

# NOTICE OF REGATTA

- EVENT:** HYC's Annual Great Cardboard Boat Regatta
- ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:** The Houston Yacht Club  
3620 Miramar  
Shoreacres, TX 77571  
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- RULES:** This Regatta will be governed by the International Cardboard Boat Rules as modified by the rules of the local HYC Cardboard Boat Fleet and by the Race Instructions, all as interpreted on an ad hoc and arbitrary basis by the Race Committee whose decisions for the purpose of this Regatta shall be absolute and Final.
- DATE:** July 4<sup>th</sup> 2020. Skipper's Meeting and Calcutta – 5:30 p.m.
- RACE AREA:** The Race will be held in the Inner Harbor of HYC around Pier 11 (or such portion thereof is navigated before sinking). Participants will assemble at Beachcomber for the Skipper's Meeting.
- FLEETS:** Fleets will be determined by size of bats, ages, number of crew aboard, whether built at home or on the spot, estimated life span, estimated PHRF Rating or any other reasonable (or unreasonable) criteria selected by the Race committee. A Fleet with only one (1) boat will be placed in the Anything Goes Fleet and will automatically receive a prize.
- MATERIALS:** Boats shall be constructed or corrugated cardboard and tape only (see Race Instructions).
- PRIZES:** A Calcutta will be held immediately following the Skippers Meeting. Prizes will be awarded based not only on finishing (or not finishing), but also on creativity, design, paint job, name, valor, dignity (or lack thereof) or other factors determined to be appropriate (or Inappropriate) by the Race Committee.
- RACE INSTRUCTIONS:** The Race Instructions will be available in the Club office and at the Skipper's Meeting.
- OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD:** There is no Official Notice Board for this Regatta.

**GENERAL RULES  
AND  
RACE INSTRUCTIONS  
FOR  
CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA**

1. Only corrugated cardboard may be used for hull construction. It may be of any thickness but must not be bonded to any other material, such as vinyl or coated cardboard. Non-Corrugated material may not be used, especially the kind with resin coating as found in casings. No solid cardboard is allowed (it also does not float well).
2. No large pieces of wood (such as 2x4s, metal tubes, or any other material) that would make the hull more rigid may be used. Restriction applies to the keel, stern, ribs, etc.
3. No material such as Styrofoam, ice chests or rubber inflatable devices (e.g., dinghies) may be used to aid in the floatation process.
4. Boat may use (a) manual propulsion such as canoe paddles, kayak paddles, oars, or (b) mechanical propulsion, including devices such as a paddlewheel which use arm or leg muscle power. This does not include swimming on a surfboard. No electrical motors or gasoline engines may be used. No sails may be used.
5. The propulsion and steering may be made of material other than corrugated cardboard. However, these systems should be independent and not tied in so as to strengthen the hull. No piece of wood or metal used in the construction of the propulsion or steering system may be over 4 feet in length. Points where the mechanism does through the hull may be reinforced with small blocks of wood glued in place.
6. Hulls may be painted with a "one-part-paint". No epoxy glues, fiberglass resins, "two-part paints or varnishes may be used. Graph-speed or other graphite paints are not allowed. Hulls may not be wrapped in plastic, duct tape or anything else. Joints and seams may be glued or taped. Tar-based substances like roof coating are not permitted.
7. Duct tape contact cement and rubber cement may be used on joins and seams, and water sealer like Thompson's may be used on the entire boat.
8. There is no limit to the size of the boat but must carry 2 crew minimum. No dummies allowed (subject to Race Committee definition).
9. Design is left to the builder. Let your imagination take over.
10. All participants must wear pfd's and shoes.
11. Destruction of other participants boats is expressly prohibited – especially by poor losers who have already sunk. No boat debris shall be left in the water and must be disposed of as instructed by the committee.
12. Boats may be built "on-the-spot or at home and brought to HYC. Pre-built boats may be subject to inspection by the Race committee for compliance with the rules.
13. Decisions of the Race committee shall be absolute and final: however, bribery and extortion have proved to be effective in the past.