

MONTCLAIR'S INAUGURAL CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA

GOAL

build a boat entirely out of cardboard that can be raced 500 feet across Lake Montclair. Launching from West Beach, teams will row their boats to a buoy and back to shore.

AWARDS

Speed Boat Award: the team that competes the course in the fastest amount of time.

Shipwrecked Award: the team that has the most spectacular sinking.

Best in Show Award: the team with the best design.

SCHEDULE

Check in will begin at 10 AM

The race will begin at 11 AM

Boats will race in timed heats in reverse order of sign up.

LOGISTICS

Boats must be paddled 250 feet out from the beach, round a buoy, and return to the beach without sinking or capsizing.

DEADLINES AND MEETINGS

Sign Up Deadline: July 15th

Team Captain Meeting (Held via Zoom): July 19th at 6 PM

INSPECTION

All boats will be inspected prior to the start of the race. Judges have the right to use a probe to check for compliant material.

CLEAN UP

Teams must remove their boat and any leftover cardboard debris from the water and dispose of it in the designated trash area.

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BUILDING YOUR BOAT

MATERIALS

The boat must be made entirely of cardboard. You can use any type of cardboard, including corrugated or flat sheets. Cardboard may be as thick as you want and may be layered together. Participants are allowed to use cardboard carpet tubes or similar cylindrical tubes. However, the use of "Sono-tubes" or any other pre-treated or coated cardboard designed to waterproof the material is strictly prohibited.

Adhesives like glue, tape, and other non-waterproof materials are allowed for construction. Staples, nails or screws, clamps, etc. may not be used.

Boats are permitted to be painted using water-based paint or water sealers. It is essential that all paint and stain be completely dry before the boat is placed in the water. However, the use of tar, wax, silicone, fiberglass resins, epoxy glues, or Styrofoam is strictly prohibited.

Items above the water line may include decorative items like paper mache, rope, sail material, etc. to make your boat amazing.

DESIGN

The boat design should be original and creative. Think outside the box and come up with unique shapes and features.

SIZE LIMITS

Boats are limited to 6 feet wide and 12 feet long. There is no height limit.



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GET YOUR CREW READY FOR RACE DAY

ROWERS

There is no limit to the number of rowers allowed in each boat. One crew member should be named captain and must attend a mandatory captain's meeting on July 19th at 6 PM.



RESIDENTS AND GUESTS

All participants must be Montclair residents or their sponsored guest, in line with Montclair's guest policy, i.e. two guests per valid recreation pass.

STAY INSIDE THE BOAT

All crew members must be either inside or on top of the boat. The seating area for all crew must not be enclosed, ensuring easy entry and exit.

PADDLE TO VICTORY

The propulsion system must not rely on motor power or kick power. Oars or paddles may be crafted from any material or purchased from a store.

No electrical power sources are allowed on the boat.

BE READY TO SWIM

All crew members must be able to swim.

BRING YOUR LIFE JACKET

During the race, all crew members must wear life jackets. No life jackets will be provided, participants must bring their own.

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