



Recycled Cardboard Boat Regatta

Join us on Sat., Aug 9th, 2014 on the Nanticoke River in Blades, Delaware for our first annual **Recycled Cardboard Boat Regatta**. The Regatta is open to participation from individuals, schools, youth groups, businesses, groups of friends, and non-profit organizations desiring to build a boat and participate. This is a wonderful team-building experience, giving employees an opportunity to work together toward a common goal and have a lot of fun doing it. Some suggestions for building a simple cardboard boat can be found at: <http://www.capecoralregatta.com/Index/BoatBuilding>

General Rules

Our thanks go to The Rotary Club of Cape Coral, Florida for the use of their rules.

1. Only recycled corrugated cardboard may be used. It can be of any thickness but must not be bonded to any other material such as vinyl. Non-corrugated material may not be used, especially the kind of resin or wax-type coating found in packing cases. Teams must provide proof that their cardboard is recycled, such as pictures of their scavenging forays or signed and dated statements from their sources.
2. Wood, metal, foam, or other materials that would aid in flotation or make the hull rigid are prohibited. This restriction applies to the keel, transom, ribs, hull, etc.
3. No sandbags or similar materials may be used for ballast.
4. Hulls may be painted with any "one-part" paint. No epoxy glues, fiberglass resins or "multi-part" varnishes or paints may be used. Hulls may not be "wrapped" in plastic, duct tape or anything else. Tar based substances like roof coatings are not permitted. An all-white space 3" high by 8" wide must be provided on both sides of the bow for your assigned boat number.
5. Joints and seams may be glued and/or taped. Duct tape, contact cement, rubber cement, or construction adhesive may be used. Screws and other metal fasteners may be used during the construction of the boat as long as they are removed when the boat is complete.
6. Design is builder's choice. Let your "imagination" reign supreme!! Decorations may be made from any material but may not be used to reinforce the actual structure of the boat. A minimum of 50% of the boat's volume must remain as part of the boat when raced. Failure to meet this rule will result in a 20 second penalty in each race entered. An undecorated, white space 4" x 8" must be provided on each side of the bow so the boat number can be applied during registration.
7. Boats will be inspected and may be disqualified if found in violation of the above General Rules, (with the exception of rule # 6 which results in a 20 second time penalty).
8. No boat will be allowed to leave the starting gate unless all persons on board are wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) and shoes. (Participants will provide their own PFDs, and paddles)
9. Prior to the races, boats will be judged in the following categories: *Pride of the Fleet (best constructed)*, *Best Decorated*, *Best Team Effort*, *Most Whimsical* and the *People's Choice*. Before and during the race teams will be judged for *Team Spirit* (dress, involvement with spectators, team spirit during race & sportsmanship) Note: *Individual, Family, Youth group/clubs and Business teams will be judged separately with trophies being awarded to each group, with the exception of the Pride of the Fleet & People's Choice awards.*
10. During the races each event will be timed and awards given to the fastest times in each division. A maximum of two boats will race at one time. There will also be a *Titanic Award* for the most spectacular sinking. (Intentional sinking will disqualify a team.)
11. Boat clubs may have multiple teams paddling the same boat in any event/category. You must notify the Race Chairman a week prior to the event with the number of teams you will have and in which event(s) they will be paddling. Boats registered in multiple races will pay the full fee for the first race and half fee for subsequent races.
12. All entrants must ensure that their portion of the pit area has been cleaned prior to departure after the race. All boats must be removed or cut apart and placed in the provided recycled cardboard containers.

Note: Rules are subject to change. All registered participants and sponsors will be notified in writing if changes are made. For answers to questions about the rules email: Steve Childers at: snchilders@comcast.net