



R/CU COLUMBIA CUP

JULY 25-26-27

COLUMBIA PARK FAMILY FISHING POND, KENNEWICK, WA

The 2024 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 25	11:00 AM-1:00 PM	Trailer arrives on site, race site setup begins No testing on Thursday
Friday, July 26	9:00 AM-5:00 PM	General testing (will last as needed)
Saturday, July 27	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

Jim Brittain, 1982 Oh Boy! Oberto, FE

Dave Brandt, 1983 KISW Miss Rock, Gas

RACE CLASSES

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

*1/10th 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

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

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

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

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

1/10th 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.

WATER FOLLIES TICKETS

Remember to coordinate with Jason Walters for pickup of your tickets either Thursday or Friday if you choose to do this option. Saturday will require early-access passes for your car and event admission passes.

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

While it may not be in excess of 110 degrees like it has been in the past, it will still be warm 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.