

# Patchwork Paddle Recycled Boat Race

Date: Saturday July 18 @10am

Rain Date: Saturday August 15 @10am

Registrations Due By: 7/10/2026

Cost: \$25.00 per boat

## The Challenge:

To design & build a person-powered corrugated cardboard and/or recycled materials boat capable of racing approximately 100 yards. (Possibly more than once!)

## Basic Rules for Racing

- Be SAFE and have FUN!
- Minimum age of 16 to set sail alone. Anyone under 16 years of age must be accompanied by someone 16+.
- All crew members MUST provide and wear their own Coast Guard-approved personal floatation devices, while racing.
- Registration is only required of the Boat Captain, who will serve as the point of contact.
- Participant Consent & Release Forms must be signed for every participant by either the participant, or parent/guardian if those participating are under the age of 18.
- No sharp objects on board vessels.
- No more than 4 human occupants will be permitted in/on any boat. All crew members must be friendly and reasonably warm-blooded.
- All crew members must be in/on the boat at the start of the race and when crossing the finish line to be eligible for prizes.
- Any boat deemed unsafe to others (or to the lake) will be disqualified. There will be a technical inspection prior to racing. Please see Technical Inspection Guidelines to understand how that will work.
- Paint, if used, must be dry before launching. Water-based paint only - **no oil-based**.
- Boats should be built prior to arriving to the greatest extent possible. There will be 30 minutes allowed for any assembly required.
- The "cabin" of the boat (where the crew sits) may not be enclosed. Maximum height of any cabin sides/walls is 3ft.
- Crew members are responsible for removing boats, boat parts, and debris completely from the lake and facility. PARTICIPANTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF THEIR BOATS. (off site)

## Supplies and Materials

All crew members **MUST HAVE** a Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device according to type (I, II, III), size, and buoyancy. Participants must supply their own.

## Supplies, Materials, and Recycled Boat Building Guidelines:

- Almost anything goes - as long as it's not dangerous or polluting! Materials **cannot** have been part of a real boat or flotation toy/device in any previous form.
- You **CAN** use soda bottles, milk jugs, plastic sleds, plastic swimming pools...use your imagination!
- And of course, you must recycle your boat and all materials once the race is over!
- Only seams and joints may be taped or glued/caulked.
- Absolutely **NO** use of the following items: tar-based substances, epoxy glue, fiberglass resin, and two-part varnishes.



### NOT Okay Materials

- No materials that will pollute the lake
- No Staples
- No Sharp Objects
- No laminated, waxed, oiled, or peeled surfaces
- No oil based paints
- Any part of a previous boat or flotation device

### Okay Materials

- Plastic or wooden brooms
- Flat canoe paddles (no double/kayak or "scoop" paddles)
- Caulk and/or glue
- Duct or paper tape in any amount
- Latex based paint
- Plastic bottles, jug, and other recycled plastic

## Technical Inspection Guidelines:

This is in no way a safety inspection. By participating in this race all crew members do so at their own risk.

- 1). All boats must be inspected to ensure they meet the rules and regulations.
- 2). You will have the opportunity to fix any problems.
- 3). Boats that do not pass inspection are ineligible for awards, but if deemed appropriate to do so, may be allowed to race.

## Additional Information:

Parking is free for all registered participants and spectators including non-residents between the hours of 9am and 10am the morning of the race. Racers should arrive no later than 9:30am to check in. The Race will start at 10am sharp.

Boats must be carried from the parking lot down to the shoreline prior to racing. Please keep this in mind while planning and constructing your boat.