

Cardboard Boat Regatta

Saturday July 13, 2024

Location: Towne Center Park

Registration begins at 3:00pm

Races starts at 4:00pm

General Rules

- Only 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. No solid cardboard and no carpet roll tubes may be used.
- Wood, metal, Styrofoam, 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.
- No material such as Styrofoam or rubber inflation devices may be used to provide “buoyancy” or maintain flotation. No sandbags or similar materials may be used for ballast.
- Hulls may be painted with any “one-part” paint. No epoxy glues, fiberglass resins or “multi-part” varnishes or paints may be used. Tar based substances like roof coatings are not permitted.
- Single or double-sided paddles may be used. Paddles must be provided by contestant/s.
- Competitors under the age of 18 must have parental permission to participate. Parent must be present.
- Design is builder’s choice. Let your “imagination” reign supreme! 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.
- Decorations may be made from any material but may not be used to reinforce the actual structure of the boat.
- Each boat will have one opportunity to get the best time.
- 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.)**
- Boats are subject to inspection and disqualification for each violation of the above General Rules
- During the races, each event will be timed and awards given to the fastest times in each event. There will also be the Titanic Award for the most spectacular sink as well as best theme.

**Note: Rules are subject to change. All participants will be notified before event of any changes
Questions? Call parks department: (815) 741-7710**