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# CARDBOARD REGATTA

## At Pirate Fest

Every competition needs rules, even FUN ones like this. This is so everyone is on the same page and equal footing. All boats will go through a pre-race inspection. We will have a trophy for fastest time, and most creative in each in division and 1 Davey Jones Award for the best “sinking”! All boats on display qualify for the People’s Choice Award. You can also issue a “Personal Challenge”. Challenge a competitor, different department or anyone! Winner gets a certificate!!

Please read the rules carefully. If you have any questions email us at [regatta@piratefestlv.com](mailto:regatta@piratefestlv.com) Remember the Cardboard Regatta is all about being creative, innovative but most of all having FUN!! Your boat entry is FREE, thanks to Zappos! “What floats yer boat?”

## THE RULES!

1. Contestants will compete in two divisions.
  - a. *Non-Business Class*- this is the group, family or non-business (1-6 crew)
  - b. *Business Class*– this is the business type of entry (2 and up, as many crew as your boat will hold.)
2. The ENTIRE boat in contact with the water, must be built from cardboard. Only corrugated cardboard may be used. It may be of any thickness but cannot be bonded to any other material such as vinyl. Non-corrugated material may not be used, especially the kind of resin or wax-type coating found in packing cases, unless for decoration only, above the waterline, not aiding in the flotation of the boat.. (see Construction Section)
3. Corrugated Cardboard, Carpet Tubes, Cardboard Blocks can be found at recycling centers, appliance stores, department stores, discount clubs, electronics stores.
4. Wood, metal, Styrofoam, rubber inflatable devices or other materials that would provide buoyancy and/or other materials that would aid in flotation or make the hull rigid are prohibited. This applies to the keel, transom, ribs, hull, etc.
5. No sandbags or similar materials may be used for ballast.
6. Joints and seams may be glued and/or taped. Duct tape, contact cement, rubber cement or construction adhesive may be used. No nails or metal or wood fasteners or staples may be used in the final construction of the boat. Keep the crew’s safety on race day in mind during construction!
7. Hulls may be painted with any “one-part” paint. No epoxy glues, fiberglass resins or “multi-part” varnishes or paints may be used. **Hulls may not be** “wrapped” in plastic, duct tape or anything else. Tar based substances like roof coatings are not permitted.

# Cardboard Regatta Rules

8. The crew compartment CANNOT be enclosed so as to interfere with escape should the vessel instantly convert itself into a submarine! Each crew member should be visible.
9. Decorations are allowed and encouraged provided they are not to be used as structural or floatation elements. **Decorations DO NOT have to be cardboard.** They just cannot be used to strengthen or help float the boat.
10. Boats should be free of sharp edges or anything that could pose a danger to crew members, contestants and/or audience members.
11. Each boat must carry a closed gallon plastic jug (or PFD) with 15' rope tether firmly secured to the vessel. (1 to 2 jugs.) Gallon jugs are to remain inside boat while racing; they are not to be used as floatation for the vessel. This is for use in locating and retrieving any sunken remains.
12. During competition, crew must be IN the boat, not towing it, or holding it between their legs, swimming, or allowing the life jacket to provide the floatation of the vessel.
13. Boats are subject to inspection and disqualification for any violation of one or more of the Rules. Every attempt will be made to bring the boat into compliance prior to disqualification.
14. Every crewmember must sign a "Hold Harmless" release before the race. Contestants must be 16 years of age. Under 18 must have a guardian signature on release form.
15. Every crewmember **must wear a Personal Floatation Device (PFD).**  
No boat will be allowed to start unless all persons on board are wearing a PFD and shoes. Participants must provide their own PFDs, and paddles.
16. Any participant thought to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be prohibited from participating in the race.
17. **NO** pets can occupy a boat during competition.
18. No loose items, especially items that may sink, are allowed on board.
19. **All glasses** (prescription or sunglasses) **must be secured** with an attached neck tether.
20. One legitimate dewatering device may be used to remove water from the vessel.
21. Sunken or discarded boats must be disposed of in designated trash receptacle. **BY THE CONTESTANTS.**
22. Contestants are not allowed to use any substance which might be harmful to the environment.
23. Be Creative and Have Fun!! "What floats yer boat?"

