

CARDBOARD BOAT RACE INFORMATION & RULES

Construction Material & Rules

- The ENTIRE boat must be built from cardboard & duct tape. Duct tape may be used to reinforce seams. Each team will be supplied with 2 rolls of duct tape. Additional duct tape, box cutter, pencil, yardstick must be provided by contestants.
- Corrugated Cardboard, Carpet Tubes, Cardboard Blocks can be found at recycling centers, appliance stores, department stores, discount clubs, electronics stores.
- Pre-treated cardboard such as waxed cardboard is allowed. No paint or varnish is allowed on the day of the event, all paint & varnished cardboard must be cured prior to boat launch. Paints and varnish are intended to be used as decorative elements only—not waterproofing.
- Fastening material is to be duct tape only.
- Hull wrapping in duct tape is allowed.
- Decorations are allowed and encouraged provided they are not used as structural or floatation elements.
- Crew costumes are encouraged.
- Participants have up to 4 hours to build their boats. Boat building and/or final assembly will be completed on-site at the Put-In-Bay Yacht Club (day of the event). Some off-site pre-assembly is allowed.
- A limited supply of cardboard will be made available by the committee. Contestants should plan ahead and bring sufficient cardboard & duct tape for their boat design.
- Design is left to builder(s). Let your imagination take over.
- **NO** wood, plastic, rubber, inflatable devices, Styrofoam, fiberglass or plastic.
- **NO** caulking compounds, two-part/mixed adhesives, glues or epoxy mixtures or coatings are allowed.
- **NO** electrical, gasoline, benzene, propane or other chemical or electrical propulsion systems are permitted. Only exception is one inflatable dingy paddle per crewman.
- **NO** surfboard style boat is allowed.
- The crew compartment **CANNOT** be enclosed so as to interfere with escape.
- Each boat must carry a closed gallon plastic jug (or PFD) with 15' rope tether firmly secured to the vessel. Guppy class (1 to 2 jugs), Dolphin class (2 to 3 jugs), & Whale class (4 to 5 jugs). Gallon jugs are to remain inside boat while racing, they are not to be used as floatation for the vessel. This is for use in locating and retrieving any sunken remains.
- **JUDGES DECIDE** ON THE INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES.

Participation & Boat Classifications:

TEEN FLIGHT (12 to 17 years)

Guppy (1 to 2 people per boat)

ADULT FLIGHT (18 and Up)

Guppy (1 to 2 people per boat)

Dolphin (3 to 5 people per boat)

Whale (6 to 10 people per boat)

Participant Rules

- Every crewmember **must wear a personal floatation devise (PFD)**
- You **CANNOT** race without the proper signatures on the entry form.
- During competition, crew must be **IN** the boat, not towing it, or holding it between their legs, swimming, or allowing the life jacket to provide the floatation of the vessel.
- **NO** pets can occupy a boat during competition.
- Throwing water on another boat is reason for disqualification, unless said water comes from the incidental splash of a paddle or other propulsive devise.
- Contestants are expected to maintain the decorum and dignity expected of a yachtsmen.
- Sunken or discarded boats must be disposed of in designated trash receptacle.
- **THIS IS A FUN EVENT!!!** ANY BEHAVIOUR THAT IS DEEMED TO BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE EVENT OR OTHER PARTICIPANTS WILL RESULT IN TEAM DISQUALIFICATION.

Awards (Non I-LYA flagged event)

- 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place Finish (as applicable)
- Spirit Award – Judges choose the most spirited team.
- The Titanic Award – The Titanic Award is given to the team of the boat that sinks in the most spectacular fashion.