

## Arts/Events

# More tastin' and more racin' at hydroplane festival

Lake Sammamish event will be bigger than ever

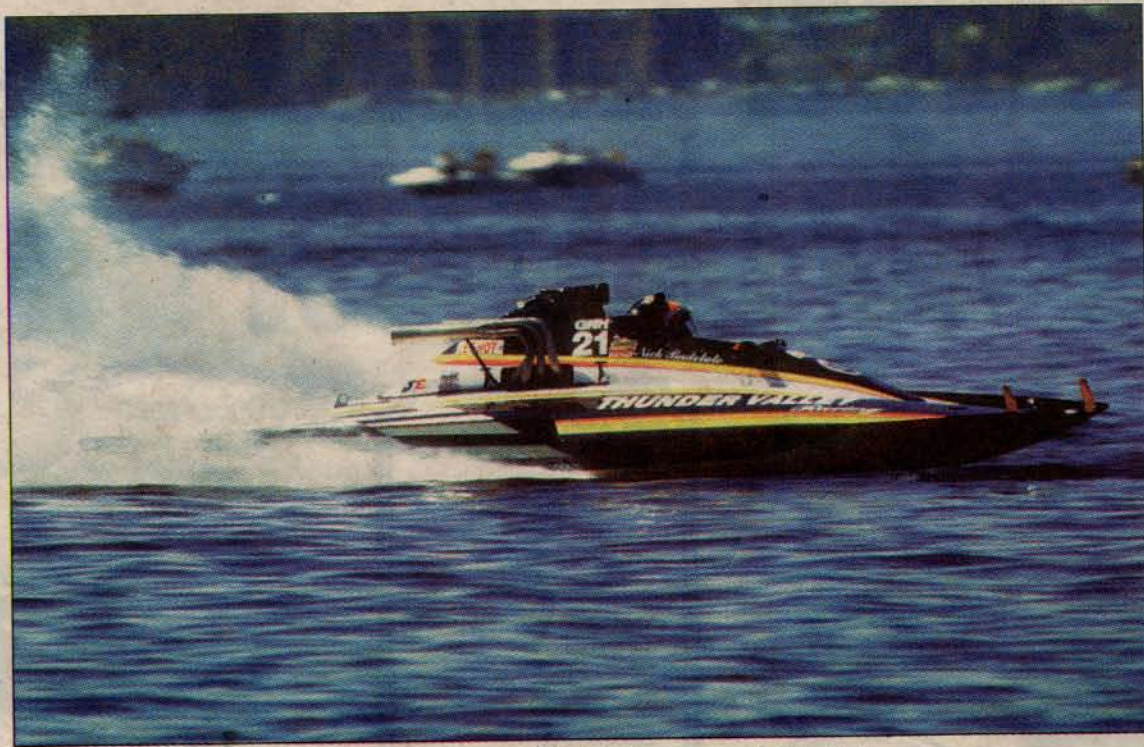
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The third annual Tastin' n' Racin' festival, featuring hydroplane races and family entertainment, runs through Sunday at Lake Sammamish State Park in Issaquah.

Promoters of this year's festival promise more of everything than in previous years — more hydroplanes, more bands, more craft vendors and more kids' activities.

The festival features a new event this year — a jet-ski motocross competition. Jet-ski racers from throughout the Northwest will compete on a course of jumps, obstacles, twists and turns for the first time on Lake Sammamish. The race takes place at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

Those who like their races loud and fast can thrill to hydroplane races from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Over 26 heats of limited class racing will provide non-stop action. Thirteen classes of boats from flatbottom runabouts to unlimited light hydroplanes will race at speeds up to 150 mph.



Hydroplanes will roar and race at the Tastin' n' Racin' festival at Lake Sammamish State Park.

Powerboat fans can buy pit passes to get up-close and personal with drivers. Drivers will sign autographs at 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Kids get in on the racing action in the Big Kid, Little Kid Kayak Race at 4:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Teams of one big kid and one little kid or single racers will paddle a ¾-mile course. Radio-controlled, 1/8-scale hydroplane races kick off the racing scene at noon tomorrow.

Those looking for milder entertainment have plenty of

options. Antique unlimited hydroplanes and vintage boats will be on display. The latest in tournament and pleasure boats also will be on display at a boat show.

Car buffs can catch a Model T club parade and display on

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### TASTIN' N' RACIN'

11 a.m. to 7 p.m. June 5-6. Free admission. For more information, visit the Web site [www.tastinracin.com](http://www.tastinracin.com). Free parking available at the park. Shuttle bus operates from the Issaquah Park & Ride on Newport Way and State Route 900 on Sunday only.

Where:

Lake Sammamish State Park, Issaquah

Saturday. One hundred custom hot rods, sports cars and restored cars will be on display Sunday.

The festival offers lots of family fun. Main stage entertainment features rock and retro bands, a "Cars" tribute band, blues, country music and a Jimmy Buffet sound-alike act. Popular children's singing groups, a circus performer and an a cappella group will appear on the family stage. Entertainment starts at noon and runs through the afternoon both days.

Kids can enjoy clowns, inflatable rides, a petting zoo and face painting in the children's area. The adventurous can try climbing the 25-foot-high climbing wall.

Others can imbibe at the beer garden, feed at the 15 food booths or browse at the arts and crafts booths.