Anchor Boat Club Cardboard Regatta 2026

Rules & Event Guidelines

Build On-Site Race

HAVING FUN IS MANDATORY!

Crew costumes are highly encouraged. Please keep in mind this is a family event and remember, there are little ones around.

1. **Safety**: The safety of the participants, spectators, staff, and competitors is the number one priority and should be treated as such for all races. It is mandatory for all competitors wear a USCG-approved PFD (Personal Flotation Device) while racing or in the water.

2. **Boat Design**
   a. Boats will be made on site at Anchor Boat Club. Each team will be given equal amounts of cardboard and two rolls of tape. The cardboard will include one sheet of 4 X 8 ft. new cardboard. We suggest you do some research before you build. Any tools (straight edge, knives, etc.) you wish to use must be brought by your team.
   b. If any illegal items used in construction are discovered during the pre- or post– race inspection, the boat will be disqualified.
   c. Boats must be completely enclosed and permit the crew to remain fully on top of the vessel (you are not permitted to have dangling extremities).
   d. The boat's passenger area must not be enclosed above the occupant's shoulders so as to interfere with escape should the vessel begin to sink.
   e. Boat design is left to the builders. You can decorate your boat as you see fit as long as any decoration does not aid in the floatation.
   f. Competitors must be seated (kneeling, crossed-legged, etc.) and in the boat while paddling once a race has started until crossing over the finish line.
   g. All competitors will supply their own certified life jackets. Paddles will be provided.

3. **Conduct**: It is the competitor's responsibility to act in a sportsman like fashion, avoid collisions at all times and obey the rules and safety guidelines. Overly aggressive contact and/or un-sportsmen like conduct will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification as the sole discretion of event organizers. Examples include but are not limited to:
   i. Purposely obstructing or interfering with another competitor

ii. Causing damage or bodily harm to another competitor
iii. Use of profane language toward any persons or competitor

4. **Race Time:** Race Begins at approximately 3:00 p.m. There are several categories of races on the day so be ready for this event by 1:30. You will need to check in with officials between 10:00 and 10:45am. A rules and safety meeting will occur at 10:45 and you will be issued your materials at 11:00. You will have exactly two hours to complete your build.

5. **Teams**: Each building team will consist of no more than 6 members. One team member will be required to paddle the boat but there is a limit of two if you choose. Up to two (2) team members are allowed at the start line to assist with boat launch. Anyone in the boat must be at least 12 years old.

6. **Categories:** Race organizers will determine the winners of the following categories:

a. **Fastest Boats** (must finish race)
b. **Most Dramatic Sinking** (the Titanic Award)

7. **Entry Fees:** The entry fee for a build-on-site boat is $25.

8. **Race:** You will start near the beach. You may have up to two people assist you on entering the boat and starting. You will race out of the cove and around the deep-water buoy and then return to the start finish line. You will race in heats of at least 2 boats, but all races will be timed.

9. Good luck and have fun!!!