



**OVER 30 RACING TEAMS, WORLD CHAMPIONS TO COMPETE IN IDAHO FOR  
THE 2012 TOYOTA WORLD JET BOAT MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIP**

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2011 Canadian World Champion driver Gord Humphrey and navigator Chris Zapesocki (pronounced ZAP-uh-sock-ee) will be among the 33 elite racing teams competing in the 2012 Toyota Weaver Seed World Jet Boat Marathon Championship on four north central Idaho rivers next month.

The race takes place over a nine day period, April 13-21 on select sections of the St. Joe River at St. Maries, April 14-15; the Snake River at Lewiston, April 16-17; the Clearwater River at Orofino, April 18 and the Salmon River at Riggins, April 19-21.

Humphrey and Zapesocki piloted their whitewater race boat, 'Unnatural Disaster' #CDN-1 to victory this summer at the August 2011 Thunder on the Snake race in Lewiston. The Fort St. John, British Columbia team also holds the 2011 Salmon River Jet Boat Race Championship title.

Fans will have the opportunity to watch several former world champions vie for the overall title including former 8x World Champion driver Spencer King and navigator Russell King of Hay River, Northwest Territories, Canada; 4x World Champion driver Mark Cromie and navigator Richard Maunder of New Zealand; and 2x World Champion driver Dale Whiteside and navigator Wayne McGeachy of Red Deer, Alberta.

Several northwest area racers will also make a run for the championship including Lewiston driver Ryan Rogers and navigator Gary Weaver (Crabtree, Oregon); driver Jake Barney (Lewiston); driver Jeff Edwardsen (Lewiston) and navigator Ryan Hudson (Lewiston); driver Greg Boice (Clarkston, Wash.) and driver Shay White (Meridian) and navigator Grady White (Meridian).

Depending on the boat engine's size, speed and hull design, racers compete in one of several race classes including the American Turbine Unlimited Class, Shore Lodge A Class, Eagle Performance Boats CX Class, Clearwater River Casino FX Class or Coors Light/Rockstar FXV classes.

Each racing team consists of a driver, navigator and racing crews varying in size from four to 20 people per team. At the 2011 Canadian World Race, the number of fans watching along riverbanks ranged from 400 to upwards of 5,000 people per venue, according to information from the Canadian World Race Committee. Each race team spent an estimated \$1,000 per day on either food, lodging and/or sundry items. The U.S.A. has the opportunity to host the world jet boat races every four years.