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As boats race on Lake Sammamish during last year's Tastin' N Racin' festival, an immature bald eagle carries on its search for prey near the beach in Lake Sammamish State Park.



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With all the activities on the shoreline and lake, Tastin' n Racin' is a family event. And, of course, good weather helps.

Issaquah fest satisfies need for speed, family fun

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Rooster-tailing hydro racing on Lake Sammamish provides the racin' and Food Walk vendors supply the tastin' at this weekend's Tastin' n Racin' festival in Issaquah.

Friday night's beer garden kicks off the event with live music and a lakeside view of the unlimited light hydroplanes and other racing watercraft moving in for the weekend. Race boats include Inboard/Lighter than Lights hydros, vintage hydros, Unlimited Lights and Grand Prix Hydros with supercharged engines that race at up to 170 mph.

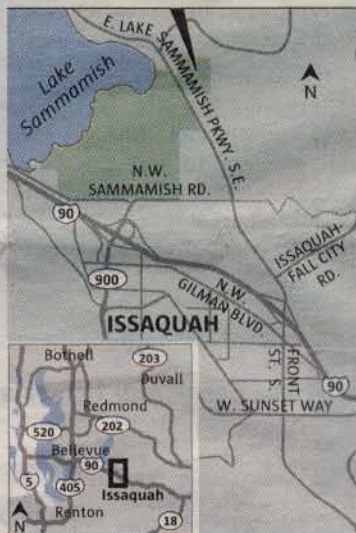
Saturday and Sunday's family festival has activities for all ages, with batting cages, climbing walls, inflatables and other kids activities,

exhibits of restored vintage limited and unlimited hydroplanes and a Sunday-only classic car show.

In addition to the hydros, personal watercraft compete in novice, intermediate and professional classes on an obstacle course close to the shore, culminating in the PWC Regional World Championships qualifier racing.

Lakeside and Main Stage beer gardens provide prime viewing spots and brews. Pit passes available for \$5 provide a close-up look at pit action and preferred-view race-

Lake Sammamish State Park



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THE DETAILS

HOURS: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. (racing 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.) Saturday and Sunday. Beer garden only, 4-8 p.m. Friday.

LOCATION: Lake Sammamish State Park, 20606 S.E. 56th St., Issaquah.

COST: Friday evening beer garden, free admission; charges for beverages. Saturday and Sunday event admission: \$10/general admission; \$5/ages 6-19 and ages 65 and older; free for ages 5 and younger. Free parking. Spectator pit pass, \$5/person, includes admission to preferred seating for best race-course viewing.

CAR SHOW: Classic Car Show custom rods and vintage cars, Sunday only, \$10/per car to participate. Register online or at the gate, 8 a.m. Sunday.

GETTING THERE: Take Exit 15 off Interstate 90. For information on bus service, call 206-553-3000 or see triplanner.metrokc.gov.

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