

**MAY  
2010**

# RAPIDS



## **SALMON RIVER RUN 2010**

What an enjoyable time we had on this run!!!! The river level was 17,500 cfs on Thursday and 16,000 cfs on Friday. The river was clear of debris and there were not a lot of rocks to dodge, but some big rapids to play in. There were a total of 10 boats that showed up for this run. We had a large number of new boaters wanting to learn this stretch of river, which always make me a little nervous when boaters want to use the Salmon River as their first river to learn on.

Jim and Mary came as far as Salem, Oregon and Andy drove down from Spokane, Washington. My cousin also joined us from Baker City, Oregon. Thursday, we ran up and down through the rapids several times and went up river as far as the James Ranch (approximately 60 miles roundtrip). On Friday, we ran up as far as Buckskin Bills (approximately 80 miles roundtrip) and back without a single boat mishap, unless you want to count the leader stuffing the nose of his boat through a couple of waves in Ludwig.

**PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND  
THE MAY 10th ELECTION/  
MEETING. FOR MORE  
INFO SEE PAGE 6**

I highly recommend that you don't try to talk on the CB and run through Ludwig at the same time.

There was one incident at Buckskin Bills where the resident's German Shepherd jumped up on a boat and attacked the boat owner's dog. Whenever you are traveling with your pet(s) on the boat, please take every precaution to protect your animal. Later on Friday night, we had a small birthday celebration for Mary.

I want to especially thank, Bruce Burrup for helping lead one of the groups. A special thanks to Tom Roach for riding with and helping guide Andy and Jim through the rapids. They both stated how much they learned from Tom and Jim had a much better run on Friday, due to Tom's help.

Submitted by,  
Bob Spencer, Chairman

## **LIFE FLIGHT**

If you joined Life Flight with the WWA last year, your membership has expired. For some reason we did not receive a list from St. Al's of the ones who joined last year. Therefore, if you were a member through the WWA, we need to rejoin.

As a WWA member you may join Life Flight for a reduced amount. As an individual, the charge is \$50.00 a year. By joint as a group, the rate is \$35.00. We need to have 25 families sign up at once.

If you want to sign up, Anita has applications. Let her know and she can get you an application and then return it to her with a check in the amount of \$35.00 payable to Life Flight. As soon as we have 25 members signed up, we will submit it to Life Flight.

If you have any questions, please contact Anita Shore at 454-1669 or shore2shore@heritagewifi.com.

## Interim President's Message

I recently ran into a board member of the newly formed Intermountain Jet Boaters Association. We both had a few minutes to spare, so we chatted for a while and had a very pleasant conversation. He was telling me a few things that they were doing and I did the same. We spent several minutes discussing the positive things that two organizations have brought to the jetboating community. As my last article as Interim-President I thought I would share with you some of the positive things I have observed over the past several months.

First, many jetboaters seem to be throughout the state and serve on committees. Second, the smaller run sizes have allowed more one on one instruction for newer boaters. The WWA continues to be a recognized and trusted voice for boater access.

I have learned a great deal about the WWA in the past several months. I look forward to working with the new President following this month's election to continue the good work of the WWA.

Brian Oakey  
Interim-President

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# CLUB MEMBERS COMMENTS

## WHAT HAPPENED TO COURTESY?

From one jet boating family to another.

Courtesy is defined as "considerate behavior". You could go a little further and define river courtesy as being considerate of others while on the river. If you are wondering why I feel it necessary to define such basic outdoor common courtesy it's because I see so little of it and I wonder "where have all the courteous men and women gone"?

You may have witnessed inconsiderate behavior by thoughtless teenagers or for that matter you may have been a thoughtless teenager not so long ago, but I'm not talking about teenagers, I'm talking about adult men and women. The type of adults that I thought understood that passing by another boat while tied up in the rocks would want that same boatman to pull the throttle back, pull in close enough to avoid causing the tied up boat occupants to bale out and risk injury to avoid damage to their boat. It does occur, I've seen it, and I've experienced it. Haven't you?

I've experienced that attitude from private and commercial boaters. It has really changed the way I sturgeon fish because I just can't fish many of those holes like I used to because the boats just scream right by. I'm fully aware that there are some locations that passing boats can't slow down due to the heavy current. It would be rude of me to tie-up in those types of locations and expect others to risk damage to their boats.

### It doesn't end there, I wish it did.

What has me so upset is the lack of common courtesies that I see violated almost every time we are on the river. Let me just list a few. I'm sure you can add to the list, please feel free to do so in your own letter because we need to hear from you. Things will not change until we get this out in the open.

1. It's been a long time ago but I can remember it well when camping my mother would say "lower your voice people are camped in the next camp space, you'll disturb them" that is a huge joke now; I can't tell you the last time I could tolerate a campground after 9pm. It's been years.
2. Or how about this... "Don't walk through other people's camp" even though it's a short cut to the toilet.

3. Or before leaving the camp space Dad would say... "Police the area!" I mean that meant even the debris out of the fire pit and when we were not in a designated campground it meant "no trace" long before the term became trendy
4. While fishing we would never fish next to another boat unless we were a part of the same group. We would never fish in front of someone's shore camp, it just isn't polite. I can't count the times while sleeping on the back deck to enjoy the magnificent stars only to wake up to the sound of fishermen casting plugs to the back of our boat to hook fish that may have found sanctuary beneath it.
5. Playing your stereo on the river or in a campground is just plain rude.
6. When you have a large group in a campground, park the extra cars in the overflow parking. Don't rev-up your 4 wheeler and motorcycles all day and night. Find a large group camping area and observe the universal quiet time rules.
7. While you are sitting around the camp fire passing the bottle telling stories about your misspent youth remember, everyone in all directions can hear every word you are saying. It isn't funny to anybody except the rest of the loud mouth drunks you are with. Contrary to your belief, campgrounds are not a place to "let it all hang out" You can do that in your own home but not where my children are forced to listen at 2am.
8. If you camp on the river remember to separate far enough apart to allow all groups to think they are the only ones there.
9. Guns shots at night are not cool, gun shoots at 2am around a camp fire will land you in jail.
10. Observe helpful and polite ramp etiquette.

I have seen bad behavior increase on the river and in the campgrounds. I've heard others complain about the same thing. I have noticed that people who are disrespectful to others along the Snake River don't seem to hold the river up as an especially high or wonderful place? They seem to take it for granted, they say "hey it's a beach and that means party"

If people continue to disrespect the River and the River users they will see their privileges taken from them.

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Here is how it will happen. First they will reduce the number of permits, then there will be designated reserve camping spots, then more river cops, then fees to cover the costs of patrols and so on....

Enrich your outdoor experience by being courteous to all.

We must all stop being intimidated and begin documenting and reporting bad behavior as soon as it happens. Cruise over, taken down their numbers and report that bad behavior to HCNRA, they want to know!

Please, can't we all just extend common courtesy to one another and enjoy one of the last white water rivers.... at least until the gasoline runs out.....

*A FELLOW WWA MEMBER and BOATER*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Board Meeting May 3  
Idaho Pizza Meridian
- General Meeting/ Elections May 10
- Idaho Pizza Meridian
- Payette River Run May 22-23
- Weed Run Tentative date May 14/15
- Board Meeting June 7  
Idaho Pizza Meridian
- General Meeting June 14  
Idaho Pizza Meridian
- Hell's Canyon Run September 17-18

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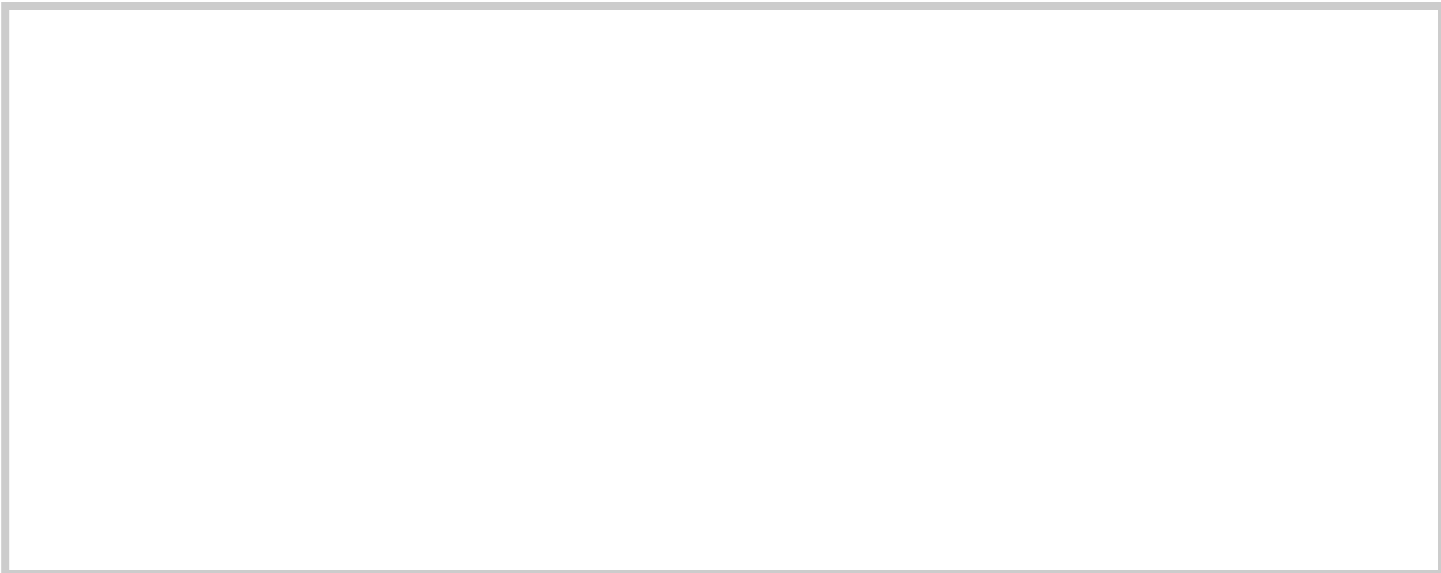
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**PURPOSE**

- To stimulate and advance the general welfare and safety of boating.
- To serve the interests of 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 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.