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Seattle Outboard Association

PIT PREVIEWS

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CAPITOL LAKE OFF THE MENU

EATONVILLE DATE ADVANCED TO MID-JULY PENDING OK

As of mid-November, Capitol Lake has been closed to public use. The reason for closure was the appearance in the lake of New Zealand Mudsnails, a tiny but hun gry snail that breeds better than your average rat and competes with native fish and wildlife for food (aquatic vegetation). Given Capitol Lake's recent status as a grass farm you might think that's a good thing, but these little snails breed to overflow and are hard to impossible ti get rid of. Here are some mudsnail facts:

They're tiny - about an eighth of an inch long, dozens (as shown at right) can fit on a dime. They reproduce rapidly and are easily spread. Wildlife officials warn they might overwhelm the food chain for freshwater fish, other aquatic life and birds ans mammals that feed on and above those.

The mudsnail can live in all kinds of waters from brackish and silted river bottoms to clear mountain streams. They can tolerate temperatures from 32 degrees F. to 77 F., but prefer temperatures of about 66 F.

Mudsnails can survive out of water for several days, so can move about and survive easily on recreational gear. Reproducing



asexually, just one can start a new population.

Native to New Zealand the mudsnail was first discovered in North America in 1987 in the Snake, Madison, and Idaho rivers...How it arrived here is unknown, but it was reported in Europe as early as the 1850s. Once here invasive snail quickly spread to Yellowstone National Park. From there it's spread to other bodies of water, streams, and rivers across the west. Locally, the snails had been found in the lower Columbia River and the Long Beach Peninsula.

Mudsnails invade new habitat by attaching to fishing gear, boats, trailers, or even fish and bait, then slipping off into the next water in which the items are used or discarded.

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Meeting Minutes

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Activity Reports:

Stock:

Dave Anderson outlined scheduled stock meetings at the upcoming APBA general membership meeting

PRO:

Steve Greaves reported that the agenda for the PRO category meeting was on-line for all to see. He gave dates and times for meetings, noted award days for Ashley Rucker (George Townsend Medal) and Jim Nilsen (Hall of Champions) and suggested members set aside time to attend the APBA race management and Safety Committee meetings.

J-Classes

Pat Gleason outlined expected items to be brought up at the National meeting, noted areas where boats could and would be securely displayed and

Old Business:

National Meeting events:

Jim Nilsen listed a variety of National Meeting events ranging from an evening at the Hydroplane Museum to on-site Capsule Training, adding several capsule training dates in the region beyond that of the National Meeting.

Commodore's Ball:

Sheryl Rucker told members that those planning on attending the Commodore's Ball must RSVP by February 12th if they want dinner, and reminded Class representatives that they bear responsibility for raffle prizes to represent their class.

New Business:

Safety Seminar:

Rick Sandstrom told members that this years seminar will be at the hydro museum on March 13th. Boat inspections will be from 8 to 10 a.m., and the seminar will run from 10 to about 4 p.m.

SOA J-Project:

Jim Nilsen reported that three new boats are being built with two families expected to be on the water this year. Jim urged members to drop out by the museum on Saturday mornings to help out.

Quatar:

Troy Holmberg reported that though the course and facilities were nice, and the event itself was interesting, there was little else to see or do there.

Equipment:

Jim Nilsen offered a short summary of equipment updates being assessed.

Fund-Raiser:

Jim reported that the museum has offered a ride in a museum Unlimited at Chelan as a fundraiser item, noting the SOA board will discuss the matter at an upcoming meeting.

SOA Audit:

Treasurer Christine Gleason reported that a board convened to audit the club found all to be in order.

Dates of Note:

Jim Nilsen noted the following Dates - Race Directors' Meeting, February 27th @ 10 a.m. at his home in Edgewood - Club Work Party at Shaw's in Everett on April 17th, 9 a.m.

Spring Lawrence Lake:

Jim announced classes selected to run with the inboards in April as J-Hydro, AXS Hydro, 20ss Hydro, C-Stock Hydro, OSY-400 and D-Stock Hydro. He noted course size as 1-1/4 mile Saturday with either the same or 1 mile Sunday.

Capitol Lake:

Dwight Malhiot announced that Capitol Lake has been declared closed to all activity due to infestation. Jim Nilsen followed Dwight's report with news that there would be a short board meeting following the general meeting to address options regarding the closure.

Steve Greaves added that a local advisory board has taken the first steps toward reverting Capitol Lake to a tidal estuary.

Fall Lawrence-watcher option:

Steve Greaves told members of meetings he'd had with representatives of Coast Guard Auxiliary and Power Squadron regarding the possibility of those groups stepping in to replace required (and expensive) police patrols where police have been mandated and at other sites where we have problems with civilian course intrusion.

Carl Lewis on da wings of luv:

Carl Lewis announced he's taking the marital plunge again...This time at Lawrence Lake, and the ceremony will take place at the Lawrence Lake Community Clubhouse on Saturday evening

Raffle:

Clamp and magnetic pick-up tool:

Brandon Thirlby

Screwdriver set:

Tom O'Neill

Wire brush:

Jason Seather

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Keely Malhiot

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CAPITOL LAKE CANCELLED

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Mudsnails consume aquatic vegetation to upset the balance of the aquatic environment. Densities of over 500,000 per square yard have been found in Yellowstone National Park.

It's controlled in New Zealand by a predatory parasite, but no neutralizing predator of the snail exists here. And it appears they can survive passage through the digestive tract of fish and birds. The reality, for now at least, is that the little stinkers are pretty bulletproof.

CONTROL ATTEMPTS SO FAR

Surveys suggest it hasn't yet populated the Deschutes River or Percival Creek. And for a period of time in mid to late December The water level of capitol Lake was lowered two feet for a four day period in hopes the exposed snails would be killed during the pre-Christmas hard freeze. Environmental and wildlife specialists reported to a state Senate committee that test plots showed a 98 percent mortality rate.

That doesn't account for those left under water unexposed though. And with the post-freeze return of warmer weather they will rebuild the population pretty quickly.

Recent news indicated the state was considering flushing Capitol Lake with saltwater and limited use of pesticides as options for treatment

Back-flushing the lake with the waters of Budd Inlet to kill invasive plants was halted years ago because it also killed native vegetation, and it might not be high enough to kill the snails in the winter, when the Deschutes River has its largest flows.

Regardless of choices though, the state doesn't have money for extensive eradication efforts, and, so far has no sure answers. To protect surrounding waters the lake was closed to use and will remain so until it and it's source waters are cleared.

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

Well, for starters, the SOA Board has authorized a date switch, moving Eatonville ahead in the schedule to Capitol Lake's July 9/10/11 date. The date change is subject to approval by the resort.

If the change is acceptable the vacated August weekend date could be filled by a similar adjustment or by a new or temporary site to be determined.

WHAT ABOUT NEW FOLKS IN BOATS?

For the moment the prevailing thought is to keep it a part of the planned regatta weekend, running the novice school and rookie rides on Friday as was done and planned for Capitol Lake.

It could be run on Friday as was Capitol Lake, but that might interfere with lake residents and other users plans, and we need to be a little considerate there.

It has been suggested that we run in mixed segments, allowing residents and new racers alternate use of the water.

It might be that the school and ride program would best be shifted to another regatta or even run as a separate stand-alone single-day event on waters closer in to our base...Might be a better fit, easier to get to for our ride candidates.

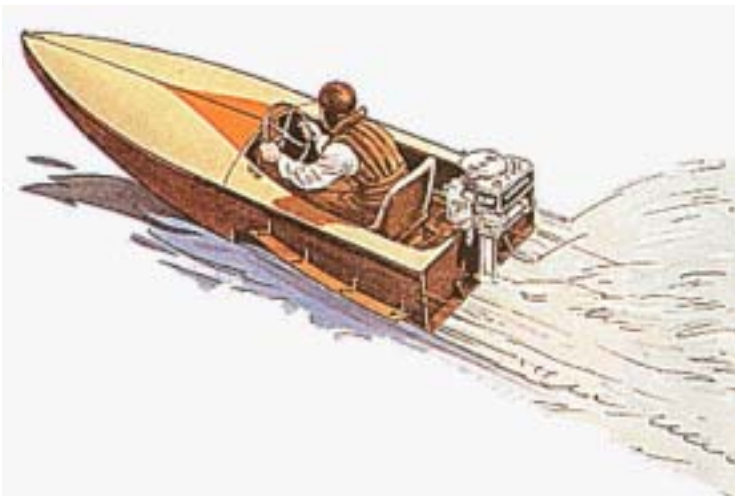
MAYBE YOU CAN HELP...

Look over the revised schedule on the next page (5). If you have an idea or suggestion for a race site or a way to plug in our "New Folks in Boats" School and ride day, please let an officer or board member know of it...Names and contacts are to be found on page-8



2010 SOA/CORA SCHEDULE

Apr 10-11	Lawrence Lk	Yelm, WA (inbd)
Apr 30-May 2	Mayfield Lake	Mossyrock, WA
May 15/16	Kitsap Lk	Bremerton, WA
May 29/30	Willamette R	Newberg, OR
June 5	Silver Lk	Everett, WA
June 12-13	Willamette R	Milwaukie, OR
June 26-27	Cullaby Lake	Seaside, OR
July 9-11	Silver Lk	Eatonville, WA
Sept 4/5	Lake Lytle	Rockaway, OR
Sept 18/19	Moses Lake	Moses Lk, WA
Sept 24-26	Lawrence Lk	Yelm, WA
October 9/10	D-Lake Kilos	Lincoln City, OR
Cancelled	Capitol Lake	Olympia, WA



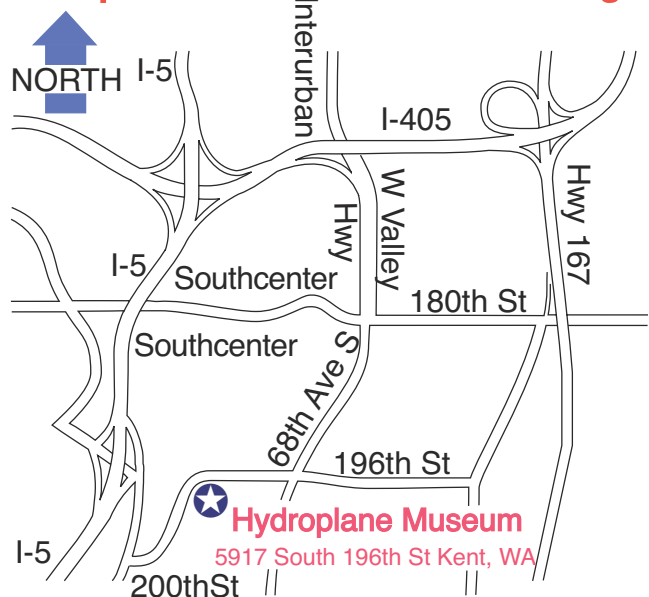
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Michigan Brass; 60J \$25

Cary Brass; 6 5/8 x10 30H Hydro \$25

Oakland Johnson Brass; 6 3/8 x12 20H Runabout \$25, 6 5/8 x 11 \$25

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CALENDAR

February 23rd General Membership meeting. 7:30 p.m., Kirkland Eagles, 258 Central Way Kirkland, WA.

March 9th SOA Board meeting. 7:30 p.m., Kirkland Eagles, 258 Central Way Kirkland, WA.

March 13th Safety Seminar 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Hydro Museum, 5917 S 196th St. Kent, WA

March 23rd General Membership meeting. 7:30 p.m., Kirkland Eagles, 258 Central Way Kirkland, WA.

April 13th SOA Board meeting. 7:30 p.m., Kirkland Eagles, 258 Central Way Kirkland, WA.

April 17th SOA Work Party. 9 a.m., Shaw's, 13530 Cascadian Way Way Everett, WA.

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Equipment Fund

Ashley and Colin Rucker have each donated money from their savings accounts to the club's equipment fund in memory of Floyd Givens, who maintained our radios and worked for the club up to his recent passing. All members are encouraged to follow Ashley and Colin's lead by contacting Sheryl Rucker with donations in Floyd's memory, and in remembrance of Brian Morgan. with donations in Floyd's memory, and in remembrance of Brian Morgan.:

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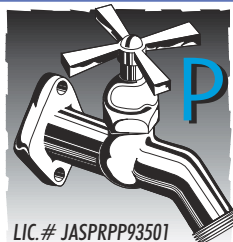
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Date _____ Inspector _____ Hydro _____ Runabout _____

Boat Number: _____ Boat Owner: _____ Class: _____

Critical Items (Must be OK to Race):

Item	OK	NOT OK	Comments
Skid Fin / Bracket _____			
Steering Wheel Hub _____			
Steering Bar Secure _____			
Steering Carabiners Fastened _____			
Steering Pulleys / Back Plates _____			
Sufficient Number Cable Clamps _____			
Throttle Working / Screws _____			
Kill Switch Operational _____			
Dashboard Secure _____			
Lead Bolted Down _____			
Transom Secure to Boat _____			
Engine secure to Transom _____			
Windshield / Trim _____			
Adequate tie-down rope _____			
Full butterflies in carbs (Div) _____			
Paddle (as required) _____			
Helmet (10 years) _____			
Racing Life Jacket (4 years) _____			

Important Items (Must be corrected by next race):

Item	OK	NOT OK	Comments
APBA Stickers on Hull _____			
Handle / Bow eye _____			
Proper Numbers on Boat _____			
Cockpit Clear of Sharp Objects _____			
Gas Tank Secure _____			
Excessive Duct tape on Hull _____			

Additional Comments: _____