

2021 Aquarion Cardboard Kayak Instructions & Rules

It's all about fun, but we still need rules. Make sure you follow 'em or you'll be DQ'd.

Timing:

1pm -3pm: Boat Building

3:15pm – 4:15pm Race

Awards

Overall Winner

Sinking with Style

Boat Building:

1. Teams must register in advance. No walk-up registrations.
2. Team captains should check in at the HarborFest information desk.
3. Boat-building teams can have a maximum of six members. The finished boat will be paddled by two members of the team.
4. Boats can be constructed from supplied materials only; No other materials are allowed in the boat building area. Each team will receive: eight sheets of corrugated cardboard, six rolls of clear packing tape, three rolls of duct tape, utility knife, yardstick and marker
5. Boat building take place 1pm-3pm for the all groups. A paddlers meeting will be held at 3pm.
6. The crew compartment CANNOT be enclosed so as to interfere with escape if your boat becomes a submarine! All crew members must be visible at all times during the race.
7. No loose items, especially items that can get snagged on the boat or that can sink, are allowed on-board. This includes phones and cameras.
8. Any costumes or decorations must be safe, buoyant and may not aid the structure or floatation of the boat. No sharp edges or pointy things!
9. Boats are subject to inspection prior to the race. Boats and teams may be disqualified for violation of any of these rules.

Crew Safety:

1. Crew members must sign a "Hold Harmless" waiver before the race. Crew members under 18 years old must have a parent or guardian sign the waiver.

2. Crews will be provided paddles and personal flotation devices (PFDs). PFDs must be worn correctly by each member of the crew for the duration of the race. No boat will be allowed to start unless both crew are wearing a PFD.
3. Any participant thought to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be prohibited from participating in the race.

The Race:

1. The race will consist of heats. The winner of each heat advances to a final race.
2. Paddles must hold onto the dock until all boats are in the water.
3. Once all boats are in the water, boats will paddle out and around a marker in the channel and back to the dock. Total paddling distance is 50-100 yards. The first boat to make contact with the dock is the winner.
4. During the race, the crew must be IN the boat, not towing it, swimming or allowing their PFD to aid the boat's floatation in any way.

Be creative and have fun!

Please contact hstarks@soundwaters.org if you have any additional questions.