

2017 Tri-City Water Follies Unmanned Vehicle Policy

In order to maintain a safe event venue and reduce the potential for closing down the air show and boat racing, the Tri-City Water Follies Association bans the use of all remotely controlled devices such as drones, aircraft, cars, boats, etc. during the 2017 Tri-City Water Follies HAPO Air Show and Columbia Cup.

No remotely controlled aircraft or ground/water vehicle devices are authorized to operate on, above or below the Tri-City Water Follies event area during the Tri-City Water Follies HAPO Air Show and Columbia Cup starting on Thursday, July 27, 12:01am through Monday, July 31, 10:00am unless otherwise approved.

The Tri-City Water Follies event area includes Columbia Park East of Edison St., Kennewick and Wade Park, Pasco.

This policy includes, but is not limited, to unmanned aircraft systems, radio controlled model aircraft, other devices that can be operated in airspace (collectively, known as "Drones") and remote controlled cars/ground/water vehicles.

Operation of such remotely controlled aircraft or ground/water vehicle devices without prior written consent will result in the confiscation of all related materials/equipment; removal from the Tri-City Water Follies event site; and/or a response from law enforcement authorities.

The Tri-City Water Follies Association will notify the on-site Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) representative and/ or any other law enforcement authority deemed necessary of any incidents involving airborne aircraft or any other unauthorized remote controlled ground/water based vehicles operating during the Tri-City Water Follies HAPO Air Show and Columbia Cup.

Events such as the Meyers Auto Tech Radio Controlled Hydroplane Races at the Family Fishing Pond in Columbia Park have approval from the Tri-City Water Follies Association and have provided the appropriate insurance to operate during the Tri-City Water Follies HAPO Air Show and Columbia Cup.

There are no buildings where unmanned aerial vehicles can operate in Columbia Park, Kennewick or Wade Park, Pasco during the Tri-City Water Follies event.

Operators must also follow the Federal Aviation Administration guidance for operating unmanned aerial systems, request and obtain a Part 107 Waiver for Operation in Controlled Airspace.

A Temporary Flight Restriction (TFR) Notices to Airmen (NOTAM) will be active during the Tri-City Water Follies HAPO Air Show. Flying into a TFR negligently results in fines while flying intentionally can result in prison time.

