

TRI-CITY WATER FOLLIES MEDIA GUIDE 2010

Lamb Weston Columbia Cup for Unlimited Hydroplanes Aerial Demonstrations presented by HAPO Community Credit Union Unlimited Light Hydroplane Thunder Cup July 23–25, 2010

Get ready to celebrate 45 years of racing on the Columbia River! That's right; this year marks the 45th running of the Columbia Cup for Unlimited Hydroplanes sponsored by Lamb Weston. Mark your calendar now for **July 23 - 25, 2010**, and get ready for the Tri-Cities annual celebration of high-speed hydro action.

The weekend would not be complete without the awesome aerial demonstrations presented by HAPO Community Credit Union. We are excited to have the Navy FA-18 Super Hornet, Strike Fighter Squadron One Two Two. Additional acts include Bill Stein Airshows flying his Edge 540 capable of a 420 degree per second roll rate and a 3,700 foot per minute climb rate. The Ace Maker Airshows flying the Lockheed T-33 Shooting Star. And we're not done yet!

Bring your family and friends and join us on the shores of the Columbia River for an action-packed, energy filled weekend. As it has for the past 45 years, the Tri-Cities will host this full weekend of festivities; the world's fastest boats, vintage hydroplanes (Atlas Van Lines, Griffin Budweiser, Bardahl and Thriftway), unlimited light hydroplanes, exciting over the river air show plus vendors and amenities along the shoreline. Thousands of spectators from throughout the northwest will line the river for this high-speed weekend.

Tri-City Water Follies with the help of hundreds of volunteers uses all proceeds on the event and to make park improvements, scholarship donations and contributions to local civic organizations that help put on the event. The Tri-Cities community is proud of this annual tradition.

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OFFICIAL EVENT NAME

Lamb Weston Columbia Cup for Unlimited Hydroplanes

Unlimited Hydroplanes reach speeds up to 200 miles per hour on one of the best race courses in the country.

Over-the River Aerial Demonstrations presented by HAPO Community Credit Union

Between the heats of boat racing on Saturday and Sunday, spine-tingling military aerial performances will entertain the crowds.

Unlimited Light Hydroplane Thunder Cup

The Unlimited Light Hydroplanes are the fastest growing class of race boats in the country. With an average length of 24 feet, these unique boats have dynamic powerful big block automotive engines or blown alcohol engines. They generate 1200 horsepower and reach speeds up to 150 mph.

EXPECTED ATTENDANCE

More than 65,000 people.

TICKET INFORMATION

Weekender Two-Day Admission Ticket

Saturday and Sunday General Admission passes for Columbia Park and Pasco.

Same price if purchased in advance or at the gate.

Adult: \$25 Children 6 - 12: \$10 Children 5 and under: Free

Saturday General Admission Ticket (Available at the gate)

Adult: \$15 Children 6-12: \$5 Children 5 and under: Free

Sunday General Admission Ticket (Available at the gate)

Adult: \$25 gate Children 6-12: \$5 Children 5 and under: Free

Bleacher Ticket (does not include park admission)

Available as an upgrade at the entrance to the bleachers in Columbia Park.

\$5 per day for adults and children 6 and older. Children 5 and under: Free.

One Day Pit Access (Does not include Park admission) Friday: \$10 Saturday: \$10 Sunday: \$10

Three Day Pit Pass (Includes park admission) \$45

Parking (Fee will be charged each time vehicle re-enters the event site)

Columbia Park general lot - Friday and Saturday: \$5 at the gate. Sunday: \$10 at the gate

Pasco - Friday: Free Saturday: \$5 at the gate Sunday: \$10 at the gate

Private viewing areas and special hospitality packages are available. For information contact the Water Follies office.

EVENT ACCESS AND HOSPITALITY

Transit available

Spectators are encouraged to avoid traffic and parking fees by using Ben Franklin Transit. Service is available to both Columbia Park and Pasco river shore July 23 – 25th. Information is available at www.bft.org.

Disabled Access Parking and Viewing

The Special Needs Area is located next to the bleachers in Columbia Park. For handicap parking, use the main Highway 240 entrance into the main lot. Golf cart shuttles from the parking lot to the viewing area are available, and Ben Franklin Transit offers service for pre-qualified Dial A Ride patrons. *Hosted by Franklin and Benton PUD – sponsored by Paul Parish Limited.*

FUN IN THE SUN SHORELINE FESTIVITIES

Oh Boy! Oberto Radio Controlled Mini Hydros One-eighth the size, nearly forty radio-controlled Hydroplanes will race on the Family Fishing Pond Friday and Saturday. The R/C Hydros travel about 60 miles per hour. The boats are 42-50 inches long and 19-24 inches wide, and weigh an average of 13

pounds. Contact Chet Lepinski at chetsthejet@hotmail.com or 509-754-2227 ext 223 for details.
Sponsored by Oh Boy! Oberto Beef Jerky.

Metz Mobile Marine Autograph Session The autograph session provides race fans an opportunity to greet and even take pictures the drivers of the unlimiteds and the air show pilots. Takes place on Saturday.

Pit Tours Tours are available with the purchase of a Booster Button souvenir lapel pin (\$5). Non-profit organizations representing children, disabled or underprivileged clients may arrange for complimentary tour of the pits on Friday 1 to 3 p.m. Reservations should be made with the Water Follies office. Race fans can see the inner-workings of the Unlimited Hydroplanes and the piston-powered vintage boats Friday, noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. While the purchase of this year's souvenir Booster Button lapel pin includes a free pit tour, it also raises money for a worthwhile cause. For the past years, members of Chapter EL, PEO have sold the pins to raise money for various cultural and educational causes in the Tri-City area.

Driver's Church Service This boat driver's tradition continues this year and, as always, is open to anyone who would like to attend. Everyone in the park is welcome to attend this brief service at 8:00 a.m. Sunday at the stage behind the pits.

EXCITING EVENTS WATER FOLLIES WEEK

MISS TRI-CITIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – SATURDAY, JULY 17

The annual Miss Tri-Cities Pageant takes place July 18 at Kennewick High School Auditorium. Contestants compete for more than \$17,000 in scholarship money. For more information, visit www.misstricities.org. Executive Director Dot Stewart can be reached at (509) 627-5622 or (509) 539-3252 or dotstewart@charter.net.

HYDRO GOLF TOURNAMENT – THURSDAY, JULY 22

The annual Fluor Hydro golf tournament tees off Thursday, July 22 at Canyon Lakes in Kennewick. Hydro drivers and fans mingle on the course, while proceeds from the tournament help fund various Columbia River shoreline improvements and community causes. Registration includes greens fees, a cart, signature golf shirt, steak dinner and prizes.

SPEED AND FEED – FRIDAY, JULY 23

Sponsors, Hydroplane owners and drivers, and Air Show Pilots get together to celebrate at the Speed and Feed dinner scheduled for 7pm, Friday, July 24 at the stage in Columbia Park.

FEATURED ENTERTAINMENT

LAMB WESTON COLUMBIA CUP FOR UNLIMITED HYDROPLANES

The Unlimited Hydroplanes test and qualify on Friday, time trials are on Saturday morning and the first heats of racing are Saturday afternoon, and the remaining heats and championship race is Sunday. The world's fastest race boats demonstrate high-speed, cutting-edge technology on one of the fastest courses in the country. Unlimited Hydroplanes reach speeds of up to 200 miles per hour. Unlimited Hydroplanes are powered by retired military Chinook helicopter turbine engines, and can travel the length of a football field in one second. They also shoot a plume of water -- "a rooster tail" -- in the air behind them that carries more than a ton of water. The Tri-Cities is one of only six cities across North America to host this unique and exciting form of motor sport racing.

2010 H1 UNLIMITED HYDROPLANES SCHEDULE

Date	Location	
July 2-4	Madison, IN	Madison Regatta
July 9-11	Detroit, MI	Chrysler - Jeep Superstores Gold Cup
July 23-25	Tri-Cities, WA	Tri-City Water Follies Lamb Weston Columbia Cup
Aug 6-8	Seattle, WA	Chevrolet Cup at Seafair
Nov 18-20	Doha, Qatar	Oryx Cup World Championship

RACE COURSE

2 1/2 mile oval, technically referred to as the "McNary pool" on the Columbia River between Kennewick and Pasco. Per ABRA rules, an Unlimited race course must be laid in waters at least 10 feet deep. There is an escape route outside each turn, in which no spectator boats are permitted. For all courses, a minimum of five buoys are located in each turn. The minimum number of buoys in each straightaway is five for a 2-1/2-mile course, four for a 2-mile course, and three for a 1-2/3-mile course.

H1 UNLIMITED HYDROPLANES AT TRI-CITIES (subject to change)

NO.	Team	Owner	Driver
U-1	Oh Boy! Oberto	City of Madison	Steve David
U-5	Formulaboats.com	Ted Porter Family	Jeff Bernard
U-7	Graham Trucking	Ted Porter Family	J. Michel Kelly
U-13	Spirit of Detroit	Dave Bartush	Cal Phipps
U-17	Miss Red Dot	Nate Brown	Nate Brown/Kip Brown
U-21	Albert Lee Appliance	Greg/Brian O'Farrell	Brian Perkins
U-22	Matrix System Automotive	Steve/Sue Webster	Mike Webster
U-25	Superior Racing	Dr. Ken Muscatel	Dr. Ken Muscatel
U-37	Miss Peters & May	Billy/Jane Schumacher	J.W. Myers/Jon Zimmerman
U-57	Formulaboats.com	Ted Porter Family	TBD
U-96	Spirit of Qatar	Ellstrom Family	Dave Villwock
U-100	Leland Racing	Fred Leland	Greg Hopp

YEAR RACE	WINNER	OWNER/DRIVER
2009 Lamb Weston Columbia Cup	Oh Boy! Oberto	Steven David
2008 Lamb Weston Columbia Cup	Oh Boy! Oberto	Steven David
2007 Lamb Weston Columbia Cup	Miss Elam Plus	Dave Villwock
2006 Atomic Cup	Miss Elam Plus	Dave Villwock
2005 Budweiser Columbia Cup	Miss Elam Plus	Dave Villwock
2004 Budweiser Columbia Cup	Miss Budweiser	Joe Little/Dave Villwock
2003 Budweiser Columbia Cup	Llumar	Bill Wurster/Mark Evans
2002 Budweiser Columbia Cup	Miss Elam Plus	Ellstrom Family/Nate Brown
2001 Budweiser Columbia Cup	Miss Znetix II	Fred Leland/Terry Troxell
2000 Budweiser Columbia Cup	Miss Elam Plus	Ellstrom Family/Mark Evans
1999 Budweiser Columbia Cup	Miss Budweiser	Bernie Little/Dave Villwock
1998 Budweiser Columbia Cup	Miss Budweiser	Bernie Little/Dave Villwock
1997 Budweiser Columbia Cup	PICO's American Dream	Fred Leland/Mark Evans
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1995 Budweiser Columbia Cup	Smokin' Joe's	Steve Woomer/Mark Tate
1994 Budweiser Columbia Cup	Miss Budweiser	Bernie Little/Chip Hanauer
1993 Budweiser Columbia Cup	Miss Budweiser	Bernie Little/Chip Hanauer
1992 Budweiser Columbia Cup	Miss Budweiser	Bernie Little/Chip Hanauer
1991 Budweiser Columbia Cup	Winston Eagle	Steve Woomer/Mark Tate
1990 Budweiser Columbia Cup	Miss Budweiser	Bernie Little/Tom D'Eath
1989 Budweiser Columbia Cup	Cooper's Express	Ed Cooper Jr. & Sr./Mitch Evans
1988 Budweiser Columbia Cup	Miss Budweiser	Bernie Little/Tom D'Eath
1987 Budweiser Columbia Cup	Miss Budweiser	Bernie Little/Tom D'Eath
1986 Budweiser Columbia Cup	Miller American	Fran Muncey/Chip Hanauer
1985 Budweiser Columbia Cup	Miller American	Fran Muncey, Jim Lucero/Chip Hanauer
1984 Budweiser APBA Gold Cup	Atlas Van Lines	Fran Muncey, Jim Lucero/Chip Hanauer
1983 Columbia Cup	American Speedy Printing	Bob Taylor/Jack Schafer
1982 Columbia Cup	The Squire Shop	Bob Steil/Tom D'Eath
1981 Columbia Cup	The Squire Shop	Bob Steil/Chip Hanauer
1980 Columbia Cup	Atlas Van Lines	Bill Muncey/Bill Muncey
1979 Columbia Cup	Atlas Van Lines	Bill Muncey/Bill Muncey
1978 Columbia Cup	Miss Budweiser	Bernie Little/Ron Snyder
1977 APBA Gold Cup	Atlas Van Lines	Bill Muncey/Bill Muncey
1976 Columbia Cup	Atlas Van Lines	Bill Muncey/Bill Muncey
1975 APBA Gold Cup	Pay n'Pak	Dave Heerensperger/George Henley
1974 World Championship	Pay n'Pak	Dave Heerensperger/George Henley
1973 APBA Gold Cup	Miss Budweiser	Bernie Little/Tom Friedkin/Dean Chenoweth
1972 Atomic Cup	Atlas Van Lines	Joe Schoenith/Bill Muncey
1971 Atomic Cup	Miss Madison	Miss Madison Inc./Jim McCormick
1970 Atomic Cup	Pay n'Pak Lil'Buzzard	Dave Heerensperger/Tommy Fults
1969 Atomic Cup	Myr's Special	Joe Schoenith/Dean Chenoweth

1968	Atomic Cup	Miss Eagle Electric	Dave Heerensperger/Warner Gardner
1967	Atomic Cup	Miss Bardahl	Ole Bardahl/Bill Schumacher
1966	Atomic Cup	Miss Budweiser	Bernie Little/Bill Brow

AERIAL DEMONSTRATIONS PRESENTED BY HAPO COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION

This thrilling over-the-river air show takes place between heats of boat racing Saturday and Sunday.

FA-18 Super Hornet

STRIKE FIGHTER SQUADRON ONE TWO TWO

VFA-122 is the Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) for the Navy's newest fighter, the F/A-18 E/F Super Hornet.

Air shows are the best place to see a VFA-122 Super Hornet in action. The Tactical Demonstration, or "Tac Demo" team flies a two-seat F/A-18F as close to the "edge of the envelope" as safety and prudence allows. The routine highlights the Rhino's maneuverability and slow-speed handling characteristics and has been very well received around the country.

The squadron's role remains the same as it was on the 29th of JUNE 1959: to train replacement aircrew and maintainers for combat operations in a new and challenging aircraft. The Super Hornet is the Navy's newest and most advanced aircraft and has seen combat flown by VFA-122 trained aircrew, in Operation Iraqi Freedom. VFA-122 currently has 225 staff officers, 408 enlisted personnel and operates over 60 aircraft

The F-16 Fighting Falcon

The F-16 Fighting Falcon is a compact, multi-role fighter aircraft. It is highly maneuverable and has proven itself in air-to-air combat and air-to-surface attack. It provides a relatively low-cost, high-performance weapon system for the United States and allied nations.

Lockheed Martin T-33 Shooting Star

The Lockheed T-33 Shooting Star is an American-built jet trainer aircraft. It was produced by Lockheed and made its first flight in 1948. The T-33 is one of the world's best known aircraft, having served with the air forces of more than 20 different countries for almost 40 years.

Bill Stein Airshows

Bill Stein has logged over 5,000 hours of aerobatic and formation flight. Bill began flying aerobatics when he was still a student pilot and has been dedicated to perfecting his skills ever since. Since 1995 Bill has performed at air shows all across the United States and has entertained millions air show fans.

Bill flies the Edge 540 which is a highly aerobatic aircraft. Capable of a 420 degree per second roll rate and a 3,700 foot per minute climb rate, it has been flown to victory on the international Unlimited aerobatics circuit several times since the mid-1990s.

The Edge 540X is the most common aircraft used in the Red Bull Air Race World Series, in fact all champions of the World Series have flown this aircraft.

The Bad Yak

Bad Yak is a one of a kind, highly modified Russian built Yak 52, producing over 400 H.P. from its supercharged nine cylinder radial engine. Everybody loves the sound of a radial engine flying overhead! Bad Yak has had more than 240 pounds removed which makes this large aircraft a nimble aerobatic




UNLIMITED LIGHT HYDROPLANE THUNDER CUP

What once was designed to be a “support series” is now a series unto itself, with its own support series.

The “Unlimited Lights” were born out of amateur racing in 1995 and the series has become the standard bearer for growth in hydroplane racing. A decade ago the series was attracting 6 to 6 boats per race. In 2006, in the 6th year of operation by the Unlimited Light Hydroplane Racing Association, Inc. the Unlimited Lights attracted an average of 13.75 boats per race with the high mark of 16 UL teams at the Tri-Cities, WA.

As the numbers of teams have increased so has the competitive nature of the series. The Unlimited Lights Championship is coveted by many teams and there are more teams capable of earning the championship this season than ever before. As the saying goes, “in order to finish first you first have to finish.” While top speeds are exciting, durability in ULHRA racing is a must and more teams than ever before are showing the durability and the speed to reach the top.

UNLIMITED LIGHTS HYDROPLANES SERIES ROSTER (subject to change)

Team	Owner	Driver	
UL-00 Trafficade presents WarningPower.com	Debi Muncey	Wil Muncey	
UL-3 Grant Racing	David Grant	Christopher Grant	
UL-4 Miss Shoreline Sign & Awning	Mick and Bryan Richards	Bryan Richards	

UL-5 Spirit of Gray's Harbor

Rod Bourke

Rod Bourke



[UL-9 Wilmot Racing](#)

Jim & Karon Wilmot

"Smokin' Joe" Souza



UL-10 Cajun Queen

Pat Rankin

TBA



[UL-11 Miss Executif III - K&N Engineering](#)

Darren and Mary Bartels

Kevin Eacret



[UL-13 Celtic Racing](#)

Celtic Racing LLC

J. Craig Fletcher



[UL-14 Miss Critical Logic](#)

Paul Becker

Paul Becker



[UL-20 Smetco.com](#)

Bob and Joanne Smets

Bob Smets



UL-40 King & Bunny

Thunder Valley, Inc.

Cal Phipps



UL-56 Miss Diagnosed

Bill Strain

Bill Strain



[UL-72 Foster Care](#)

Impact Equipment Inc.

Kayleigh Perkins



UL-77 Coulee Miss

[Dan McCulloch](#)

[Dan McCulloch](#)



[UL-88 Re-Discover Detroit](#)

Mike Cashin

Tom Bergman



[UL-93 Desperado](#)

Dennis Johnson and Marty Wolfe

Marty Wolfe / Elizabeth Wolfe



UL-98 Miss Atomic Screenprinting

Greg and Lora Walden

Charles Xaudaro



[UL-929](#)

Vince Xaudaro

Vince "X-Man"
Xaudaro



TRI-CITY WATER FOLLIES ASSOCIATION OVERVIEW

THE BEST PLACE IN THE WORLD TO WATCH A BOAT RACE: TRI-CITIES

The Tri-Cities is perhaps the only place in a populated area that has more than a mile of continuous, unobstructed riverside space available on both sides of a river for people to watch a boat race. When you consider the 100 or more pleasure boats anchored at both ends of the course, Tri-Cities makes possible a 300-degree view of water racing.

- You can't get any closer to watch the 200 mile-per-hour Hydroplanes race than in the Tri-Cities, where the 2 1/2 mile oval course fits snugly between the two riverbanks.
- With the help of the McNary Dam 20 miles downstream, three historic rivers – the Snake, Yakima and Columbia – create a pool ideal for racing.
- Three nearby highway bridges facilitate traffic to and from the race site. Freeway and highway systems make it an easy trip to the races from the north (Spokane), the west (Seattle and the Coast) and the south (Portland and Northern Oregon).

A GRASS-ROOTS EFFORT

Year after year, since racing started in the Tri-Cities in 1966, improvements have been made to the race site. When something was needed, money was found through various fundraisers and donations and with the help of volunteers, ideas and needs became a reality. With the Water Follies organization as the catalyst, the "greening" of the spectator areas began. In the past 30 years, thanks to volunteers, Water Follies has helped some 80 acres of grass to be planted, complete with underground sprinkler systems, on both sides of the river.

- The first grass went in around the Hydroplane pits to provide a better area for boat crews, their equipment and motorhomes. Next came 16 acres of grass to improve a riverside spectator in Columbia Park. Then the 22-acre playfield was created near the main entrance, which does double-duty as a dust-free main parking lot for races.
- In a large undertaking by Water Follies volunteers and the City of Pasco, an underground sprinkler system was installed and grass planted on a mile-long riverfront area that stretches from Road 39 to Road 54 in Pasco.
- The grass and irrigation projects, spearheaded by the Water Follies, were made possible by unique cooperation between companies, businesses, service clubs, community organizations, cities, counties, and other agencies who provided money, materials, equipment and the volunteer labor to provided a million dollars in community improvements. These improvements are used the year-around for the enjoyment of everyone.

RACE-READY INFRASTRUCTURE

Hundreds of volunteers dedicate thousand of hours to make the parks ready for the spectators.

- To prepare the spectator areas, each year the Water Follies rents some 4000 folding chairs, 100 tents and miles of chain link fence. Race fans can bring their own chairs and blankets. Bleacher seating is available. Or, for added comfort and convenience, hosted special viewing areas have been created.
- Of all the race sites, the Tri-Cities pit area is by far the largest and one of the best. As many as two dozen unlimited Hydroplanes can be accommodated. Underground electric and water service is provided to each race boat.
- Over 300-feet of docks have been built over the years by volunteers for use by race boats. The docks are also available for recreational use, fishing derbies and other events.
- Some unlimited race sites have had trouble finding enough large cranes to lift the three-ton unlimited boats in the water. That, of course, has never been a problem in the Tri-Cities because the world headquarters of one of the largest crane companies, the NF Lampson Cranes, is located in the Tri-Cities. Cranes have been generously loaned and operated by the Lampson Cranes every year.
- The three-story official's control tower on the starting line is was built and designed locally. The prefabricated steel structure is 30 feet high, 10 feet wide and 40 feet long. It can accommodate 150 people including referees, race officials, timers, scorers, communications people, TV camera crews and media representatives. The tower consists of three independent modular sections that are trucked to the site and are set up in less than six hours.
- A public address system is in place in Columbia Park to provide spectator information – another park improvement made by the Tri-City Water Follies Association.
- Recent improvements in Columbia Park made by the City of Kennewick have added much to the race. New lighting, curbing, paved parking lots, public restrooms and landscaping have been added.

AMMENATIES

- Concession stands are set-up through the spectator area and provide a wide variety of foods, soft drinks, souvenirs to serve the racing crowd. There is a beer garden located in Columbia Park.
- Round-trip bus service to the race is offered by Ben Franklin Transit. With the purchase of a race ticket, you can catch the bus at a pickup point in each city and be delivered to the race site in Columbia Park.
- A special Disabled Access Area is available in a prime viewing location in Columbia Park. Immediate family members as well as caretakers are included. The Transit System's Dial-A-Ride provides free service to the area for qualified passengers.
- To signify that the Tri-Cities area is indeed a focal point for boat racing, a full-size replica of an unlimited Hydroplane is on display the year around to greet visitors entering Columbia Park.
- For over 20 years, the Water Follies has hired a professional crowd management company to provide services and to lessen the burden on Tri-City law enforcement agencies during the boat races. The company has people working in various capacities during the week of Water Follies activities.
- All three local hospitals help staff and operate first aid stations strategically located throughout the spectator areas.

COLUMBIA RIVER-FRONT & PARK ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS BY WATER FOLLIES

1999-2000 Playground of Dreams - Water Follies contributed \$3,500 to the Hydroplane toy in the Playground. Board members and staff also contributed volunteer hours to the project.

1999-2000 Hydroplane Monument - The Miss Tri-Cities Hydroplane monument was refurbished and mounted near the Highway 240 entrance of Columbia Park

1999-2000 Columbia Park Docks - Several docks were reconstructed and new docks were built for Columbia Park.

1998-1999 Franklin County Irrigation/Seeding - Water Follies, Franklin County and the City of Pasco teamed up to create a one-mile irrigated, grassy stretch of river front along the bike path between Roads 54 and 39 in Pasco.

1997-1998 Columbia Park Play Field - Water Follies organized volunteer efforts to turn weedy land into a versatile, 22-acre, irrigated play field near the Highway 240 entrance of Columbia Park. Over 100 volunteers were needed to complete the project valued at \$300,000. Several local businesses and groups contributed cash and in-kind donations. Water Follies contributed \$5,000 cash to the project.

1996-1997 Columbia Park Docks/Ramp - Water Follies volunteers built ramps and seven docks for Columbia Park in 1996 and seven more in 1997.

1995-1996 Columbia Park Scoreboard - Water Follies built the official scoreboard located behind the Neil F. Lampson Pit Area.

1993-1994 Columbia River Irrigation/Seeding - Volunteers helped to irrigate and seed the shoreline north of Columbia Park's main road from the east end lawn area to across from driving range. \$5,000 was also contributed to the project.

Outdoor Stage in Columbia Park, Bleachers & Pit Area - Water Follies led volunteer efforts and a donation drive to construct the original outdoor stage in Columbia Park and to irrigate and grass the area around it. Water Follies also purchased the bleachers located northeast of the Columbia Park Driving Range and created & built the Neil F. Lampson Pit Area.

Ongoing – The Water Follies continues to make improvement to both the Columbia Park and Pasco shoreline venues.

CONTRIBUTING TO CIVIC GROUPS, PROJECTS AND EVENTS

Tri-City Water Follies contributes an average of \$20,000 a year to civic organizations who use the event as a fund raiser by selling ice and souvenir programs, working event gates, cleaning up after the events, parking cars, selling Booster Buttons, etc.

They perform services at the races in exchange for Water Follies contributions and in turn initiate their own community projects. Many of them grant scholarships for advanced education. More than 20 organizations have been involved in recent years earning anywhere from \$300 to \$3,000.

The Water Follies also contributes scholarship money to Miss Tri-Cities Scholarship Program contestants each year.

PROVIDING A BOOST TO THE ECONOMY

Tri-City Water Follies draws \$2 million in direct expenditures, according to the Tri-Cities Visitors & Convention Bureau. Hotels are booked, restaurants report highest sales during the weekend, gas sales are higher than any non-holiday weekend and it's one of the top weekends for convenience and grocery stores.

The Columbia Cup draws national media exposure, shining the spotlight on our area's recreational resources. The races are covered by various local and national television and radio, and national newspapers such as USA Today. Live Internet audio streams, live television coverage on Sunday, July 25th by NBC affiliate KNDU, national radio coverage and over 100 newspapers across the nation cover the event bringing attention to our region.

NON-PROFIT WATER FOLLIES DOLLARS AND SENSE

Sponsorships are integral to making the event happen each year. Major expenses include the Unlimited Hydroplanes and other boat classes, air show, event infrastructure, security, administration, insurance and advertising.