

# CORNELIUS CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA



## RULES & REGULATIONS



## BOAT CONSTRUCTION

1. The entire boat must be built of cardboard.
2. Cardboard may be as thick as you want and may be layered together. Cardboard carpet tubes or similar tubes may be used. Any type of pre-treated or coated cardboard that has been processed in such a way as to waterproof the cardboard may NOT be used.
3. Duct tape, packing tape, or strapping paper tape may be used. Tape may not be used more than 3 inches from a seam or edge. Elmer's school glue or wood glue may be used to bind layers of cardboard together, but it is not permitted to join seams. Cardboard cannot be bonded by any other substances.
4. Metal or plastic staples, clamps, nails, screws, saran wrap, plastic sheets, flotation devices, Styrofoam, etc., may NOT be used. Boats found to be using these items will be disqualified from the race.
5. Boats may be painted with water-based latex or acrylic paint. The paint must be dry before the boat enters the water. Tar, wax, caulk, silicone, fiberglass resins, 2-part glues, or epoxy glues are prohibited.
6. During the race, all the crew members must be inside or on top of your boat. Where the crew sits may not be enclosed (for safety). The boat crew must be able to get IN and OUT of the boat easily. Boats will be launched from a beach, not from a dock, so all sailors will enter from the ground.
7. The propulsion system may NOT be motor or kick power. Any oars or paddles may be made of any material or store-bought. Teams must bring their own paddles or oars.
8. No electrical power sources will be allowed on any boat once in contact with the water.
9. All boats need a name. Boats may be painted and lettered. Props and decorations are permitted (and encouraged!) if they do not add stability or buoyancy to the boat. *Decorations and names must be appropriate for children (keep it PG), non-discriminatory, and politics-free.*
10. The use of paper mâché is allowed, but only on the decorative elements of the boat.



## RACE SAFETY

1. Coast Guard approved life jackets must be worn by all sailors during the race. We encourage you to bring your own if you have one, but we will have life jackets available for those who need them.
2. There is no limit to the number of sailors; however, all sailors must fit inside the boat. Not all team members have to sail. All sailors must be at least 8 years of age. There must be one person 18 years or older in the boat. All sailors inside the boat must be strong swimmers.
3. Teams must bring their own paddles or oars.
4. Teams should nominate a captain to attend the Captain's Meeting, which will take place before races begin on race day.
5. Teams are also allowed to have two "crew" members on the beach to assist with the race start/finish.
6. Participants must remove all potentially dangerous objects from their pockets, such as pointy objects, knives, pens, etc.
7. Teams are not allowed to sabotage anyone else's boat. Roughhousing in the water may lead to disqualification.
8. Each team is responsible for transporting their boat to the park for race day, getting their boat into the water, and disposing of their boat after the race. A dumpster will be provided for disposal.
9. Races will be timed by staff. The shortest times will be our 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Other prizes include Best Decorated, which will be decided by a panel of judges, People's Choice, and the Titanic Award (best sinking).

HAVE FUN! This is a family-friendly event. While a little healthy competition is GREAT, let's demonstrate good sportsmanship and be kind and courteous to all staff, volunteers and other teams.

Tag us in your boat creation photos on social media! @corneliusparksandrec on both Facebook and Instagram.

**Need large cardboard?** Teams can pick up cardboard at Cornelius Town Hall either March 27 from 4-6 p.m. or April 5 12 – 1 p.m. An SUV, truck or trailer is recommended for cardboard pick up.