

## Press Release

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### Tastin' n Racin': NO MORE THUNDER!

After 16 years of combining thrilling Hydroplane racing on the water and a family friendly festival on the land, the organizers of popular King County event TASTIN'N RACIN' has decided to not present the event in 2013. Citing raising expenses and unreasonable insurance requirements, organizers made the decision to end the event effective immediately.

Over the years, Tastin n Racin featured the fastest piston driven racing on water from 4 cylinder 16 foot hydroplanes to the 1,300 horsepower super charged 26 foot Grand Prix Hydroplanes. In 2008, TnR launched Vintage unlimiteds Miss Bardahl and Miss Thriftway as the first Unlimiteds to ever run on Lake Sammamish. Tastin N Racin made history that same year when the Turbine powered Unlimited hydroplane Miss Red Dot co-owned by Issaquah attorney John O'Brien was launched on Lake Sammamish to give folks an up close and personal look at a modern Hydroplane normally only seen at Seafair. 10 classes of Hydroplanes always filled the race card at TnR.

In 2006, PWC racing was added to Tastin n Racin and for those in the front rows...you got wet! PWC racers would come from around the Northwest to compete in the Western Regional World Championships.

Classic Car shows, Hot Boat shows, Motorcycle charity rides and shows, Carnival rides, Wenatchee Youth Circus were all attractions that have appeared at TnR.

Tastin n Racin was actually looked at as a model event nationally by other boat racing sites. Events in Miami, New York, and St. Louis to name a few used the TnR formula of combining a family festival on the land with the thrill of racing on the water.

The organizers of Tastin n Racin would like to thank the staff at Lake Sammamish State park for their help over the years, all the volunteers that gave their time generously, the sponsors and vendors that participated, and most of all the general public that came out to enjoy an event unique to this area.

The website [www.tastinracin.com](http://www.tastinracin.com) will remain active for those who want to reminisce and who knows...perhaps a resurrection will take place down the road.