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A midget remote control hydroplane kicks up some foam between the bridges. Mirror photos by Vince Lovato

CHELAN -- Lake Chelan hosted its 16th annual Vintage Hydroplanes and Inboard Raceboats Oct. 2 and 3 and incorporated it with a wine and food event, re-dubbing it Mahogany and Merlot.

For the first time, the Pacific Northwest ACBS Chapter joined the event to show off antique and classic wood boats decked with mahogany.

In years past, Lake Chelan hosted vintage unlimited hydroplanes such as Miss Thriftway, Miss Burién, Miss Ba and Miss Wahoo (pictured above) and unlimiteds that used to race on Lake Chelan in the Apple Cups of the 1950s.

The event featured about 30 boats.

They were vintage pleasure boats of the 1920s to 1960s, vintage limited class race boats with mahogany decks, unlimited and inboard hydroplanes. Midget remote control boats raced between the two bridges.

Hundreds watched from the marina and shoreline.



Miss Wahoo is an unlimited hydroplane from the 1950s.