

CARDBOARD BOAT RACE RULES

The St. Helen Lake Association is proud to announce its Annual Cardboard Boat Race to be held Saturday, July 27, 2019 (rain date July 28th). **Races will begin at 3pm.**

Registration will start at 2pm.

We are encouraging all organizations (schools, churches, clubs, groups, friends, communities, etc.) to recruit energetic people to build a boat out of cardboard and see who can float it the fastest!

Teams consisting of 1 to 4 members may sign up for this event. Please be aware that each team must pay for their own materials. All participants must sign waivers to participate.

To find out how you and your organization may enter this exciting contest, please read the following rules:

Rules, Regulations, Tips and other general information---

Race Participants

- All participants will be **required to wear** a Coast Guard approved PFD (lifejacket) of the correct size.
- All participants should wear protection on their feet to eliminate injury from stepping on shells or debris.

Cardboard Boat Requirements

CARDBOARD-

All boats must be made of normal, regular, ordinary, everyday corrugated cardboard. Cardboard manufactured for shipping (waxed, weather sealed, rolled, pressed, reinforced, etc) is not allowed. **We have a cardboard box source if you need assistance in getting a box.**

GLUE-

Glue is allowed. Two part or epoxies are not permitted.

PAINT-

Paint is allowed (water based). Two part or epoxies are not permitted.

TAPE-

Duct tape may be used over the seams ONLY. Please do not cover your boat with tape.

THE SPECIFICS:

1. Only cardboard or corrugated cardboard may be used. Cardboard may not have any wax, resin or vinyl coating.
2. Construction may begin anytime and boats must be complete prior to the race.
3. Wood, plastic or plastic wrap, fiberglass, metal, Styrofoam or other materials that would aid in flotation or make the boat more rigid are prohibited
4. Duct or clear packing tape, liquid nail adhesive, and contact or rubber cement are ok.
5. Tar, wax, Silicone, fiberglass resins, epoxy glues, staples, nails, clamps and screws are prohibited.
6. Decorations may be made of any material but cannot aid in keeping the boat together or afloat.
7. Boats may be painted with a water based paint or water sealer, like Thompson's Water Seal Stain. All paint and sealer must be dry before the boat enters the water.
8. Only oars, paddles or wind may be used to propel the boat. Oars, paddles and sails may be made out of any material. (If you cannot provide your own oar you must propel your boat through the water using your hands.)
9. All participants must wear personal flotation devices (PFDs) throughout the race. Participants will provide their own PFDs.
10. Passengers in your boat must not be enclosed above their shoulders. All passengers must be visible while the boat is in the water.
11. Each team must remove their entire boat and any boat remains from the water when the race is finished.

THE RACE:

1. Each participant is required to sign a Release of Liability waiver. If you are under 18 years of age, you must have a parent or guardian sign the waiver for you.
2. You must provide your own oar, paddle or sail that can only be used to propel the boat.
3. All boats with crew must pass through the staging area prior to

racing. This will allow race officials to verify items such as PFDs, foot protection, floats on the boats, etc.

4. Teams are not allowed to sabotage other boats. Any "rough-housing" in the water will lead to disqualification.
5. Boats will make one complete lap around the course and will have completed the race when all the crew and at least 80% of the boats cross the finish line. NOTE: The Captain and crew must still be in the boat when it crosses the finish line.

The course will consist of:

- A)** A line of buoys indicating the start line
- B)** Two buoys, approximately 45 yards apart indicating the finish or ½ way point. These will identify the length of the course for each race. One way for 6-9 and 10–13 year olds. Out and back for 14 and up age groups. Weather or other unforeseen event may alter the marked racecourse or length of race.
- C)** At no time are the paddles, oars, or any other methods of propulsion to touch the bottom (no poling or walking). Propulsion will be strictly limited to contact with the water.
- D)** The age of crew members will determine racing category of a boat. (Oldest person in your boat will determine your racing category.)
- E)** Please use caution as you leave the racecourse, others may still be racing and they may not have as much control over their vessel as you did.
- F)** The Team Captain (Skipper) is responsible for removing the vessel from the water.
- G)** All decisions and interpretation of the rules by the judges are final.

Racing Categories

- A)** Kids – 9 and under
- B)** Youth - 10 to 13
- C)** Teens – 14 to 17
- D)** Adults – 18 and up
- E)** Businesses

(Additional information—go to www.sthelenlakeassociation.org or call 989-302-3195)