

**ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE RACE THE JOE! 2013 JET RIVER RACE
(two-pages please read the entire post)**

The Race the Joe! 2013 Jet Boat Race Committee is working very hard to reverse the U.S. Coast Guard decision concerning the permit needed to be in compliance with our APBA sanction. That is our top priority.

We have also explored alternative insurance options for the race itself. However those costs so far are extremely expensive as a stand alone event and we wish to do everything we can to maintain this as a sanctioned APBA race.

All three federal representatives for the State of Idaho (Senator Crapo, Senator Risch & Congressman Labrador) as well as Idaho Governor Butch Otter have submitted congressional inquiries to the coast guard. Today Gov. Otter sent a letter to USCG Rear Admiral Keith Taylor requesting they issue Race the Joe its Coast Guard permit in time for this race to go on as scheduled. The race is not canceled however we are awaiting a response.

An incredibly huge thank you goes out to Idaho jet boat racer Ross Schlotthauer for finding an Environmental Assessment that was completed last year on the St. Joe River. This has been submitted to the USCG. That EA does not cover the entire racecourse, however it does specifically address the bald eagles and other habitat on the St. Joe.

Until we hear differently, the race committee and approx.100 race volunteers and the communities of St. Maries and Calder are moving forward with preparations to Race the Joe!

Specifically for Racers & their Teams:

Due to the unusual circumstances surrounding the race the entry fee will be \$300 per team. (Yes, everyone gets the 'Early Bird' fee – no pun intended) This amount does not include any APBA memberships or May 19 Awards dinner tickets. Registration & technical inspection will be from Noon to 5 p.m. on Friday, May 17 at the Cormana Building at St. Maries, Idaho.

All boats must idle to and from Aqua Park to IFI Landing. It is strongly recommended racers team-up for pre-running. Please respect the 35 mph speed limits. Pre-run boats may be used in accordance with all State of Idaho and local authority rules. Again, all boats must idle to and from Aqua Park to IFI Landing.

ALSO from May 14 – May 16, race boats may be run on the St. Joe River specifically as follows:

All race boats must idle to and from Aqua Park to IFI Landing. Race boats may run at full speed from IFI Landing approximately two miles up river but may not go past

a flagged area. All race rules apply. Please stay in this designated area with your race boat.

ABSOLUTELY NO RACE BOATS ON THE RIVER FRIDAY, MAY 17.

Thank you for all the phone calls, emails, texts, instant messages, Facebook shares & posts. The public outcry has made this issue a number one priority. As soon as we know more we will post on the official race Facebook page: facebook.com/racethejoe, post on the forums and send out direct emails.

Thank you for standing by these communities and for your patience during these extremely unusual circumstances surrounding this race.