

Cardboard Boat Race Rules

Materials

Cardboard, Duct Tape, Packing Tape, Permanent Markers, Hot Glue, Rope or String

Rules

1. Only the items listed above may be used to build boats. Cardboard tubes are permitted but cannot have wood or plastic used to cap the ends. No pre-treated or waxed cardboard is permitted.
2. Design is the builder's choice. Make your boat look like a race car, a yacht, dragon, flying saucer.... Let your imagination reign supreme.
3. Only permanent markers can be used to decorate your boat or colored duct tape. Use of paint, stickers, etc. will result in disqualification.
4. You must provide your own oar or the paddle. The paddle may only be used to propel the boat. Oars may be made of any material. Rafts or flat boats which use legs for propulsion are not allowed.
5. Each participant must wear a Coast Guard Approved Lifejacket at all times when in or on the water, otherwise, the team will be disqualified. Each participant is responsible for providing their own lifejacket. All participants are required to wear a life jacket. (Please contact the Y if you do not have a lifejacket)
6. Each boat must carry at least two team members and a max of 4.
7. Boats must be built prior to the race. All boats must pass inspection prior to racing.
8. Team members who start the race must finish the race without leaving the interior of the boat. If a team member exits the boat for any reason during the race, the team will be disqualified.
9. When a boat is finished the race, the team must remove the boat and any leftover cardboard debris from the water area and dispose of it at the designated trash area.
10. Teams are not allowed to sabotage anyone else's boat. Any rough housing in the water will lead to disqualification.

11. All Participants must be wearing a bathing suit and shorts (no denim).
12. Team members must supply their own towels.
13. Judging will be based on 3 categories – Design Star Award, Titanic, and Speed Boat Award.

Suggestions

- Bring a supply of towels.
- Bring a change of clothes, you WILL get WET!!
- Most importantly... Have FUN!!!

Awards

- Speed Boat Award for the team that completes the race in the fastest amount of time.
- Titanic Award for the most spectacular sinking
- Design Star Award for the best design and theme (including boat and crew)

3 Divisions:

- o Youth (ages 8-16)
- o Adult + Youth
- o Adult Only (Ages 16+)

Teams:

Minimum of 2 people per team, max of 4.