

Anchor Boat Club Cardboard Regatta 2026

Rules & Event Guidelines/ Competitor Rules

Pre-Built / Corporate Race

HAVING FUN IS MANDATORY!

This is a family event. Please remember to keep our young guests in mind at all times. Crew costumes are highly encouraged.

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 Floatation Device) while racing or in the water.

2. **Boat Design:**
 - a. Boats must be made PRIOR TO THE RACE.

 - b. The boat's hull must be made ONLY of corrugated cardboard and sealed with duct tape, packing tape, glue, paper tape, and/or latex paint. NO reinforced cardboard tubes and no wax-sealed cardboard, only broken-down cardboard boxes. No oil-based products or paint. No Flex-Seal products.

 - c. If any illegal items used in construction are discovered during the pre- or post- race inspection, the boat will be disqualified.

 - d. Boats must be completely enclosed or permit the crew to remain fully on top of the vessel. This means you cannot build a "surfboard" and hang over the edges.

 - e. 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.

 - f. Boat design is left to the builders. Let your imagination take over; make your boat look like a race car, flying saucer, dragon, etc. as long as the decoration does not aid in the floatation.

 - g. Competitors must be seated (sitting, kneeling, cross-legged, etc.) and in the boat while paddling once a race has started until crossing over the finish line.

h. Pre-Race Safety Meeting – All competitors must attend the pre-race competitor meeting held day-of the event.

i. All competitors will supply their own paddles and certified life jackets.

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 4:00 p.m. There are several categories of races on the day so be ready for this event by 2:30. (This time is subject to change depending on the number of entries).

5. **Teams:**

- a. At least one person must pilot the boat. All members that start the race in the boat must finish the race in the boat to qualify.
- b. No more than 6 (six) people can be in the boat.
- c. Up to two (2) additional people are allowed at the start line to assist with boat launch.

6. **Age Requirements:** All members must be at least 12 years old and less than 101!

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

- a. **Fastest Boats** (must finish race)
- b. **Most Dramatic Sinking** (the Titanic Award)
- c. **Most Creative Design/Costumes**

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.

10. **Storage:** Boats can be dropped off the night before and stored in our shed overnight or brought to the club on Saturday. All boats must be on site and checked in by 1:00pm.