



2012 USA Wildwater Nationals/Wyoming Whitewater Championships May 25-27 - Jackson, Wyoming

The Jackson Hole Kayak Club is excited to bring USA Wildwater to Wyoming for the first time, especially on the national stage. This year's Nationals will be incorporated into the 16th Annual Wyoming Whitewater Championships, the JHKC's fundraising kayak festival. Check www.jhkayakclub.org for the line-up of events that include freestyle, boatercross, open head-to-head downriver and the Reel Paddling Film Festival.

ATTENTION: SPRINT COURSE LOCATION HAS CHANGED. IT WILL NOW OCCUR ON THE HOBACK RIVER AT WALL RAPID.

Information for Racers

The latest, most updated information can be found at www.jhkayakclub.org/2012-usa-wildwater-national-championships/. **Please be aware that race locations and meeting areas may change if high water levels occur.** Feel free to contact the event organizers listed at the end of this article for any questions.

Registration:

-In person, Thursday May 24th at 6pm at Rendezvous River Sports OR Friday, May 25th at Sprint Course OR [download a registration form and USACK release waiver](#) and email it to event director Brent Tyc at brent@jhkayakclub.org by Wednesday, May 23rd

-Entry fee (includes all WWC events and the film festival Friday night): **\$50 (\$35** if coming from farther than 10 hour drive)

-This is a USA Canoe & Kayak sanctioned event so all competitors must sign a USACK release waiver whether or not you are USACK member already

Race Format:

-We will be following ICF and USAC/USA Wildwater guidelines. There will be two days of races: a classic 10k lasting approximately 12-15 minutes and 2-400m sprints lasting 45-90 seconds each. All racers will be required to have at least: ICF approved boat flotation, PFD, helmet and booties. To view all ICF Wildwater rules, click [here](#).

Courses:

-The Sprint on the Hoback River will be through Wall Rapid on the Hoback. This is about 2/3 of the way down the Classic course and is a tight, technical s-bend with tough eddy lines up top and some wave holes to finish through

-**The Classic** will take place on the Hoback River, which flows into the Snake 15 miles upstream of the sprint course. The Hoback has lower volume and a narrower channel than the Snake with the course winding through some tight Class II and III rapids. A couple of S-bends will challenge racers choice of lines.

-Flows on the Hoback average from 500-1000 cfs in late-May while the Snake averages 4000-8000cfs. River access and practice will be unlimited with light river traffic to be expected on the Snake with almost no river traffic on the Hoback. In late-May you can definitely count on **cold water** as well.

-River descriptions can be found at <http://jacksonholekayak.com/Content/Online-Guide> and <http://www.americanwhitewater.org/content/River/detail/id/2472/>

Boat Classes for glass and plastic wildwater boats:

-C1 & C2 Men's; K1 Men's & Women's.

-Age Groups for all classes: Jrs (14-18), Srs (18-39), Masters (40+)

Prizes:

-Junior Men Classes:

3rd: Pair of Chaco Flips

2nd: Teva Gnarkosi shoes

1st: Kokatat Tropos Drytop

Junior Women's Classes:

3rd: Chaco Flips

2nd: Teva Womens Churn Shoe

1st: Astral Bella PFD

Preliminary Schedule (course details may change depending on water level/conditions, check website for most current):

Thursday, May 24th

6pm – Welcome Party for Racers at [Rendezvous River Sports](#). A laid back get together to welcome all racers to Wyoming with drinks & appetizers.

Friday, May 25th

9-11am –Registration & Boat Control at [Gilcrease Cabin](#)

10am – Volunteers Meeting

11am – Mandatory Racers Meeting

12pm – 1st Run Sprints through [Wall Rapid](#)

2pm - 2nd Run Sprints through [Wall Rapid](#)

6pm - WWC Open Downriver Classic – Hoback River

730pm – Doors open for Reel Paddling Film Fest, [Pink Garter Theater](#), Jackson

Saturday, May 26th

9am – Mandatory Racers Meeting – [Gilcrease Cabin](#)

10am – Classic Race Start – Hoback River

12pm – WWC Freestyle Rodeo (location TBD)

6pm – Awards Party & Raffle – [Cutty's Bar & Grill](#)

Sunday, May 27th

12pm – [Grey's River BoaterCross](#) Start

Boats and Borrowing One:

-Anyone can enter any boat as long as it does not exceed maximum [ICF specs](#) but we have worked to gather as many loaner boats as possible. For assistance in locating a loaner boat, please contact jeremy_rodgers@hotmail.com

Travel Info:

-Jackson is located in Northwest Wyoming. The Jackson Hole Airport has consistent jet service to/from Denver and Salt Lake City. Seasonal routes connect directly to Chicago, Dallas, Atlanta and LA as well. Depending on your route you may or may not be able to carry your boat. The Idaho Falls airport (check Allegiant Air for cheap rates) is 90 miles west (~2hr drive) and Salt Lake City airport is ~300 miles to the southwest (5hrs drive).

Lodging/Camping:

-There are plenty of hotel options including national chains in the town of Jackson. Helpful links <http://www.jacksonholechamber.com/lodging/>
<http://www.vrbo.com> (Wilson, Teton Village, Aspens are all areas within 10miles of Jackson)

-A group campsite has been arranged for at the **West Table** boat ramp, [map here](#), on the Snake River. At the bottom of the hill turn right on the dirt road. Camping is allowed at the end of the cul-de-sac and on the right side of the meadow (please do not camp next to the river). Up to 100 people are permitted to camp here for free so please contact Brent Tyc at brent@jhkayakclub.org to reserve a spot. You can put on the river next to this site and enjoy an easy 5-10 minute paddle to the sprint start. This is a somewhat developed site with picnic tables and charcoal grills and there is only one established fire ring. Please use the porto-toilets we will have setup or walk to the boat ramp bathrooms. The small town of Alpine is 12 miles downstream and has full amenities. Hoback Junction is 15 miles upstream with a gas station and small grocery store, while Jackson is 30 miles upstream.

Contact Info: For more info consult the following

www.jhkayakclub.org

www.usawildwater.com

<http://www.canoeicf.com/icf/AboutICF/Rules-and-Statutes.html> (ICF rules & regulations)

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Jackson-Hole-Kayak-Club/32231384347>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Wyoming-Whitewater-Championships/327889357246388?ref=pb>

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