

2024 Cardboard Regatta Rules

Kiwanis Park, 77 Old Norwalk Rd., New Canaan

Thursday, July 25th 11 AM-2 PM

Registration

- All Participants must
 - Register as a Team by July 22nd
 - ALL racing participants must provide their own personal floatation device (PFD) and must wear their PFD for the entire race. No PFD, NO Participation (New Canaan Library and Kiwanis Park will not provide anyone with a PFD.)

Teams and Racing Format

- Teams can consist of 10 members; however only 1-2 members can be in the boat for the race.
- Team members must be between 5-16 years of age (or camp counselors).
- Races will begin at approximately 11:30, 12:30 & 1:30.
- Swimming and/or pulling the boat will result in disqualification.
- Race must begin and end with the crew intact; if a team member exits the boat for any reason during the race, the team will be disqualified.
- Judges reserve the right to divide entrants into heats, depending on the number of vessels. Races will be timed to determine the winner with the fastest speed.
- Teams are encouraged to dress in the theme of their boat.
- Boats will race 1 length of Kiwanis Pond.
- Participants may only race 1 boat.
- Awards will be presented for: speed, team spirit, and best design/most creative.

Boat Design and Construction

- Boats must be made ONLY of cardboard, duct tape, packing tape, hot glue, rope, or string.
- Cardboard cannot be sealed with any paints or sealants.
- Only permanent markers can be used to decorate your boat; use of paint, stickers, etc. will result in disqualification or placement in the outlaw category.
- Boats must be made before the race and will be inspected by judges. If any illegal items are discovered, the boat will be disqualified.
- Boats may be a maximum width of 60" (5ft) and a maximum length of 84" (7ft).
- Boats must permit the crew to remain fully on top of the vessel (no legs & feet can be used to propel your boat). No raft or surfboard styles.
- Teams must provide their own oar/paddle. The oar/paddle may only be used to propel the boat. Oars/paddles may be made of any materials.
- Team members in the boat must not be enclosed above the shoulders, so as not to interfere with escape should the vessel begin to sink. Team members must be visible at all times while the boat is in the water.

- Boat design is left to the builder's imagination! Make your boat look like a race car, a yacht, a dragon, or even a flying saucer!
- Teams are not allowed to reinforce or adjust their boat in any way after the event has begun.
- When a boat is finished racing, the team must remove the boat and any leftover cardboard debris from the water area and dispose of it at the designated trash area.
- Teams are not allowed to sabotage anyone else's boat. Any roughhousing in the water will lead to disqualification.
- All participants must be wearing a bathing suit (NO DENIM shorts allowed).
- All participants must supply their own towel.