

# Cardboard Boat Regatta Rules

## Only Approved Materials Allowed

Cardboard, Duct Tape, Packing Tape, Hot Glue, Wood Glue

## Rules

1. Each participant must wear a PFD at all times when in or on the water.
2. Participants must be visible in the boat during the race- no full enclosures. The boat's passenger area must not be enclosed above the occupant's shoulders so as to interfere with escape should the vessel begin to sink.
3. Only the materials listed above may be used to build boats. Cardboard tubes are permitted but cannot have anything used to cap the ends. No pre-treated or waxed cardboard is permitted. No flex seal type products.
4. Design is the builder's choice. Make your boat look like a race car, yacht, dragon, flying saucer..... Let your imagination reign supreme. Crew costumes are permitted and even encouraged!!
5. Only colored duct tape can be used to decorate your boat. Use of paint is not allowed so as not to harm the marine life in the lake or the wildlife in and around the lake.
6. **No wrapping the boat in tape.** Tape may be used to reinforce the bottom of the boat and any seams, but the boat cannot be wrapped in tape. The hull may not be wrapped in any plastic, duct tape, shrink wrap or anything else.
7. 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.
8. Paddles will be provided, or you may bring your own. All types of paddles are allowed. The paddle may only be used to propel the boat. Paddles may be made of any material. Rafts or flat boats which use legs for propulsion are not allowed.
9. Boats must be propelled by the use of paddle and/or hands while seated in the boat.
10. Each troop/pack may have multiple entries, however, no individual scout may be associated with more than one entry.
11. Each boat must carry no more than two team members.

12. Boats may be built prior to the event. All boats must pass inspection prior to racing. If too much tape is used on the bottom of the boat, the team will have a chance to remove the tape before being admitted. If any illegal items used in construction are discovered during the pre- or post- race inspection, the boat will be disqualified.

13. 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.

14. When a boat finishes 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. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REMOVAL OF YOUR BOAT-NO MATTER HOW SOGGY IT IS!**

15. Teams are not allowed to sabotage anyone else's boat. Any rough housing in the water will lead to disqualification.

16. All participants must be wearing a bathing suit and shorts (no denim).

17. Team members must supply their own towels.

18. Judging will be based on time at the completion of the race or distance traveled and time the boat sinks.

\*Any rule not specifically covered above will be left to the discretion of the judges.

## **Suggestions**

- Bring a supply of towels.
- Bring a change of clothes, **YOU WILL GET WET!!**
- Most importantly... **HAVE FUN!!!**

## **Awards**

3 Divisions:

- Cub Scout/Webelos
- Scouts BSA
- Outlaw (this can include siblings, adults, etc)

Clipper Cup-Fastest of the Day

Titanic Award-Most dramatic sinking

Spirit Award-Best decorated/most creative boat and costumes