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- Chili Run , a very good time.
Thank you Don and Cindy
- 2016 Banquet Success
- Don't forget to pay your dues
- New— story from a member.
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2016 CHILI RUN

The Chili Run was a great success this year. There were probably seven or eight boats for the pre-run on Saturday that enjoyed great weather and a nice day on the water. The main event on Sunday had at least twenty-two boats, maybe more. I heard there were some mechanical issues with a couple of boats but no major incidents. There were eleven excellent chili recipes to cast votes on and a number of great sides and desserts. Thank you to the weather gods and everyone that helped or participated. We enjoyed a great

lunch and enjoyed being together as always. All the dishes were winners, but these tallied the most votes:

BEST OVERALL CHILI:

1st Place: 51 Octane by Jayne White, 2nd Place: Aye Chihuahua by Nadia Kravchuk, 3rd place: Super Sputter Butt by Marc Claborne

MOST UNIQUE / INNOVATIVE CHILI:

Fur & Fins by Kelly Squires

BEST KITCHEN:

Smokin' Ribs by Bob and Becky

Hays

BEST SIDE DISH:

Snake River Delight by Lynda Kelly

BEST CHILI NAME:

Flaming Monkey Butt Chili by Dave, Katie, and Dylan Dickerson

Thanks again to everyone who participated in the 2016 Chili Run.

Don & Cindy Kahre (with help from our son Ryan)





2016 ANNUAL BANQUET and FUND RAISER

This year the banquet committee tried something different. The event was held at the Expo Idaho Building in Garden City, with Goodwood Barbeque catering. Well over 255 people came, wallets open and ready to contribute generously to the WWA via great board games, card games and raffles. The Truffle Table always gets the ladies up and moving. There were lots of items in the silent auction and of course the "LIVE AUCTION". Our own Gary Sparks, auctioneer, again saw lively action, pitting friends against friends in bidding wars. As always, there were items that went at value, items that were below value and some items that sold for more than their estimated value!

The incredible boat manufacturers and local boat, truck and RV dealers that displayed their beautiful products are so appreciated for the support they offer through gift certificates, auction items, space rent and their participation! I encourage you to support those people and businesses that support the Western White-water Association. They put on this show at no small cost to them, coming from as far away as Lewiston, plus they pay a fee to the WWA to display their products.

In addition to these folks are all of the business-

es and individuals that donate items, funds, and services that make our night that much more enjoyable. They need and deserve your support as well. Please use these businesses at every opportunity and let them know that you appreciate their participation!

Kudos to the handful of people that made this event happen again this year, (you know who you are)! You are amazing folks that just keep doing and doing, year after year! Reminds me of the Energizer Bunny, only on a much larger scale! And last but not least, a very special shout out to Gary (sold! sold! sold!) Sparks. Gary has donated his services for so many years to the WWA. What a special gift he gives the Association every year! Thank you Gary!

During the Awards ceremony, honor was shown to Rick & Jayne White, this years "Jet Boater of the Year" and to John Bryant, Silver Rock Award winner.

Plan to attend next year's event. They are always fun.

Glenns Ferry & Other Important Things

I wanted to take this opportunity to mention a few things I thought were important. First the Glenns Ferry Run is set for March 19. As in the past, we will meet up at the ramp around 9 a.m. and group up into groups of 5 or 5. Many of the members go over and camp out for the entire weekend, while others make a day run out of it. It's a good run to get the cob webs out of the boat if it has been sitting most of the winter. The weather that time of year can go either way, so bring warm clothes.

There will be a steak dinner, with the beef, plates & utensils provided by the club. The rest of the dinner is potluck so make sure you bring your best side to share. We will have dinner starting around 6 pm back in the camp ground at Three Island Park. There will be a

pancake. Bacon and eggs breakfast Sunday morning.

Chad Colton, who has chaired this in the past, is not available until after the 15th this year, so Brandi Moore and Anita Shore have joined forces to try do put this together. Please bear with us. If you have any questions or suggestions, please give one of us a call. Anita's number is 208 454-1669. Brandi's is 208 250-2267. Oh, if you plan to come without a boat, we need someone to tow the BBQ. Please let one of us know. THANKS!

Now, to the "Other Things Important. John Bryant was the winner (if that is what it's called) of the Silver Rock Award this year. He was unable to attend the banquet, so he received his "Award" at the Chili Run. Below he is pictured trying to pass this "Coveted Award" on to Dave Dickerson, who he suspects will be next years winner. Well John, hold onto to it until the next banquet.



MAN OVER BOARD

By Dennis Marguet

At this point in time does everyone on board know what to do? Is there a plan in place and each person know his duties? Creating a plan now and giving instructions for the first time to those on board to assist in the rescue is not the most effective or safe way to perform the rescue. It is extremely difficult for you to pilot the boat and give instructions to the man overboard and the other passenger helpers all at the same time.

Following are some suggestions on how to be prepared for this situation.

Captains duties: (People will feel safer if you do these steps. They will have more confi-

dence in you as a captain because you take their safety seriously) Reassure them it is only a precaution. Even if passengers have been on your boat in the past, go through the complete drill. It should take no more than 10 mins. People forget after even a couple months of not hearing it or performing it. This includes your regular passengers and for yourself.

Perform the following prior to launch.

- Prepare all passengers on their duties prior to launch of boat. Have a run through and have people trained in multiple duties as one of the people will be in the water and won't be there to per-

form his appointed duties.

- Have the necessary equipment on board and everyone know where it is and how to use it. Equipment should include a throw bag with rope, a pole to pull the person in the water back to the boat and push the boat away from rocks and a man overboard flag orange like water skiers use or a blue with white stripe.
- Everyone needs to have a life jacket worn at all times and properly sized and worn, the captain needs to do the inspection.
- All passengers should wear shoes that tie or strap on like Tevas, not flip flops they come off in the water and are not safe to walk on wet rocks or wet decks.
- Have someone trained to operate the boat in case the captain cannot operate the boat.

Person who has fallen into the water actions to take, this can be another person from another boat.

- Instruct them to let the life jacket do the work and not fight it, don't try to swim to stay afloat, float.
- Stay as calm as you can, the life jacket will keep you afloat, believe and trust it. Even if you are momentarily underwater, the jacket will lift you to the surface and place your head in the best possible position, even if unconscious. Staying calm will help you get to the water surface. Flailing your arms around you may be fighting against the life jacket and you do not want to do that.
- Get yourself turned around so your feet are facing down river, so your shoes will

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hit any rock and not your head. You can kick yourself off the rock when you first hit it. Plus you will be able to see where you are going and plan a route and action.

- Get both hands free of everything; you want both free hands to aid in your rescue. Things can be replaced, people can't.
- If you find yourself in a rapid, the safest thing is for you to float out of it and get picked up at the bottom of the rapid. It is more dangerous for a boat to get into the middle of a rapid and try to rescue you, it is extremely difficult to maneuver a boat in a rapid which may cause the boat to sink or run over you.
- If you can get to a quiet place on shore do so, but be careful of sharp and slippery rocks on the shore. Don't exhaust yourself doing so unless the boat can't reach you.

Jobs for people on board.

Everyone call out to the captain that someone

is overboard and where they are in the water.

Have one person assigned to keep an eye on the person in the water while holding the orange flag or blue with white stripe flag high in the air. It will be that person's job to keep the captain informed of where the man overboard is at all times. The captain simply will have a hard time piloting the boat around obstacles and keeping an eye on the person's whereabouts, plus managing the rescue. This may be the person throwing the throw rope if only one passenger left on board, see below.

The captain will first radio to other boats of the man overboard with both the man over board and boats location, so all can be alerted to the situation and offer aid in the rescue. Especially if they are below or ahead of the rapid the man overboard is headed to, as they may very well be able to reach them sooner. During the rescue the captain should update boats of the situation and ask for help if needed. Generally it is best if only one boat gets close to the man overboard, otherwise they just get in each others way. Of the closest boats to the man overboard, generally the boat with sufficient people to help in the rescue is the best one to do the rescue, especially if only the captain is left on board and in fast moving water.

The captain will try to move the boat close to the person ending with the stern of the boat close to the person in the water. Explain to everyone this is a jet boat and they do not have to be concerned with a prop hurting them and this is safest place to be. They should do their best to get to the step ladder in the rear of boat. The steps need to be pointed out to everyone as some steps are in the middle or on either side of the swim deck.

Train everyone how to lower the step, but assign the task ahead of time. The captain will signal when it is time to lower the steps, we don't want two people in the water so be safe and controlled!

Someone on board gets the pole ready to aid the man over board to the swim deck of the boat or push the boat away from rocks etc., while the captain is moving the boat slowly and under control close to person in water. The

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person with the pole should be station near the stern of the boat, not the swim deck, if the boat is headed that way so he can alert the captain of any rocks near the surface and where the man overboard is in relation to the boat. The captain will want to position the swim deck close to the man over board so they can easily reach the steps and walk up the steps on their own power is best. Leave the swim deck clear for him to maneuver and get into the boat unassisted unless you know he cannot, we don't want anyone else to fall into the water. If they are unconscious someone will need to be on the on the swim deck to pull them in. The person on the swim deck will at some

point have the best chance with the pole to reach and aid in pulling the person close to the boat and holding him there.

If the Captain cannot get close to the person safely, a throw rope may be necessary.

The captain will position so the stern of the boat is facing the man over board and keep it as steadily there without the use of an anchor, the boat needs to be free to maneuver quickly. The bag thrower will position himself near the stern of the boat, he will want the area behind him clear so he can reach back and throw the bag as hard as he can into the air, throwing it like a baseball thrown from the outfield to the catcher at home plate with some

arch to it.

Throw bag.

- Someone is appointed to man the throw bag, but train everyone. Be sure they know to put the rope loop over their hand and place it on their wrist to aid in holding onto the rope, it is the bag that they throw and the handle on the bag is for the person in the water to grab. The bag needs to be thrown over the persons head, do not put it in front of them; you need to allow the person to reach the floating rope. If thrown in front, the bag and rope will float way from them and they will be chasing it. Because of drag they almost certainly will not reach it if there is any current. If thrown over the head it can float to the person. It is best to aim the throw to have the rope drape over his face; the rope is light weight and won't hurt them. It gives them the best chance to retrieve the rope. Don't be concerned about throwing it too far, unless it will hit some bushes or rocks or the like and the bag get stuck there. The man overboard must reach for the rope and hold onto the bag handle once he pulls it to him.

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Games at the 2016 Annual Banquet & Fundraiser included the always popular Truffle Table.

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- It best not to chase the rope or bag too far, it is almost always a losing situation. If it needs to be thrown again, the bag thrower will need to pull in the rope and stuff the rope back into the bag. Begin stuffing the rope into the bag with the end of rope that is attached inside the bag. Pull about 10 inches of rope and stuff the rope into the bag, pull and stuff the rope again and again until completely in the bag. You don't want the rope end of the rope that the thrower is holding to be inside the bag or tangled in the balance of the rope, but on top.
- The person in the water needs to pull the rope to himself, don't expect the throw to be perfect. Hold onto the handle on the bag once in hand, not the rope. Holding the rope It is a good way to burn or cut

your hand on the rope. Once that happens you will find it very difficult to hold onto anything to get help in being rescued.

- Once the person in the water is ready to be pulled towards the boat, they call out to the boat. They wait for an okay that both the captain and the rope puller are ready. Once the captain has the boat in as steady a position as possible, the rope puller can start the pulling of the rope.
- First the rope puller pulls most of the slack out of the rope, not tight yet, you may pull the rope of his hands. The person in the water will need a little slack to perform his next maneuver.
- With hand firmly holding onto the bag handle, the man overboard turns around with his back to-

wards the boat and puts the rope over his shoulder and on the life-jacket shoulder, not next to his neck or shoulder, but on the jacket. This position will prevent neck burn and the rope falling off the shoulder and turning them around. Hold onto the handle of the bag with both hands tight, it is best not to have to re-throw the rope. You will be floating and the current will push you down river and we don't want you to have to float through another rapid while waiting to have the bag thrown once again.

- When ready, signal the rope puller to pull you in. Steer by kicking your feet so you don't get turned around. This will aid in you being pulled in as well. If you go face forward, water will be pushed

into your face and it is harder to pull you in as the life jacket front will drag in the water. You may need to stop and start a couple times until you get the hang of it, call out to the boat to stop getting pulled in if you need to reposition.

- The rope puller should let the man overboard know how close to the boat they are getting. Alert them when it is time to turn around and face the swim deck. The man overboard should not let go of the rope bag until firmly ahold of the steps or swim deck. Before climbing the steps get rid and away from the rope. You don't want to get tangled in the rope going up the steps or on the swim deck.
- The rope puller needs to pull the rope into the boat to be sure the rope does not end up in the pump and stop the engine.

Once on board, check for injuries. The captain radios to the other boats that the person is on board now and he can let people know the condition of the man overboard.

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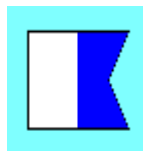
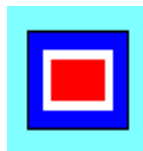
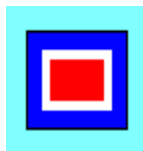
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Calendar of Events.

MARCH 14, 2016 *General Membership meeting—Canyon Creek Restaurant, Nampa*

MAR 19, 2016 *Glenns Ferry Run*

APRIL 15, 2016 *Salmon River Run*

May 7, 2016 *(tentative) Weed Rim*

May 2016 *(to be determined) Payette River Run*

May 14, 2016 *Skills Day Hells Canyon Dam*

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 ID

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