

St. Patrick's Day Cardboard Boat Race Rules

1. The only materials allowed to construct a boat are cardboard and tape. It can be of any thickness but can only be bonded with tape.
2. Race is approximately 100 yards.
3. Each team member, whether racing or not, shall be required to sign a Hold Harmless & Release Agreement prior to participating.
4. Wood, metal, styrofoam, plastics, or other materials that would aid in flotation or make the hull rigid are prohibited. This restriction applies to the keel, transom, ribs, hull, etc.
5. Boats should be no longer than 12 feet and not wider than 4 feet.
6. No motorized propulsion allowed.
7. Paddles must also be made from duct tape and cardboard.
8. Participants must wear USCG approved life preservers. No boat will be allowed to leave the starting gate unless: all persons on board are wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) and shoes.
9. Participants will provide their own PFDs and paddles.
10. Teams may be comprised of up to six members, and with no more than three team members allowed to race in the boat.
11. Teams are encouraged to have a theme and costumes for the race. Life preservers must be worn over costumes during the race.
12. Motorized support boats will be near the race in case of capsizing, however race participants will be disqualified from race if physical contact is made with a support boat.
13. Participants are encouraged to bring a change of clothes.
14. Boats will be inspected by judges prior to the race to insure build guideline compliance. Judges reserve the right to require alterations and/or disqualify teams if boats are not in compliance.
15. For further clarification of build guidelines or to inquire about a specific build material, please contact Ryan Perque at ryan.perque@bayoulafourche.org

Race Objective:

The Cardboard Boat Race objective is for each team is to setup their vessel on land at waters edge, manually launch the boat into the water at the start of the race, then paddle down current to the finish line.