

Port of Toledo

2023 Cardboard Boat Race

Boat Building Rules

1. The entire hull substructure and seating MUST be made of non-coated corrugated containerboard (normal box material). Any thickness is allowed.
2. Containerboard tubing is allowed. The tubing cannot be filled with anything.
3. The hull may NOT be wrapped in duct tape, plastic, shrink wrap or anything else.
4. ONLY seams and joints on the boat can be taped (not the entire boat).
5. Only one part glue can be used.
6. Absolutely no use of the following products under any circumstances:
 - Tar based substances
 - two part varnishes
 - fiberglass resin
 - spray foam or any other float aids
 - epoxy glue
 - other two part substances
 - Corrugated containerboard that is coated or corrugated containerboard that is bonded to any materials.
7. Materials other than containerboard can be used for decoration but if it is determined that the materials can or will help the boat float, the boat will be disqualified from competition.
8. For your safety, passenger areas cannot be enclosed.
9. Boats CAN be painted using one part paints.
10. Containerboard Boat "STARTER" kits will be handed out at a specific date. Other containerboard can be used along with the containerboard kits as long as it meets the requirements of acceptable materials.
11. Only one boat kit per boat but groups can make as many boats as they would like.

Awards

(Awards will be handed out on Saturday after the final Race.)

Awarded to:

People's choice for creativity (All boats will be judged with 1 award)

Kayak and small vessels- 1st, 2nd and 3rd fastest race time **family vessels-** 1st, 2nd, 3rd fastest race time

Youth vessels-1st, 2nd and 3rd fastest race time **Best Sinking** (or closest to a sinking) - 1 award

Boat Racing Rules

1. All passengers must be visible while in water. (All passengers must be able to easily escape in case of sinking.)
2. There will be 3 boat categories-
 - Youth boat, ages 10-17
 - Adult/Family/Business- Larger boats
 - Small kayak style boats (no more than 2 occupants)
3. All boat occupants must wear protective floatation devices and know how to swim.
4. All boats will be propelled by paddle only. Any paddles are acceptable materials. They can be powered any possible way (bike pedal, rowing, stern wheel paddle, etc.) As long as it is human powered by paddle.
5. Children under the age of 10 must have an adult in the boat with them at all times.
6. This is a family fun activity. Absolutely NO drugs or alcohol allowed before or during the event.
7. Anyone not adhering to the rules will be immediately disqualified.
8. All entries will be subject to a complete inspection and approval at the time of registration.
9. There will be emergency boats in the water to help with rescue.

Boat Clean-Up Rules

1. Participants are expected to retrieve all materials that can be safely removed from the river.
2. Materials MUST be disposed of in a proper recycle container or hauled home. Nothing will be left for others to clean up later.
3. Emergency boats will also be available to help