



# R/CU COLUMBIA CUP

JULY 27-28-29

COLUMBIA PARK FAMILY FISHING POND, KENNEWICK, WA

The 2023 Meyers Autotech Championship Series Powered by Rattlesnake RC turns back to the Tri-Cities for the halfway point of the season, the Columbia Cup! Since 1978 R/CU has been proud to be a part of the Tri-Cities Water Follies, racing alongside the unlimited hydroplanes in Columbia Park. The R/CU pond is about 300 yards behind (south) of the Lampson Pits on the Columbia River, so we encourage all Water Follies attendees to come check out the scale R/C action! Testing is on Thursday and Friday, with racing on Saturday!

## LOCATION

[Columbia Park Family Fishing Pond, Kennewick, WA](#)

## SCHEDULE

*Subject to change*

Thursday, July 27	11:00 AM-1:00 PM	Trailer arrives on site, race site setup begins No testing on Thursday
Friday, July 28	10:00 AM-5:00 PM	General testing (will last as needed)
Saturday, July 29	7:30 AM-9:00 AM 9:00 AM-9:15 AM 9:15 AM-Rest of Day	General testing Drivers' Meeting R/CU Columbia Cup Race

## RACE CONTEST DIRECTORS

Jason Walters

## DEFENDING RACE WINNERS

Kirk Maupin, 1977 Squire, Nitro  
Paxton Reunanen, 1983 KISW Miss Rock, FE  
Dave Brandt, 1983 KISW Miss Rock, Gas

## RACE CLASSES

1/8<sup>th</sup> scale nitro, 1/8<sup>th</sup> scale electric (FE), 1/6.67<sup>th</sup> scale gas (Gas Scale), 1/10<sup>th</sup> scale electric\*

\*1/10<sup>th</sup> scale electric will contest under R/CU's "Invitation to Race Policy" and will race assuming there are at least 3 entries. The class may split into "Junior" and "Veteran" heats.



## **RACE FORMAT**

1/8<sup>th</sup> scale nitro, 1/8<sup>th</sup> scale electric (FE), and gas scale will have four preliminary heats.

1/10<sup>th</sup> scale electric will have three preliminary heats.

1/8<sup>th</sup> scale nitro and 1/8<sup>th</sup> scale electric: Top 6 boats make the final. Next 5 boats make the 1<sup>st</sup> consolation, with the winner advancing to the final as a trailer.

Gas Scale: Top 5 boats make the final. Next 5 boats make the 1<sup>st</sup> consolation, with the winner advancing to the final as a trailer.

1/10<sup>th</sup> scale electric: Top 7 boats make the final.

All finals are winner-take-all.

## **RACE REGISTRATION COSTS**

A driver is allowed to submit multiple entries in any class. First entry is \$20, with any additional entry is \$5 (regardless of class). Junior racers (under the age of 18) will be \$5 per entry. Race entries are paid Saturday morning via cash (please bring exact change) or credit card.

## **TICKET EXCHANGE**

Unfortunately, there was a slight mixup with distributed tickets/passes for the Columbia Cup with the Tri-Cities Water Follies. The tickets received and distributed to R/CU members are GA Passes and will not get you into the Unlimited/GP/Vintage/Inboard pit area. We are getting new passes prior to the weekend. If you want to get into the big boat pit are you will need to exchange your wrist band. You can do so at the R/CU race course setup at the Family Fishing Pond on Thursday, from 11:00-1:00. Or, you can do so during testing at the R/CU race course at the Family Fishing Pond on Friday or Saturday. Text Gary Grembowski at 206-949-0000 to meet on Friday or any other questions.

## **NAMBA INSURANCE**

This goes for nearly all R/CU events, and the Columbia Cup is no exception. R/CU runs a "hot pit" set up, so the entire pit area is considered a dangerous area. Therefore, you are only allowed into the R/CU pits if you have a NAMBA Card (have NAMBA insurance). If you do not have NAMBA insurance, you are not allowed into the pits. This includes friends, family, and even any racers from the big boats. It is important that we follow these important safety regulations; we don't mean to be rude, but we will ask those without NAMBA insurance to please step outside the pit area.

## **HEAT ADVISORY**

Please note that the forecast near 100 degrees for all three days. Please bring plenty of sunscreen, hydrating fluids, cooling devices, and anything else you need to keep YOU cool.

We will always need help with judging races during the heat of the day. Everyone needs to help volunteer and spread the load, so that no particular person is over-extending themselves in the heat by volunteering too much.



### **REMINDER ON POST-RACE CLEANUP**

As we all know, the H1 Unlimited hydroplanes race Saturday afternoon on the Columbia River. We still need to tear down the entire race site following the race before anyone goes over to the river-side to watch the big boats. That includes all scaffolding, fencing, and rowboats must be packed away into the trailer.

Last year, everyone chipped in despite the oppressive heat and we successfully packed everything in about 20 minutes. We hope to do the same this year.

Of course, do not over-extend yourself in the heat. Please bring gloves to assist with hot metal. However, please remember that if everyone works for 5-10 minutes, we can clean up the entire race site quickly as opposed to a few people having to work for 30-40 minutes.