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2011 Skills Day

The 2011 WWA skills day was held at CJ Strike Reservoir Saturday July 16, 2011. This was my first trip to the reservoir even though I have driven by it several times and made a mental note to get there someday and try the fishing and camping.

All of the participants came Friday night and stayed overnight at the Cottonwood Campground. The campground is well suited for boat and trailer camping and the launch and docks are first class for those needing a boat facility on the reservoir. I arrived late and did not get a chance to visit with anyone that night but I was treated to a spectacular fireworks show put on by Mother Nature. The lightning storm passed through the night to the north of us and hopefully did not cause any problems for any of you.

The next morning brought clear skies and sunshine as I met with T Fisher, the Co-Chair of the run. We coordinated a plan for the morning skills demonstration. As a group, we met at the marina docks and each boat owner went over the safety features of their boat and how they address safety on their boat. There were several good ideas shared by the boat owners that I will borrow for my boat.

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President's Message

I recently returned from a fishing trip. There was nothing spectacular about this trip. In fact, the fishing was a little slow and the weather was pretty hot at times. But as I reflect back on this trip and all the others I have been fortunate to take with my family I really value the time we have spent together. It seems that most of our spare time is spent pursuing anything that swims. The memories we have created are invaluable and indestructible.

My youngest brother was able to join us on this particular trip. He is facing some tough challenges in his life, mostly due to poor decisions. Most of the time we have spent together in the recent past have been related to his trouble. But not this trip. This trip was about fishing buddies spending time together. He caught his first salmon. You never forget that first big Idaho salmon and I am certain he won't forget the fish he caught. It was great to see him smile again.

Going fishing will never resolve the challenges we face in our lives and I don't expect that to happen for my brother. However, being on the river sure helps to put things into perspective. He seems a little better. He left with more resolve to get things in order in his

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life. Maybe it's just the anxious anticipation of being able to do it again next year. Fishing and jet boating tend to have that kind of effect. Isn't it great!

I wish you all happy boating this year and hope you are making some great memories. See you on the river.

Brian Oakey
President



Wallace Settlement

A final settlement was reached with Ms. Wallace to pay off the remaining restitution. This Agreement will not be filed with the court or the Canyon County Prosecutor until after the WWA has received the final payment. At that time a sign off of the Satisfaction and Release will be generated, thereby releasing Ms. Wallace of any further restitution to the Western Whitewater Association, Inc.

Failure to comply with the Agreement, on or before the 15th day of August 2011, will nullify the agreement and the court ordered restitution will remain intact and in full force and effect. The full unpaid balance of restitution shall also remain intact.

Briefly, the Agreement provides for

- 1) A single payment in the amount of \$16,400.00.
- 2) The payment must be completed and received on or before August 15, 2011.

Total court ordered restitution including other costs and interest: \$57, 213.20 (both parties)
Distributed by the court in the following manner:

- Victim #1 Western Whitewater Association, Inc. (Priority Victim) 35,213.20.
- Victim #2 Safeco Insurance Co. \$ 22,000.00.

The Western Whitewater Association, providing this agreement is satisfied, will have recovered \$28,226.50 or (80%) of the total restitution awarded by the court.

If the interest (\$3,201,20) is excluded, as Ms. Wallace initially requested, recovery would be 88%.

Safeco Insurance Company has reached a separate settlement. Ms. Wallace has settled for \$11,340.00 (51.5%). Actually their % would be slightly better as they had received some cash before the WWA was granted priority status.

It was agreed by those members attending the monthly association meeting and voting to accept this settlement that it was a preferred repayment plan in lieu of the irregular monthly payments being received. Provided this occurs as scheduled, it is a satisfactory conclusion to a sad chapter in the history of the WWA.



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From the marina we all entered the open water and maneuvered boats through a slalom course with a ring toss at the end of the course. The ring toss was to simulate a person in the water who needed a flotation device thrown to them. While getting the floating ring tossed was relatively simple, retrieving the floating ring was more of a challenge. With a little patience and coaching from the crew members, all were successful.

T demonstrated a very simple yet effective manner for one boat to tow another disabled boat in the water. There are a couple of important things to remember when towing a boat. First, in most all cases there is no reason for more than just one person to be in the boat being towed. One may need to unload passengers and gear to make the towing easier. Second, it is virtually impossible to tow a boat on plane and in reality it is perhaps unnecessary.

Lastly, on the towing boat, it is imperative to have a quick release method on the towline. This quick release is used to unhook the disabled boat for what could be a variety of reasons and circumstances. Not being able to quick release could cause both boats to become disabled and people and property are placed in increased peril. There are some very simple ways to utilize cleats on

the towing boat that allow for a quick release of the boat being towed and enhance the safety of the towing operation. An additional stop gap for the quick release is a sharp knife to cut the rope in an emergency.

Afterwards the group headed to the sun shelter for a BBQ hamburger, salads, and watermelon. During lunch there was some great conversation to be had and tips for whitewater running were shared among the group.

After lunch most went out that afternoon to try the fishing. I did not get a final report of the fishing success. During the day there were some admissions by all of us that at times we get a little casual with flat water running and sometimes even river running wherein we leave life jackets on the bench seat. Life jackets are no good unless worn. There have been several incidences on the water this summer statewide wherein if a proper life jacket had been appropriately worn, we may not have heard anything about the fishing trip. So wear your life jacket, keep sharing your safety tips, and keep sharing river skills and tips with new and seasoned whitewater captains alike. Thanks to all who participated and special thanks to T for the well-executed towing demonstration.

Jed Myers

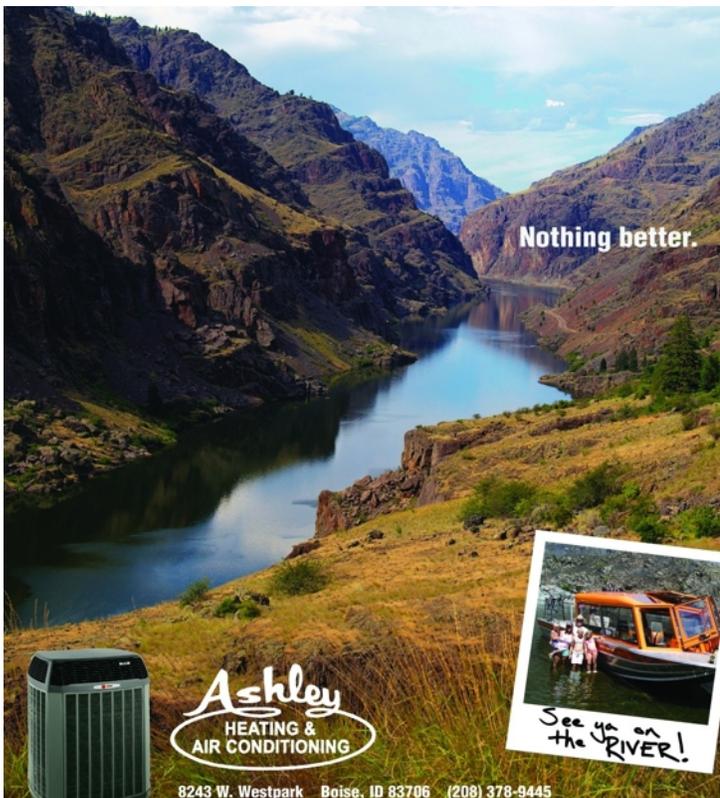


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IDAHO FUN FACTS...

- * The 1940 film "Northwest Passage" was filmed in McCall.
- * Shoshone Falls (212 feet), near Twin Falls, drops 52 feet further than Niagara Falls.
- * Nearly 85% of all commercial trout sold in the U.S. is produced in the Hagerman Valley.
- * The first alpine chairlift was used in Sun Valley. In 1936 the fee was 25 cents per ride.
- * The Fosbury Flop, a high jumping technique, was invented by Ketchum resident Dick Fosbury.
- * Idaho has 3,100 miles of rivers - more than any other state.
- * 63% of Idaho is public land.
- * Idaho is the number one producer of potatoes, trout, Austrian winter peas and lentils.
- * Idaho is the 13th largest state in the U.S.
- * The Gem State: Idaho produces 72 types of precious and semi-precious stones.
- * Top 3 Industries: 1. Manufacturing 2. Agriculture 3. Tourism
- * Idaho's Salmon River near Riggins is the longest free-flowing river that heads and flows within a single state.
- * Twin Falls was the sight of Evil Knievel's jump in 1974.
- * The word "Potato" first appeared on an Idaho license plate in 1928. The now famous words "Famous Potatoes" appeared on our plates in 1957.
- * Idaho's highest point is Mt. Borah (12,622 ft); lowest point is Lewiston (738 ft).
- * The Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness is the largest in the lower 48 states-2.3 million acres of back country.
- * The deepest river gorge in North America is Idaho's Hells Canyon (7,900 ft deep).
- * State Motto: "Esto Perpetua" meaning "It is forever"



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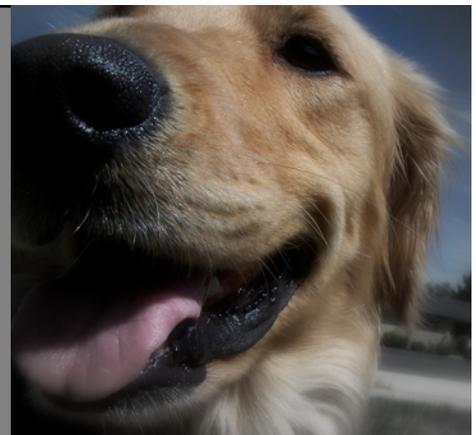


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Remember when?

Taken from the Boating Wizard, March 1999

Some members have other talents besides running a jet boat. Some can cook a meal that a five star restaurant chef would envy. Others can make an engine hum, better than when it was new. Here is a poem that describes a few members of our club.

Gary and Marilyn will show the route, and tell you what the rapids are all about.

Mark will show you his driving technique, and makes running the river look really neat.

Jim and Shanah will loan you spare parts. God bless their little hearts.

Steve knows the river and which side to run, go with him if you wanna have fun.

No one knows what Keith is up to yet, but it'll be trouble would be my bet.

George always has a big grin, and we all know the trouble he can get in.

Butch will be wearing a really neat hat, and who could beat a group like that!

Taken from the Boating Wizard, February 1999

TOP TEN WAYS TO TELL IF YOU MIGHT BE A JET BOATER

- 10) Your family eats out once a month: AT COBBYS.
- 9) You can cook a three course meal, IN THE BOAT, ON THE WATER!
- 8) Your 10 year old car has 20,000 miles on it, but your 2 year old truck has 85,000 miles on it!
- 7) Wives know their husbands are usually with the other woman: THE BOAT
- 6) The term GREEN WALL has significant, and usually a wet meaning.
- 5) The owner of the corner gas station sends YOU a thank you card for putting his son through college.
- 4) Your wife can back a trailer better than your hunting partners.
- 3) In the last race you were in, no one went over 60 mph.
- 2) The most expensive jacket you own is a LIFE JACKET.
- 1) You belong to a club called the Western Whitewater Association.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Meeting August 8

Hells Canyon Run September

*WWA Meetings are held at Smoky Mountain Pizzeria Grill, 980 East Fairview Ave
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The Happy Cooker



Dutch Oven Special 15 Beans with Ham

I love ham and beans, and in a Dutch oven, they are even better.

Ham hocks and small pieces of ham	1 clove minced garlic
1 pkg 15 bean mix	1 tsp lemon juice
1 large chopped onion	Seasoning (salt and pepper)
1 large can tomatoes	Optional: hot peppers, tabasco sauce
1 tsp chili powder	

Take the package of 15 beans and wash thoroughly. Place in a pan and cover with water. Add 2 tbsp of salt and let soak overnight. When you are ready to start cooking them, drain the beans and add 2 qts of water and pour into the Dutch oven. Add the ham and/or ham hocks. Let simmer for 2 to 2 ½ hours. Stir once in awhile

and don't let it get too hot.

While the beans are cooking have the onion chopped, the clove of garlic minced and add them to the beans with the tomatoes, chili powder, lemon juice, and hot peppers if you desire. Salt and pepper to taste. Let simmer 30-45 minutes.

Just a few minutes before you're ready to eat the beans, add the seasoning packet to the beans, mix in and let simmer for a couple of minutes. Serves 12.

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