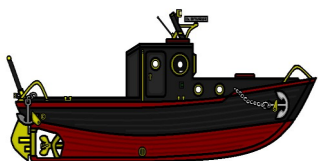


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SKILLS DAY 2017

The 2017 Skills Day run was held May 20 on a beautiful morning on the Snake River at Nyssa, Oregon. With high river flows everywhere in the region, the run started at Nyssa and the group went downriver to Ontario and a few misguided souls continued on to the Centennial Park Bridge in Payette, Idaho.

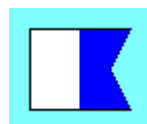
For a river run we could not ask for better weather or for that

matter a better turnout. Clear skies, no wind and not too hot was the temperature for the day. There were 19 boats that started down river around ten AM and around forty attendees. I never did get a complete count of people because Hey, I only have ten fingers! So here are the river details for the day. The water temperature was 50 degrees and the river flow at Nyssa was 31,000 at launch. Today the flow is right at

20,000 cfs and the river is about three feet lower than the run date. Still very runnable and many sand and gravel bars are covered up with water deep enough to run. Even at 20,000 the boat captain will need to stay in the deep areas and pay attention.

The run downriver was enjoyed by all. I was leading one group and could only spot a couple of bald eagles along

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This message is going to be short and to the point. With the increased flows it is important that we are all safe out there. This article has great tips on how to do just that.

<http://www.localnews8.com/news/officials-warn-of-water->

[dangers-with-increased-runoff-high-levels/523291422](#)

The Payette River run was cancelled due to the high flows. It will be discussed on whether or not to reschedule the run at the next meeting.

The club wel-

comed a new member at the May meeting. John Harris will be out in his grey Duckworth. Please welcome John and his family if you happen to see them out enjoying the western life -style.

See you on the river,

Bill Dutton



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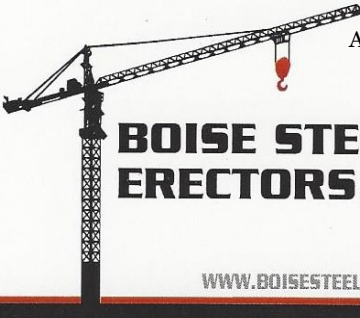
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Skills Day Run a Success

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the way as well as a fair amount of ducks and geese. During my practice run the night before I spotted a couple of deer along with the ducks, geese, and eagles. No wild turkeys on either run. They know what season it is.

A couple of weeks ago I ran that stretch of the river and could not get under the railroad bridge in Ontario. The railroad bridge at any flow is a little technical but at 30,000 it is best to pay attention. My route is under the bridge on the Oregon side and all the way across the downriver face of the bridge to the Idaho side and then on

down river. The river current does not hit the pillars at the same direction across the river and this makes some interesting currents as you move from one side of the river to the other. Going upstream is just the opposite as I start on the Idaho side and then under the bridge on the Oregon side.

This stretch of the Snake River is mixed with some residential housing on the bluffs overlooking the river and some on the banks with lawns that extend right to the river's edge. At the same time there are fields of hay, onions, and corn along the way that contrast the residential houses.

Because we did not have enough room to park all the boats on the river for lunch, we trailered all the boats and went to a little farmhouse at the river-side. This farmhouse has a park like lawn and yard setting and the group enjoyed some steaks and the potluck provided by the river chefs. The cooking talent of the river chefs did not disappoint. Lunch offered a time to acquaint and re-acquaint with river friends and take in one of the river treasures of the local area. There were three new to the river boaters that I was aware of for the run and several that traveled from beyond the Treasure Valley to participate.

My thanks go to the participants who also prepared pot luck for lunch and went beyond normal duty to make our traveling friends feel welcome at the event. I also want to thank Anthony Hackman for running with me the night before to scout the river and also for leading half the group down river on the day of the run along with John Faw. Anthony has a great deal of experience with this stretch of the Snake River and was willing to share with all those who participated. As with any event, it can't happen without several helpers and those helpers were appreciated to make the day a safe and successful experience with no runs, no hits, and no errors. Just the way we had planned the run.

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Lost and Found: Found at Pittsburg Landing on the Snake River. Can someone identify this? And tell us the story behind it?

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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=
=](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](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: Reservations
must be made online. <https://www.recreation.gov/>

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

Bliss Dam Outflows: Idaho Power (Call weekdays only)
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Calendar of Events.

JUNE 12, 2017 *General Membership meeting—TNT's Dynamite Bar & Grill, Nampa*

SEPT 17, 2017 Confluence Run

OCT 28, 2017 *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