



Cardboard Boat Regatta

Join us at the Cardboard Boat Regatta! The regatta challenges the Derby community to design, build and navigate boats made entirely from corrugated cardboard and duct tape. The regatta is open to participation for teams of up to 4 people of all ages. Racers are welcome to stay once the event ends.

Awards will be given for the following:

- ◆ Titanic Award: most spectacular sinking boat
- ◆ The Enterprise Award: most creative design
- ◆ The Pontoon Award: stayed afloat the longest
- ◆ The Yacht Award: best decorated boat
- ◆ Power Boat Award: quickest boat

Race Rules:

- ◆ Crew members may consist of 2 – 4 people
- ◆ Each crew member in the vessel must wear a PFD
 - ◆ PFD's will be provided to use during the event
- ◆ Each crew member's body must be fully contained within the boat structure
 - ◆ No rafts or surf-style boards are permitted
- ◆ Races will begin in the water at the wall with crew members in the boat
 - ◆ Boats can only use oars to make forward progress
 - ◆ No swimming, kicking or towing of boats will be allowed
- ◆ Boats will be inspected for rule compliance prior to the race beginning
 - ◆ Boats deemed non-compliant will not be allowed to race

Construction Information:

- ◆ Boats must be pre-built and can be fine-tuned on site
- ◆ The entire boat must be made of only corrugated cardboard and duct tape
 - ◆ Corrugated bonded to other substances like vinyl or wax are not permitted
 - ◆ Duct tape may be used to reinforce seams only – you cannot wrap the entire boat in duct tape
- ◆ Any paintable "one-part" paint may be used as waterproofing
 - ◆ Epoxy glue, fiberglass resins, urethane or other two-part finishes are prohibited
 - ◆ Hulls cannot be wrapped in plastic or other materials
 - ◆ Paint must be applied prior to arriving at Rock River Rapids
- ◆ The crew compartment must not be enclosed or interfere with escape
- ◆ Boats must be propelled by the use of a paddle
 - ◆ Paddles may be made of cardboard or pool noodles are permitted