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MAY 2021

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

The weather was perfect this year for the Jet Boat Races. WWA is a proud sponsor for this event. We had a great group of safety boats, eleven in all and it was a great race. Twelve race boats signed up and eight boats started the race on Saturday and five boats finished on Sunday. We did not have to save any race boats, only one boat landed in the rocks without injury or the need to be rescued.

Thank you to all the safety boat Captains and Crews. We are looking forward to seeing you next year.

Thank you Jim and Brandi Moore for organizing the Safety Boats.

Salmon River Run

April 15-16, 2021

Riggins, Idaho

Due to the fact that the Salmon River was flowing just below 8,000 cfs the official run was canceled. The WWA puts the safety of its members and property as a priority. Several boats still elected to run at their own risk. The river did present many challenges and if you were not right on line, bad things could happen. One boat had an issue in Carey Falls but was able to get to the Carey Creek ramp and be trailered out. While the run was canceled, members still enjoyed various activities in the area and did donate to the Riggins food bank. Members that donated were put in a drawing for a sand trap donated by KEM Equipment. The winner will be drawn at the June meeting.

President's Message

May 2021

Greetings friends and families - what a great month we've had. The regular Salmon River run was cancelled due to low water but many of us were able to run parts of it with a little help from a friend. We proceeded with our food drive for the Riggins food bank and collected \$670 from our members while John and Jennifer Llewellyn, who are owners of Whitewater Market in Riggins, are doing a 100% match. Thank you to all of our members along with John and Jennifer for being so generous, it is very much appreciated. We collected the money with the incentive to raffle off a sand trap for a jet boat donated by Randy Deeney of KEM Equipment in Tualatin, Oregon. The winner of the raffle will be selected on June 14th at our upcoming picnic (see details below). Thank you, to everyone that donated to the food drive and Randy for the sand trap.

We are planning a membership meeting / Dutch oven cook off / potluck dinner on June 14th at the Nampa Lakeview Park. The event will be at the fireplace canopy on the 16th Avenue side of the park just south of the airplane off Garrity Blvd. We will start gathering after 5:00 pm to get our Dutch ovens fired up. We are also extending the invitation to the IJBA members to join us, like we did two years ago, it was a good time visiting and enjoying great food. NO alcoholic beverages are allowed in the park and we have signed a waiver of liability for this event. Given that, we will provide non-alcoholic beverages for everyone and look forward to seeing you there. Possibly in July we will start having monthly meetings again at Fiesta Guadalajara, we'll keep you posted.

Saturday May 14th is the Veterans Run at Pittsburg landing. This event was cancelled last year due to Covid. We are expecting close to 20 people this year and it appears we have nine boats lined up. Team River Runners will provide meals for us Friday night, Saturday and Sunday mornings as well as a fish fry on Saturday night. This is a great opportunity to give some excitement and happiness to our Veterans. If you would like to bring your boat and help, please call me at 208-890-2872 as I am chairing the run.

Also, water permitting we will have a Payette River run from Horseshoe Bend to Banks. Typically, this run is held on a Saturday in mid-May, followed by a barbecue at the shelter by the Horseshoe Bend ponds and is chaired by Jeff Higgins and Dave Dickerson.

We will be sending emails to confirm whether or not we will be able to do the run so check your mail.

Summer is coming so enjoy, be safe and see you on the water.

Clyde Durham, WWA President

COVID -19 Precautions will be observed during WWA events. Please check the current recommendations for the county in which the runs or event will be held and follow the precautions recommended there. The link to the state recommendations is: <https://rebound.idaho.gov/stages-of-reopening>

**The June 14th, 2021 WWA General Meeting
will be a potluck dinner,
at Lakeview Park in Nampa, at the Fireplace Shelter
For Dutch Oven Dishes hot coals will be available shortly after 5 PM.**

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Food Donation Update

We are making donations to the local food banks and pantries in the towns we visit during our runs.

We had extra incentives for our Riggins food drive. John and Jennifer Llewellyn, owners of Riggins Whitewater Market, graciously agreed to match the WWA's cash donation. We raised \$670.00 at the cancelled Salmon River Run and with our Safety Boat Crews. In addition to the matching funds from the market, for donations of \$20.00, we have raffle tickets for a sand trap, donated by Randy Deeney KEM Equipment. The winner will be chosen at the June 14th General Meeting.

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.

Up Coming Events

May 14-16

Veterans Run

May TBA

Payette River Run

June 5&6

Skills Day

June 14

Summer Potluck

September 11&12

Confluence Run

November 6&7

Hammer Creek Run

February 5, 2022

Banquet

Quote of the Month

If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of ~~car~~ "BOAT" payments.

Earl Wilson (amended)

Clearwater Boat Club Races

There is a request for Safety Boat volunteers for the race on June 18th - 20th, 2021. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Chris Barger via their Facebook site or call him at 208-818-1617.

Spring Chinook Salmon Fishing Update

The fish are working their way up the river system with the bulk of the run anticipated over the Bonneville Dam in the next two weeks. The run is just getting to Lower Granite on the Snake River but numbers there indicate that the run is stronger than last year. While there is no report of harvest on the Salmon River at the time of this report the Rapid River Hatchery has reported that two adult salmon have reached the hatchery and indicates that the fish are in the river system. First report of harvest in Idaho is anticipated within the week.

Please note that the season is restricted to four days per week in designated areas of the river system, check the rules before you pull your boat to the river. Also Idaho Department of Fish and Game has a weekly blog that tracks the fish counts over the dams and harvest reports, check it out at: <https://idfg.idaho.gov/blog/2021/05/weekly-salmon-fishing-update>

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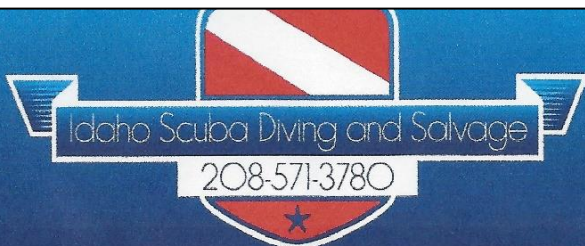
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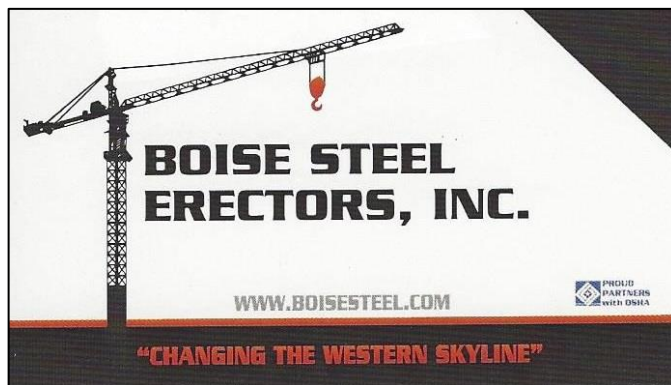
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Skills Day is scheduled for June 5th and 6th

Details are still in development. The event may include dry land segments on anchoring out (a Hell's Canyon necessity), knot tying, reading river structure, trailer backing course, trailer maintenance and anchoring in a current. The proposal is that the group will divide into groups and visit each station. If you would like to assist with the stations please contact Bob Hays. Depending on availability the location is proposed to be at the Marsing Boat Ramp.




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Therefore the WWA vendorship for these permits has been dropped.

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>



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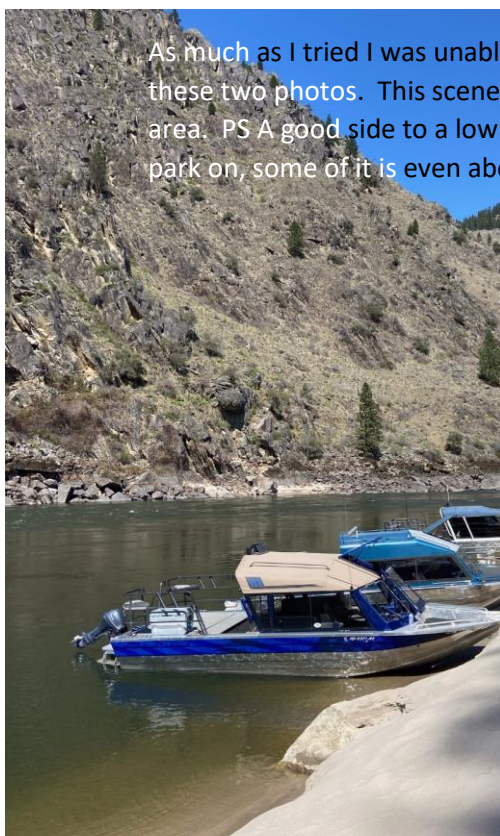


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As much as I tried I was unable to make a reasonable composite of these two photos. This scene reminds me of the magnitude of this area. PS A good side to a low water year is that there is lots of sand to park on, some of it is even above water level.

