

CARDBOARD BOAT RULES

Construction Material & Rules

- The **entire** boat must be built from cardboard & duct tape. Tape may be used to reinforce seams.
- 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.
- Paint or varnish can be used for waterproofing and decorating. No painting or varnishing is allowed on the day of the event, all painted & varnished cardboard must be **fully** cured prior to boat launch.
- Decorations are allowed and encouraged provided they are not used as structural or flotation elements.
- Crew costumes are encouraged.
- Participants can build their boat at camp or bring finished boat from home to camp. Participants may also partially build at home and do final assembly at camp. However, please keep in mind the wet paint rule from above. There will be **limited** time to build boats at camp.
- **No** boat building supplies are provided at camp. (We will have a limited number of paddles and life jackets that can be borrowed)
- Design is left to builder(s). Let your imagination take over.
- Enter as many boats per church and age division as you desire.
- **No** individual is allowed to ride in more than one boat.
- **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. Canoe type paddles only. **No** boat oars.
- Only 2 canoe paddles per boat (bring your own paddles).
- **No** surfboard style boat is allowed.
- The crew compartment **cannot** be enclosed so as to interfere with escape.

JUDGES DECIDE ON THE INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES.

Participation & Boat Classifications:

- Guppy, age 11 and under
- Dolphin, age 12 and over
- Whale, age 18 and over

Participant Rules

- Every crew member must wear a personal flotation device (PFD) (bring your own).
- Each boat must have 2 passengers.
- 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 flotation of the vessel.
- Throwing water on another boat is reason for disqualification, unless said water comes from the incidental splash of a paddle or other propulsive device.
- 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. Any sunken remains must be completely removed from the water by the crew (or adult helpers).
- This is a fun event! Any behavior that is deemed to be detrimental to the event or other participants will result in team disqualification.

Awards

- 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.