

NEW BERLIN CARDBOARD BOAT RACE RULES AND INFORMATION

Construction Material and Rules:

- The ENTIRE boat must be built from **cardboard and duct tape**. Duct tape may be used to reinforce seams.
- Corrugated cardboard, carpet tubes, cardboard blocks can be found at recycling centers, appliance stores, department stores, discount clubs and electronic stores.
- Pre-treated cardboard such as waxed cardboard is allowed. **No paint or varnish is allowed on the day of the event, all painted and varnished cardboard must be cured prior to boat launch.** Paints and varnish are intended to be used as decorative elements only, not waterproofing.
- Fastening material is to be duct tape only.
- Hull wrapping in duct tape is allowed.
- Boats can only be propelled by canoe paddles, oars, or kayak paddles, **no flippers**.
- Decorations are allowed and encouraged provided they are not used as structural or floatation elements.
- Crew costumes are encouraged.
- Design is left to builder(s). Let your imagination take over.
- **NO** wood, plastic, rubber, inflatable devices, Styrofoam or fiberglass.
- **NO** caulking compounds, two-part/mixed adhesives, glues, epoxy mixtures or coatings allowed.
- **NO** electrical, gasoline, benzene, propane or chemical or electrical propulsion systems are permitted.
- **NO** surfboard style boat is allowed.
- **The crew compartment CANNOT be enclosed so as to interfere with escape.**
- Judges decide on the interpretation of the rules.

Participation:

- Encouraged by all.

Participation Rules:

- Every crew member **must wear a personal flotation device.**
- Crew sizes can vary (1) and up.
- During competition, crew must be in the boat, not towing it or holding it between their legs, swimming or allowing the life jacket to provide the floatation of the vessel.
- Throwing water on another boat is reason for disqualification, unless said water comes from the incidental splash of a paddle.
- Contestants are expected to maintain the decorum and dignity expected of a yachtsmen.
- Sunken or discarded boats must be disposed of in designated trash receptacle.
- **THIS IS A FUN EVENT!!! ANY BEHAVIOR THAT IS DEEMED TO BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE EVENT OR OTHER PARTICIPANTS WILL RESULT IN TEAM DISQUALIFICATION.**