

GENERAL RULES AND RACE INSTRUCTIONS FOR CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA JULY 4, 2017

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 a resin-type coating as found in casings. No solid cardboard is allowed (it also does not float very well).
2. No large pieces of wood (such as 2 x 4s, 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., dingies) may be used to aid in the flotation process.
4. Boats may use (a) manual propulsion such as canoe paddles, kayak paddles, or oars, or (b) mechanical propulsion, including devices such as a paddle-wheel, 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 goes 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 joints 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.
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 committee.
12. Boats may be built "on-the-spot" or at home and brought to HYC. Materials will be provided at the Beachcomber for those wishing to construct their boat on the day of the race. Pre-built boats may be subject to inspection by the Race Committee for compliance with these rules.
13. Decisions of the Race Committee shall be absolute and final; however, bribery and extortion have proved to be effective in the past.