately 41 boats for the run Saturday. There were some mechanical issues, a couple boats got stuck on sand bars, and one rock bump on the pre-run and one on the run that we heard of. We had a great group of leaders and we were able to put 3-5 boats per leader, thank goodness there were leaders for that large a turn out, make the run all the more enjoyable. Luckily no one had to lead 17 boats like Jeff did last year.

We had a great turn out for dinner, there were 80 steaks cooked and some brats added, due to the fact that we ran out of steaks. There was a great turn out for Sunday breakfast, even with Daylight Saving Time, springing ahead that morning. We did not run out of food for breakfast thank goodness.

We had the largest group of folks that I have ever seen on a run. There were around 90 in attendance. (Rumor has it, there were around 90 boats on this run about 15 years ago, it was nuts).

I would like to thank everyone who led a group, you all did a great job. Saturday we had a Sheriff Deputy on one of the boats, he was impressed that we were so courteous of other boats along the shore. We were down below Pilgrim having lunch when we heard of an accident in Peg Leg. The Sheriff asked if we could get him to the boat. We found an older Weldcraft boat with a crew of four guys. The boat top had caved in and the windshields were broken. There were other boats with them so we in conjunction with the Sheriff Deputy made sure they could get the boat back to safety and then departed. Thank you Tyler for getting the other boat off the sand bar and missing dinner.

The Glenns Ferry Senior Center was very pleased with the food and funds donation and will be putting an article in the local paper and will send us a copy.

Sorry I had to get photos off Facebook and from others sources my phone is in the river and stopped backing up Photos as of June 2019 my contacts were not backed up at all.

We enjoyed chairing the run and again thank you to everyone that helped from leading to cooking and everything else.

Jim & Brandi Moore



Enjoying a beautiful spring day on the Snake River during the Glenns Ferry Run.

Above –Eddied Out at the bottom of Peg Leg Rapids.

Right – Giving the ponies a little break and catching some sun.

Facebook Photos of Glenns Ferry Run



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President's Message

April 2021

Hello friends, another month has come and gone, allowing for more seat time on the river, what a delightful thought. I want to give a special thanks to those who donated to the Glenn's Ferry food bank at last month's run. With your help we donated \$508 and several cases of food to those in need. It was very much appreciated. The run was a great success as we had approximately 41 boats. Thanks to all for attending.

Excitement is building as we prepare our equipment for the Salmon River Run April 15-16 followed by the Riggins Jet boat races. Once again, we are providing safety boats for the races as well as some sponsorship. If you are able to help with a safety boat for the race or lead a group up river we would welcome your support. Please contact Jim Moore for safety boats and Bill or Anne Dutton for the run up river.

May 14-16 is the Veterans Run at Pittsburg Landing in Hells Canyon. Team River Runners has at least 18 members who would like to attend so typically we have two Veterans in each boat besides the captain and deck hand. At this time, we have five boats scheduled and four to five more would be great. We have a fuel allowance for each boat to help with the costs. Team River Runners is providing a Saturday night fish fry and a Sunday morning breakfast. Please contact me or any one of the officers if you could possibly join us.

We are hoping to start having monthly meetings soon, possibly in May or June. We will keep you informed as things progress.

See you on the water and be safe.

Clyde Durham, WWA President



Happy Belated Easter

COVID -19 Precautions will be observed during our WWA events. Please see the attached link for most current info. The Salmon River event is in Idaho County and the North Central District Health Department zone.

<https://idahopublichealth.com/district-2/novel-coronavirus>

Cold Water Can Kill

Many fatal boating accidents in Idaho are the result of victims involuntarily entering the water from small boats. The average water temperature of Idaho's water is approximately 52 degrees, even during the summer. Wearing a life jacket can greatly increase your risk of surviving a cold water immersion situation.

4 Dangerous Categories of Cold Water Immersion

- 1) Cold Shock: Initial entry - 5 minutes:
Involuntary gasping, hyperventilation, & vertigo
- 2) Swim Failure: 5 - 30 minutes:
Even the best swimmers cannot function in cold water
Muscles, nerves, arms and legs cool quickly
Manual dexterity, grip strength and movement speed drop 60-80%
- 3) Hypothermia: 30 minutes or more:
Depends on water temperature, clothing, body type and behavior
Heat loss is 25 times faster in the water
- 4) Post Immersion Collapse:
Life threatening
Heart problems can develop as cold blood is released into the body core from the extremities

To increase your chances of surviving cold water immersion, always wear your life jacket!

Watch "**Cold Water Boot Camp**"

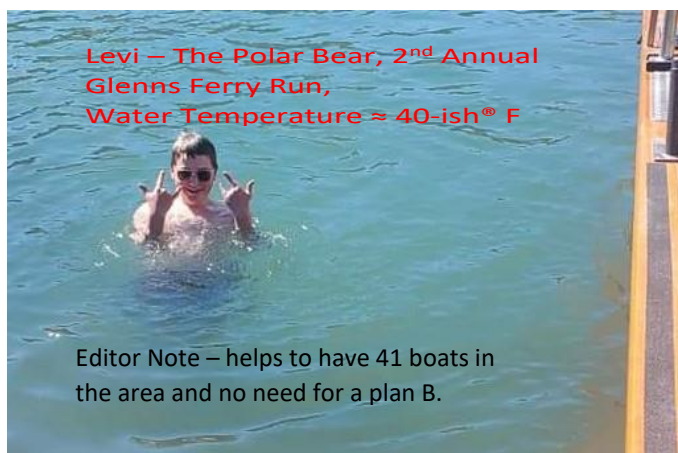
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Food Donation Update

As stated in the President's letter these donations make an impact in the small communities we visit.

Remember to bring your canned and packaged food donations with you to the Salmon River Run on April 15 - 18, 2021.

We are making donations to the local food banks and pantries in the town we visit during our runs and Riggins at our next scheduled run.

Please let your contributions show the citizens of the Riggins area that there is a supportive recreational group (The WWA) that appreciates their town.

Our next run will support the food bank in Horseshoe Bend for the Payette River Run in May.

If you are unable to attend the run and wish to participate please, contact any board member to arrange for a food pick-up or to make other arrangements, your contributions are appreciated.



President Clyde Durham with donated food at Three Island State Park, Glenns Ferry Run

Upcoming Events

April 15-16	Salmon River Run
April 17-18	Salmon River Jet Boat Races
May TBD	Payette River Run
May 14-16	Veterans Run
May TBD	Weed Run
June 5 & 6	Skills Day Run
September 11 & 12	Confluence Run
November 6 & 7	Hammer Creek Run

Quote of the Month

Some luck lies not in getting what you want but getting what you have, which — once you take a good look — you may realize is what you would've wanted if you had only known. - Garrison Keillor

Clearwater Boat Club Races

There is a request for Safety Boat volunteers for the race in June. If you are interested please contact Chris Barger via their Facebook site.

Invasive Species Stickers

The WWA will not be a vendor of the invasive species stickers this year due in part to the fact they are now available on-line.

Invasive Species Sticker Assistance:

Please contact the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation at 1-888-922-6743 (M-F 8am to 7pm MST) or you can purchase your invasive stickers on-line at <https://parksandrecreation.idaho.gov/activities/boating>

F&G Commission sets 2021 spring season for Chinook salmon

During their meeting on March 18, the Idaho Fish and Game Commission approved spring Chinook fishing on the Snake, Lower Salmon, and Little Salmon rivers to start April 24, and run until August 8 unless closed earlier by the Fish and Game director.



Because returns of Chinook to the Clearwater River are forecasted to be insufficient to meet hatchery broodstock needs, no season was opened on the Clearwater River.

Full rules are available on the [Chinook fishing webpage](#). Printed rules will be available prior to the season opener.



Smolt monitoring project weekly updates

[Week 1: The Wait](#) The Smolt Monitoring Project crews in Lewiston spent most of their first fish-trapping week clearing debris out of the Snake River fish trap to allow migrating salmon and Steelhead Trout smolts to enter the livewell. While they waited for fishes to arrive, they also collected water condition data such as temperature and flow. [Week 2: Training](#) Besides migrating juvenile salmon and steelhead trout, the Snake and Salmon river fish traps can accumulate enormous amounts of large wood during spring runoff. Both trap crews need training so they can safely clear the debris. [Week 3: They've Arrived!](#)

The wait for fishes to arrive is over. This week at the Salmon River smolt trap, near White Bird, Fisheries Technicians Ben and Jason handled 1,270 juvenile Chinook salmon. The technicians recorded fish lengths, existing clips, marks, tags, and other biological data. The crew inserted PIT tags in 600 hatchery and 28 wild Chinook salmon, and returned all of them to the river to resume their migration to the Pacific Ocean.

More information about these important wild salmon and steelhead trout projects is available at https://www.fpc.org/fpc_homepage.php

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Also inquire about advertising opportunities on the WWA Trailer.

Satellite Phone

The WWA has had a satellite phone for several years to be used on club functions. When it is not in use it is available to members at the rate of \$20 a week plus minutes used. Contact Clyde Durham.

Western Whitewater has Boating Bling

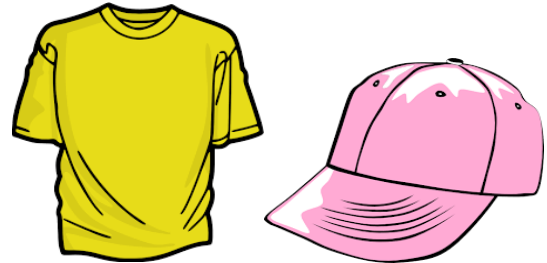
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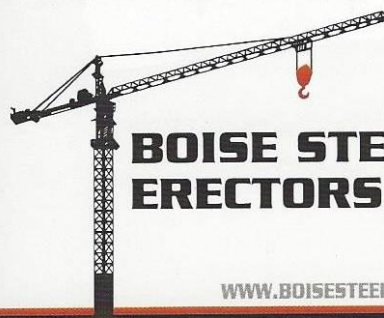
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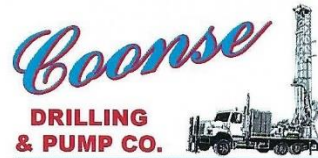
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The Salmon River Jet Boat Race Committee wishes to thank the Western Whitewater Association in the continued support of the races on the Salmon River and to let you know that the Association's involvement is deeply appreciated.



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