

Georgia Pacific Containerboard Boat Contest

Georgia-Pacific Toledo would like to invite all interested parties to participate in our Annual Containerboard Boat Contest at the Port of Toledo Wooden Boat Show August 15, 2026.

Use your imagination and creativity (following the rules of course) to build a seaworthy boat. This boat is not simply for looks. We will have a regatta style race. Each boat will travel approximately 100 yards to a buoy, make a turn around the buoy and race for the finish line. Groups are welcome to make and race as many boats as they would like. The more boats, the better the race. Classes will be combined if there are not enough boats in any one class.

Race Classes:

Class 1- Youth Boat	This is for groups aged 10 to 17. Can be a family group, school group, youth group, individuals etc.
Class 2 - Small Boat	This is a class of boat that holds no more than 2 people
Class 3 – Large (Family) Boat	This is a class of boat that holds more than 2 people and is intended for family fun.
Class 4 – Double Take (2 X 20)	Two participants with a 20-year age gap.

Up To the Challenge? Instructions for taking part:

1. To make arrangements to pick up containerboard boat builder starter kit and registration packet, call **541-336-0222** (leave a message), at Port of Toledo Shop 625 Bay Road Toledo. Participants may also use their own materials following the **boat building rules** on website www.portoftoledo.org. To make other arrangements call Port Office 541-336-5207.
2. Build your boat!
3. Race Day – Between **9 am – 11 am** unload boat at NW A Street (cul de sac). Take your registration documents to the **Georgia Pacific** booth by 11 am. A pre-race meeting (**mandatory**) time will be announced at registration.
4. Races begin at 3 pm. Awards will follow immediately after the final race.

Awards:

- 🏆 People's Choice – one award for youth and one award for adult
- 🏆 Small Vessel – Fastest race time; 1st, 2nd, 3rd placings
- 🏆 Family Vessel - Fastest race time; 1st, 2nd, 3rd placings
- 🏆 Youth Vessel - Fastest race time; 1st, 2nd, 3rd placings
- 🏆 Double Take - Fastest race time; 1st, 2nd, 3rd placings
- 🏆 Best Sinking (or closest to sinking)





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 if 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.

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 4 boat race classes -
 - Youth boat, ages 10-17
 - Adult/Family/Business- Larger boats
 - Small boats (no more than 2 occupants)
 - Double Take (2 occupants/20 yr age gap)
3. All boat occupants must wear protective floatation devices and know how to swim.
4. Boats must be human powered and propelled by paddle only. Paddles may be of any construction including pedal, rowing, stern wheel paddle etc.
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. Participants are to follow directions given by rescue crews.

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 (provided by Dahl Disposal) or hauled home. Nothing will be left for others to clean up later.
3. Emergency boats will also be available to help remove boat materials from water.

Registration Form

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Boat Name	_____
Race BOATS CAN Register For More Than 1 Heat	<input type="checkbox"/> Heat 1 Youth <input type="checkbox"/> Heat 2 Small Boats <input type="checkbox"/> Heat 3 Family Boats <input type="checkbox"/> Heat 4 Double Take (2 X 20) Participants 20-year age gap
Participants EVERYONE IN BOAT HAS TO BE LISTED	1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____ 5. _____
Contact Number	_____
For Office Use: CHECK INITIAL NUMBER	Both Waivers Completed: _____ Staff Initials: _____ Boat Number: _____

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RELEASE & WAIVER GEORGIA PACIFIC

In Consideration of the undersigned participant's voluntary participation in the Georgia-Pacific Toledo Containerboard Boat Race (the "Activity") on that property of the Port of Toledo and the Depot Slough in Toledo, Oregon on the following date: August 16, 2025 and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned does hereby expressly and forever release and discharge Georgia-Pacific, its owners, agents and employees from any and all losses, claims, demands, damages, liabilities or expenses, whether or not based on negligence, including strict liability, resulting from or arising out of my participation in the Activity.

I hereby acknowledge that I am fully aware of the possible dangers and risks involved in my participation in the Activity. I further acknowledge that I have volunteered to participate, am in good health and have no known medical defects that are incompatible with the Activity.

I knowingly and voluntarily assume the risk of the Activity. I acknowledge that Georgia-Pacific Toledo can in no way guarantee my safety or welfare in the Activity as they are merely arranging for activities, services, and equipment to be provided for my participation in the Activity.

I understand and agree that I am solely responsible for any and all damages and expenses arising out of said participation. I further understand and agree that Georgia-Pacific Toledo is not undertaking to provide any care or treatment which may be required in the event of injury in connection with said participation.

(Signature of participant)

(Printed name of participant)

Date: _____