



THOUSANDS WATCH USA RACE TEAM WIN OVERALL 2012 TOYOTA WEAVER SEED WORLD JET BOAT MARATHON CHAMPIONSHIP

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Record crowds ushered in a new era of jet boat river racing in north central Idaho during the 2012 Toyota Weaver Seed World Jet Boat Marathon Championship held April 13-21.

U.S.A. driver Ryan Rogers of Lewiston, Idaho and Crabtree, Oregon navigator Gary Weaver won the overall championship title completing the fastest time piloting #285 Pure Insanity for all 24 race legs on the St. Joe, Snake, Clearwater and Salmon rivers.

“On a scale of one to ten, this was an 11,” Race Referee Larry Darneille said. “I have never been involved in more well organized event.”

Approximately 5,000 people lined the banks of the St. Joe River at St. Maries to watch the first two days of racing, Darneille said.

The race continued on the Snake River at Lewiston where its estimated 3,000 fans watched the round trip action from Hells Gate Marina to Bear Bar for day three and four. Approximately 2,000 fans watched racers negotiate the Clearwater River for day five that included two legs from Ahsahka Boat Ramp at Orofino to the East End Boat Ramp at Lewiston. The final two days of racing on the Salmon River at Riggins crowds swelled to 5,000 along the eight mile course and finish line.

“We are truly thankful for the support of all the volunteers, businesses and sponsors,” Race Organizers Kim Friend and Kyla Sawyer said. “We had the very best race teams competing and north central Idaho’s hospitality was second to none.”

More than 200 volunteers participated in the 2012 Toyota Weaver Seed World Jet Boat Marathon Championship including emergency medical technicians, amateur radio communications, safety boat drivers and event staff. Four representatives from the Union International Motonautique, the international governing body of power boating came to Idaho for the entire duration of the race.

A total of \$40,000 in prize money was awarded to the first, second and third place winners in the Overall, Unlimited, A and FX classes in a field of 17 race teams. The U.S.A. has the opportunity to host the world jet boat marathon every four years. The 2013 World Jet Boat Championships will be held in New Zealand.

Here are the final results & times for all race classes:

2012 Toyota Weaver Seed Overall World Jet Boat Marathon Champion

1. Ryan Rogers & Gary Weaver/Larry Keats, Lewiston, Idaho/Crabtree, Oregon, USA, #285 Pure Insanity, 5:37:13
2. Rick & Jodi Hollingworth, Valleyview, Alberta, CAN, #55 Little Smokey, 6:39:08
3. Tyson Allen & Sylvain Ruel, Peace River, Alberta, CAN, #03 SS Adrenaline, 6:55:42
4. Shay & Grady White, Meridian, Idaho, USA, #51 Predator, 8:05:54

American Turbine Unlimited Class

1. Duane Carmont & Roger Derry, Riggins, Idaho, USA, #321 Revelation, 6:56:00 (only Unlimited boat to attain minimum distance and minimum number of legs raced)
2. Gord Humphrey & Chris Zapesocki, Fort St. John, B.C., CAN, #CDN-1 Unnatural Disaster, 6:12:06
3. Chad Burns & Willie Burns, Peace River, Alberta, CAN, #339 Bad Habit, 6:21:41

Shore Lodge A Class

1. Ryan Rogers & Gary Weaver/Larry Keats, Lewiston, Idaho/Crabtree, Oregon, USA #285 Pure Insanity, 5:37:13
2. Jake Barney & Lester Zehner/Casey Barney, Lewiston, Idaho, USA, #212 Never Satisfied, 9:13:27
3. Terry O'Keefe & Russ Hoisington, Monitor, Wash./Culdesac, Idaho, USA, #211 Riptear, 9:18:18

Clearwater River Casino FX Class

1. Rick & Jodi Hollingworth, Valleyview, Alberta, CAN, #55 Little Smokey, 6:39:08
2. Tyson Allen & Sylvain Ruel, Peace River, Alberta, CAN, #03 SS Adrenaline, 6:55:42
3. Shay & Grady White, Meridian, Idaho, USA, #51 Predator, 8:05:54