



Summer's End: Cardboard Regatta 2021 Rules & Event Guidelines

Competitor Rules:

1. **HAVING FUN IS MANDATORY!**
 - a. Crew costumes are highly encouraged.
2. **Safety** – The safety of the participants, spectators, staff, and competitions is the number one priority and should be treated as such for all races. **It is mandatory for all competitors wear a PFD while racing.**
3. **Competition** - Competitors must be seated while paddling once a race has started until crossing over the finish line.
4. **Boat Design** –
 - a. Boats and paddles must be made **PRIOR TO THE RACE**.
 - b. The boat's hull must be made **ONLY** of corrugated cardboard and sealed with duct tape, caulk, glue, latex paint, or varnish. **NO** reinforced cardboard tubes, only broken-down cardboard boxes.
 - c. If any illegal items used in construction are discovered during the pre- or post- race inspection, the boat will be disqualified.
 - d. Boats must be propelled by the use of cardboard paddles.
 - i. Paddles must meet the same construction requirements as the boats.
 - e. Boats must be completely enclosed or permit the crew to remain fully on top of the vessel (You are not permitted to have dangling extremities).
 - f. 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.
 - g. Boat design is left to the builders. Let your imagination take over; make your boat look like a race car, flying saucer, dragon, etc. as long as the decoration does not aid in the floatation.
5. **Pre-Race Safety Meeting** – All competitors must attend the pre-race competitor meeting held day-of the event.
6. **Conduct** - It is the competitor's responsibility to act in a sportsman like fashion, avoid collisions at all times and obey the rules and safety guidelines.
 - a. Overly aggressive contact and/or un-sportsmen like conduct will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification as the sole discretion of event organizers. Examples include but are not limited to:
 - i. Purposely obstructing or interfering with another competitor
 - ii. Causing damage or bodily harm to another competitor
 - iii. Use of profane language toward any persons or competitor

Event Guidelines:

1. Race Begins at approximately 3:00 p.m. and ends at approximately 3:45 p.m.
2. Teams:
 - a. Teams must be a minimum of two (2) people in the boat; and
 - b. Up to two (2) additional people are allowed at the start line to assist with boat launch.
3. Age Requirements:
 - a. No age requirements
4. Race organizers will determine the winners of the following categories:
 - a. Fastest Boats (**must finish race**)
 - b. Most Dramatic Sinking
 - c. Most Creative Design
5. Entry Fees & Prizes:
 - a. **FREE** - Advance registration is preferred
 - b. Prizes
 - i. 1st place = Avon Recreation Center Family Membership – 1 month for each category
 - ii. 2nd place = Avon Recreation Center Punch Cards Valued at \$54 for each category
 - iii. 3rd place = Avon Recreation Center Group Swim Lessons Valued at \$45 for each category
6. Race Type
 - a. Two points to navigate around and approximately 100-yards. Head toward first designated buoy, second designated buoy and return to shore.
7. Starting and Finishing Procedures
 - a. Starting Sequence – The start of the race shall provide a start timing sequence announced at the paddlers meeting that would give the boaters a 3-minute and 1-minute warning before the mass water start.
 - a. Beach Start and Finish – Form a straight line identified by physical markers at the beach as well as timing personnel.

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Summer's End Competition Courses
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