



RAPIDS

WESTERN WHITEWATER ASSOCIATION



DECEMBER 2012

2013 Annual Banquet & Fundraiser

The WWA's Annual Fundraiser Banquette is fast approaching. The date set is Feb 2, 2013 at the Idaho Center. We encourage all members to register early for this event and set this date aside on your calendars. As members we pay dues that provide us with a Champagne toast on the New Years Day run and hamburgers/hot dogs in the parking lot later, a great pot luck on the chili run, a great BBQ on the Glens Ferry run, a day full of boat education for proper operation of our boats, a steak dinner at the confluence run, another pot luck at the Hammer Creek fishing day and a fun filled Banquet. Not to mention a newsletter, legislative and political awareness, and a good sense of camaraderie and whitewater education. We get a lot of benefits for what we are asked to pay in

dues to the club. These dues are spent on each member by roughly mid-year. Needless to say we get our monies worth out of what we put in pretty easily.

There is a Banquet



registration form in this month's rapids. The banquet is a great event and pre-registration could be given for a Christmas present or an end of year expenditure. Early registration gets you entered for the "Early Bird

Drawing", for 50 extra raffle tickets, to be held on the New Year's Day run.

The way we can contribute to keeping our activities and access to the waters that we love is by donating items for the banquet or by buying items at our fundraiser auction held during the banquet. Every year many generous businesses donate to the WWA goods and services to be auctioned off. We greatly appreciate all that has been sent our way and we ask for your continued help. The fourth quarter is closing fast for those last minute expenses, or the beginning of the year can be a good time to donate to a great cause. Either way every little bit helps. Please contact Clyde Schrader at cschrader4@g.com or Anita Shore at Als43@shoreshoreaviation.com if you have a donation or would like to help.

2013 New Year's Day Run

Plan on arriving at Walters Ferry boat ramp at around 9:30 a.m. There will be a brief drivers meeting and then the groups will head up river around 10:00 a.m. For those not familiar with this event, it is held each year on New Year's Day on the Snake River in southwestern Idaho. The run is from

Walters Ferry up river through the infamous "Graveyard" stretch of the Snake to Swan Falls Dam. Upon reaching their destination, the participants engage in the traditional "Toast to the River Gods".

There will be non-alcohol drinks for those wishing something besides champagne. .

This run is not difficult, but there are several sections of the river that are very technical. If you are a new member or are uncertain of the route, it is highly recommended that you run up with the main group or follow some one who knows the way.

We plan to have hamburgers/hot dogs in the parking lot after the run.

Questions regarding the New Year's Day Run should be directed to: jet-boat2@westernwhitewater.org. Hope to see you there.

Points of Interest

- **NEEDED--NOMINATIONS FOR Jet-boater of the Year and Silver Rock Award**
- *New Year's day run is our next run!*
- *Don't miss December elections*
- *Please read Idaho Power letter*
- *Mark Feb. 2, 2013 on your calendar for Banquet*
- *Boat registrations are due*
- *Membership dues are due 01/01/2013*



MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2012, a Year in the Life of a Jet-boater

This is the last time this year I am writing the President's Message for the Rapids Newsletter. The year has gone by in quick fashion at least to me. It was just a short time back that we were running up the Snake to kick off the 2012 year with a New Year's Day toast and a lunch gathering of hearty souls on a cold winter day.

In reflection, I have enjoyed my tenure as your President and hope you have as well. The year highlights for me were many and the new friends that I have met along the way and the friendships that were deepened are also many. For that I thank all of you for that opportunity to serve you and mostly learn from all of you this past year.

We all have favorite jet-boat activities and places and while they are varied, some are common with several within the club membership. I have to

mention the Salmon River Run and the jetboat races this past April as one of my favorites. This club has a long-standing tradition of supporting that activity and the Central Idaho resource of the river and the business community in Riggins and surrounding area. That support has been appreciated and was expressed to me several times during the races and the club run. My part in the races was extremely miniscule compared to others of this club and associated groups. However, you all need to know that I was thanked several times from many individuals and groups for your efforts to help make this event successful.

The overarching bonus of that event for me is to spend time in an area of natural beauty showcased along the Salmon River and the canyon carved out of the mountains.

I'm not sure I have been in a place where the natural species are as varied as the Salmon River Canyon. At the lower end near White Bird there are chucker, whitetail, mule deer and turkeys. At the upper reaches that I have traveled there are elk, big horn sheep, and pine grouse. I have also had the pleasure to meet a lot of the local inhabitants. They could be referred to as Rigginites for their independent character, common sense, and get it done attitude. I can think of a lot of places where we could use some Rigginites in the rest of the country.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(fill in both sections for Banquet registration)
Please fill in membership information completely
to update our records!

Family Membership \$35 (includes 2 votes)

Single Membership \$25 (includes 1 vote)

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Phone # _____

E-Mail _____

Do you want to receive Club Alerts by Email?

Yes ☐ No ☐

(Club Alert Emails are time-sensitive notifications of meetings or events of concern to WWA members)

Do you want to receive the Rapids by Email?

Yes ☐ No ☐



2013 WWA Banquet Registration

2-Feb-13

Doors open at 4:00 p.m.

Idaho Center, Nampa, ID

Note: Registration Packets will be made available at the door.

Extra raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the event.

Menu subject to change

Meal Preference: (please indicate number of each)

_____ Marinated Tri Tip Steak

_____ Mountain Salmon with bay shrimp mornay sauce, garlic and scallops

Menu will also include:

Salad, Dinner Rolls / Vegetables / Potatoes / Desert / Coffee (Desert) & water

No Host Bar will be available

Package

Prior to 1/25/13 *

At the Door **

_____ WWA Single Membership,	\$70	\$85
_____ One Meal, 30 Raffle Tickets		
_____ WWA Family Membership,		
_____ Two Meals, 60 Raffle Tickets	\$125	\$140
_____ Individual Meal Only	\$30	
_____ Dinner for Two	\$60	\$40
_____ Children's Dinner (age 10 & under)	\$15	
_____ Family Membership	\$65	\$70
_____ No meal / 30 Raffle Tickets		
_____ Single Membership	\$40	\$45
_____ No meal / 15 Raffle Tickets		

*All registrations received by 1/1/2013 will be entered in a drawing for 50 extra raffle tickets.

**Due to extra expense incurred by WWA from the caterer, all meals purchased after 1/28/2013 will be at the door price, no exceptions. This also insures that we will have sufficient food to feed everyone who has purchased meals.

**New this year, we have established a \$5.00 "Browser Fee" for those just wanting to view the displays



ELECTIONS

Elections for 2013 WWA Board of Directors will be held at the December 2012 Membership meeting!

We will be accepting nominations for the positions of President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and three Board Members. If you are interested in volunteering (self-nomination) or if you know someone that would be an asset to the Board, please email nominations or questions to

Als43@shorenshoreaviation.com or call Anita at 454-1669. or you can contact any of the members of the Nomination Committee—Darwin Ames, Jon Peabody or Richard Powell.

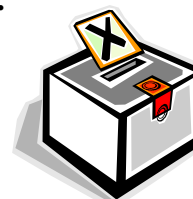
This is your club! A great way to show support is to become involved. Please consider running!

If you have never been involved on the Board or if you have been involved before but would still like to help, this is

your opportunity and I highly recommend it. There really isn't a better way to know the workings of the WWA.

We will accept nominations up to time to vote at the Dec. Membership meeting.

Also, please, keep in mind that we need nominations for "Jet Boater of the Year" and/or "Silver Rock Award".



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: November 27, 2012

Contact: Jennifer Okerlund, Communications Manager

(208) 514-2254; Jennifer.Okerlund@idpr.idaho.gov

BOAT REGISTRATION DOLLARS FUND BOATING ACCESS AND ENFORCEMENT IN IDAHO

IDAHO (November 27, 2012) –The time to renew boat registrations in Idaho is here and the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR) would like to remind boat owners that Idaho boating registration dollars help fund the county recreational boating services and marine law enforcement activities through the registration designation process.

IDPR has begun mailing Idaho boat registration renewals, to registered boat owners this month.

The State of Idaho has a unique system in place that allows boaters to decide what county receives their registration dollars. Boaters are encouraged to designate the county where they choose to boat most frequently.

Boaters are also able to designate a second county. Designating certain counties will allow those counties to receive 85% of the registration fee for boating improvement projects and marine law enforcement activities.

“Idaho’s boat registration designation program exists to offer enthusiasts the opportunity to ‘pay where they play’ and support local waterways financially,” said Dave Dahms, IDPR Boating Program Manager.

Annual registration fees are determined by vessel length. Boats 0 -12 feet in length are \$20, Boats over 12 feet in length are \$20 plus \$2 per foot over 12 feet. Boats owned by nonprofit organizations are \$2. In addition, all registered boats are required to pay an additional \$10 which is deposited into the Idaho Invasive Species Fund.

Only sailboats and motorboats must be numbered and registered. (A "motorboat" is a mechanically propelled boat using fuel or electricity.)

Boats that do NOT have to be numbered or registered include boats propelled manually (rafts, kayaks, canoes, stand-up paddleboards, float tubes etc., without a motor), sailboards, documented vessels and boats properly numbered and registered in another state which are using Idaho waters for 60 consecutive days or less.

New boats can be numbered and registered by visiting a local boat registration vendor, a county assessor's or motor vehicle office or the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation (IDPR). For information call IDPR at 208-334-4197.

To renew your registration online, or to locate the boat registration vendor location nearest you, visit www.parksandrecreation.idaho.gov.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Another favorite this past year was the Confluence Run. I really enjoyed the opportunity to spend time there prepping for and making the run (that prepping is loosely construed to be running up river to see Kirkwood, a little whitewater, catch some fish and generally tell fishing lies to everyone back at camp). This begs the question of, "If I am telling a lie about catching fish, is that really a lie or just a story with extra adjectives"? Nonetheless, for those that have been around me or have read this message in the past issues, you all know the Snake River Canyon is almost sacred ground for me. The opportunity to spend time there with friends and family has, over the years,

been the highlight of many seasons.

I can't thank the club membership and leadership enough for all your efforts this past year to make 2012 a successful year. You provided training and shared jetboat experience with so many that you came in contact with. To begin a thank you list would immediately leave some one off the list inadvertently. From the annual banquet, to the club runs, to the meetings and letters to elected and appointed officials on behalf of the club and our mission, I thank you all. I look forward to the next year and even the next jetboat trip

to the canyon to take in the sights and hopefully land some steel-head. For now, remember the club elections at the next general meeting and I wish all the successes of the 2013 year to President Elect Schrader and stand ready to continue in my support of the club and jetboating in the coming years. To all, thanks for the ride, the advice, the camaraderie, and most of all your friendship. It has been a blast. From one Jetboater to another Jetboater, It has been a pleasure running with you all this past year. Now, "Merry Christmas to all and to all a goodnight".

Letter from Idaho Power

November 15, 2012

To: All commercial and public boaters on the Snake River below Hells Canyon Dam

Subject: Tailrace Boat Access at Hells Canyon Dam

During Idaho Power's September 11, 2012 annual dam safety inspection, our regulator from the Federal Energy Regulatory (FERC) noticed a tour boat that had traveled past the "DANGER/NO BOATS BEYOND THIS POINT/DANGER" sign below Hells Canyon Dam. While we welcome recreationists and tourist to our parks and reservoirs, we would like to ask all tour boat guides and public boaters to please avoid boating past this sign below the dam for the safety of you and your passengers.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at (208) 388-5820 or Ric Bobier at (541) 785-7244.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Dale Koger

Manager, Power Production





NEEDED!!! JETBOATER OF THE YEAR SILVER ROCK AWARD NOMINATIONS

Send them to Anita Shore
454-1669 or als43@shoreshoreaviation.com

WWA DUES ARE DUE.

Even if you don't plan to attend the banquet, your dues are about to expire. All dues are due January 1. Please use the left side of the form on page 3.

2012 WWA Officers

President—Jed Myers *
Past President —Brian Oakey*
President Elect — Clyde Schrader*
Vice President— Darwin Ames*
Secretary/Treasurer—Anita Shore*

Board of Directors

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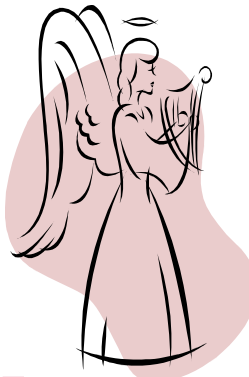
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Calendar of Events

DEC 10 , 2012 General
Membership meeting—
Canyon Creek Restaurant,
Nampa **ELECTION of OF-
FICERS**

JAN 1, 2013 New Years
Day Run Walter's Ferry

FEB 24, 2013 Chili Run

MAR 16, 2013 Glenns
Ferry Run

APRIL 18/19. 2013
Salmon River Run

May 3, 2013 Weed Rim

May 18, 2013 Payette
River Run

JUNE 8, 2012 Skills Day

SEPT 14, 2013 Conflu-
ence Run

OCT 26, 2013 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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Internet Addresses

Idaho Current Streamflows: (New Address) 5-01

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>

Riverflow Information:

<http://www.idwr.state.id.us/planpol/techserv/flows.htm>

Addresses and Telephone Numbers

Salmon River Reservations: Slate Creek Ranger Station: 208-839-2211

Hells Canyon Power Boat Reservations: Pat Wurl: 509-758-0270

General information: 509-758-0616 **(Current information as of this printing)**

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

Bliss Dam Outflows: Idaho Power (Call weekdays only) 208-388-2255