

# RAPIDS

JUNE 2016

WESTERN WHITEWATER ASSOCIATION

## Skills Day Well Attended

### Special points of interest:

- Skills Day a success
- Idaho boat owners must get their hull identification number (HIN) inspected

The Skills Day Run was held Saturday May 14 with ten boats and nearly 30 total crew members participating. The river flows were above average with flows around 20,000 at launch time and holding at 22,000 through the day. At those flows from the dam down to Battle Creek the river is rea-

sonably navigable with many of the hazards either covered or marking well. The weather was near perfect but a little windy. Could have been a little warmer but I have spent many days in the canyon where the temperature could have been a little cooler, maybe a lot cooler, so no complaints from me.

The group launched and organized into two groups to head down river. There were three boat captains that had never been in whitewater until that morning. We ran downriver to the landing just above Wild Sheep Rapids. Several walked up on the bank to look at Wild Sheep and sev-

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# PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

The end of May came very fast for the White Family. The 2016 World Jet Boat Marathon Championships were held from May 20 – 29. We covered the St. Joe River 150 miles, the Coeur d’Alene River at Harrison 180 miles, and the Snake River 111 miles including a 45 mile circuit race. We totaled just over 507 miles. There were 36 boats from the US, Canada, New Zealand and Mexico. My navigator Andy Boyer and I encountered a few mechanical problems early on... We lost part of our steering on the first leg on the St. Joe, lost a couple of wings, but we fixed the issue and ran the 2<sup>nd</sup> leg. Unfortunately on the very last leg on Saturday after crossing the finish line the motor gave a loud pop and died going around 70 mph, the hull immediately hooked to the left and we ran up on the bank. Andy and I were not hurt, the boat only had a few scratches. I want to thank Rick White, Tim Adams, and Jack White for the many hours fixing our motor. We were able to run again on Tuesday, from Harrison to Cataldo. We finished up on the Snake River doing circuit races and running from Hells Gate Marina to Bear Bar and back. We finished 5<sup>th</sup> in our class. Our top speed was 91 mph. It was wonderful to see old friends from Canada and New Zealand and make new friends.

**I also wanted to pass along some important boat registration information:**

## **IDAHO BOAT OWNERS FACE REGISTRATION HURDLE FOR 2017**

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Idaho boat owners must get their hull identification number (HIN) inspected before registering their boats in 2017 — a national requirement that comes from the U.S. Coast Guard.

The Idaho State Parks and Recreation department is encouraging boaters to get the inspection done this year, which will enable them to renew their registration by mail next year.

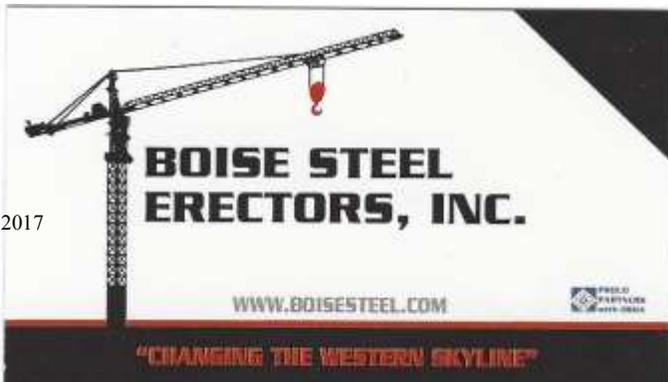
“We’re a year ahead, trying to make this as little of a bump in the road as possible,” said Tammy Kolsky, program manager for campground reservations and registrations at State Parks and Recreation.

The inspection is free. It can be completed at the Idaho Transportation Department, county DMV offices and State Parks and Recreation headquarters.

“The Coast Guard, working with

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eral spent that time fishing from their boats. The fishing all day was pretty good with several bass caught mixed in with some trout. We ran up river to Brush Creek and several ran that rapid multiple times for skill building. The group stopped at Brush Creek long enough for lunch and some more fishing.

Some ran down river after lunch and one boat sucked a stick just below Brush Creek. After several attempts to clear the pump including a grate rake, the pump finally cleared just before the captain was ready to get wet and perhaps swim under to clear the intake. By this time of day the sun started to peak out of the clouds and the attire of T-shirts replaced sweatshirts. Still, clearing a stick from a pump saved one boat captain from a very cold swim.

This was the second year for this event to be held below Hells Canyon Dam. For me this is a good training spot for swift water mixed with some white water for a new jet boat captain or an experienced jet boat captain. With the river at 20,000 feet, some of the rapids are smaller but the swiftness of the river

was noticeably faster than other trips I have made to this part of the river. For all who venture to this part of the river, the common theme is at every 1,000 feet of flow change, the river is a different river with changing rapids and rocks that will either become uncovered or hidden. One nice thing about this stretch is generally there is not a lot of debris in the

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Homeland Security, made changes to make sure all vessels have properly formatted HINs and we know who the owner is on those vessels,” Kolsky said. “All (states) have to come into compliance. Failure to come into compliance could cost the state of Idaho a lot of boat grant funds.”

If a HIN isn't valid, a new one will be issued and added to the boat, she said. (END OF STORY)

Father's Day is approaching and I hope all of you have the opportunity to fish with your dad or your sons and daughters. There is nothing better than being on the river or lake fishing and enjoying family. I know that many Father's Days we took out

our boat and had a great day fishing and swimming. I want to wish all of you a great summer of boating, fishing and camping with your families and friends. Respectfully  
Shay White

### SKILLS DAY 2016 Continued

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water. For a boat to suck a stick into the pump is unusual yet something to plan for.

Besides a day on the river, Hells Canyon has its own beauty especially in the spring when everything is green. I did see several deer, elk, and wild turkeys as expected but we also spotted a couple of goats on the hillside.

After running the river, the group gathered for a potluck dinner and a steak provided by the club. Again, the river cooks did not disappoint as the potluck dinner was excellent. For the run, a special thanks to Randy and Wanda Clagg for leading one group down river and then back up river. Also a special thanks to Jim and Anita Shore for the kitchen set-up to cook dinner and serve the group potluck. They have an excellent setup for camp cooking and their help with tables, plates, and extras was much appreciated.

All said, the day was an excellent opportunity to venture out, learn something about white water, and enjoy one of the area's true outdoor gems

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**Idaho Current Streamflows: (New Address) 5-01**

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nm=](http://water.usgs.gov/id/nwis/current?type=flow&group_key=NONE&search_site_no_station_nm=) (enter it once and bookmark it!)

**Idaho Power Streamflow Information: (03-02)** [http://  
www.idahopower.com/h2o/idastream.cfm](http://www.idahopower.com/h2o/idastream.cfm)

**Riverflow Information:** [http://www.idwr.state.id.us/  
planpol/techserv/flows.htm](http://www.idwr.state.id.us/planpol/techserv/flows.htm)

### Addresses and Telephone Numbers

**Salmon River Reservations:** Slate Creek Ranger Sta-  
tion: 208-839-2211

**Hells Canyon Power Boat Reservations:** Reserva-  
tions must be made online. <https://ww.recreation.gov/>

**River & Reservoir Levels:** Bureau of Reclamation:  
208-334-9134

**Bliss Dam Outflows:** Idaho Power (Call weekdays on-  
ly) 208-388-2255

## Calendar of Events.

**JUNE 13, 2016** *General Membership meeting—  
Canyon Creek Restaurant, Nampa*

**SEPT 17, 2016** Confluence Run

**OCT 22, 2016** *Hammer Creek Run*

*All dates are subject to change. In the event  
of a change, we will notify ASAP.*

General Meetings are the second Monday  
of the Month at Canyon Creek Restaurant Nampa  
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