

# Northglenn Pirate Fest

## *Cardboard Regatta Rules*

Every pirate needs a pirate ship and the Northglenn Pirate Fest wants its crew to build their own vessel to sail the seven seas (or maybe Webster Lake for this year). Please read through the attached rules, which cover usable supplies, proper boat building, competition information, as well as information for the weekend of the event.

Each group building a boat will need to register. Registration will be accepted up through the Pirate Ball on Friday, September 18 but pre-registration is preferred.

The Cardboard Boat Regatta is all about creativity, competition, and innovation in boat building skills. Above all, the regatta is about fun both during the boat building process and on the day of the race.

### Rules

1. The entire boat 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.
2. 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.
3. No sandbags or similar materials may be used for the ballast.
4. 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 in mind on race day while you are building your boat.
5. Hulls may be painted with any "one-part" paint. No epoxy glues, fiberglass resins or "multi-part" vanishes or paints may be used.
6. Hulls must not be "wrapped" in plastic, duct tape, or anything else. Tar based substances like roof coatings are not permitted.
7. The crew compartment **CANNOT** be enclosed. Crewmembers must be able to make a quick escape should the boat not float. Remember you are building a boat and not a submarine... Each crewmember must be visible.
8. Decorations are both allowed and encouraged. That being said they must not be used as structural or flotation elements. Decorations do not have to be strictly cardboard. They just cannot be used to strengthen or help float the boat.
9. Only seams and joints may be taped, not the entire boat.

10. Absolutely NO use of the following items: Tar-based substances, two-part varnishes, fiberglass resin, epoxy glue, any other two-part substances, or corrugated cardboard that's bonded to any material.
11. To qualify as a finisher in any heat, you must be IN your boat, not towing it in your teeth or between your legs.
12. No more than six humans allowed in any boat. All crews must consist only of friendly and reasonably warm-blooded characters.
13. All boat occupants must wear a properly fastened life jacket while in the boat or water (we provide, but if you have one feel free to bring it – we can use extras).
14. Boat occupants must wear shoes with a substantial sole. No flip flops allowed.
15. If you've been drinking alcohol (or using other substances that may impair you), you'll be banned from racing. Drinking can resume once race is complete.
16. If you don't want to take your boat home after the race, you MUST put it in one of the waste dumpsters in the parking lot on the West side of the lake. Please do not leave your boat on the grass in the festival area.
17. All boats are subject to a technical inspection for compliance with these rules. A boat must pass inspection to be eligible for any award or prize. You will have a chance to fix a violation and be re-inspected.

**Supplies** – The approved supplies in the building of your boat are as follows:

Corrugated cardboard, carpet tubes, cardboard blocks can be found at recycling centers, appliance stores, department stores, discount clubs and electronics warehouses.

### **Competition**

Competition rules will be supplied two weeks prior to the event to all registered teams. Questions regarding the rules can be addressed at that time.