



PORT OF BANDON CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA

PORT OF BANDON BOAT LAUNCH
July 4, 2026, 12:00-2:00pm

RULES AND REGULATIONS

THE MISSION:

To design and build a human-powered boat made of cardboard which is able to carry ONE passenger and complete at least one trip around the course. Our goal is to leave NO footprints; it is required that everything be removed from the water and disposed of properly.

\$10.00 Entry Fee (Entry fees go towards prizes at the end).

GENERAL RULES:

1. All participants must be registered and have signed the release of liability waiver by **11:30 pm the day of the event** in order to take part.
2. Be registered and arrive at the boardwalk adjacent to the Port of Bandon Boat Launch area not later than 11:30pm on race day.
3. There will be awards for 1st, 2nd & 3rd place finishers in each class. Classes consist of age groups 10 through 17 (youth) and 18 and above (adult). Additionally, there will be a Best in Show award for the most attractive boat and the Titanic award for the most spectacular sinking. Awards will be based on judge's points and judge's decisions are final.
4. It is **required** that participants use a **Coast Guard approved Personal Floatation Device** when in the race.
5. Each participant is suggested to have a dry change of clothes as well as towel for after the race.
6. Only **ONE** person may race inside each boat.
7. **No one under the age of 10 may participate.** There must be an adult present at all times to supervise juvenile participants.

CONSTRUCTION RULES:

1. The entire boat must be built from corrugated cardboard **only**. No pre-treated cardboard allowed. You are not able to use sonatubes, waxed or treated cardboard.
2. The use of tape and glue may be used to construct the boat. Caulking compounds or mixed adhesives are **not** permitted. Wrapping the boat in any material such as plastic or fiberglass is **not** permitted.
3. The compartment in which the passenger sits **cannot** be fully enclosed. The area must be open as to **not** interfere with escape.
4. The boat must have sides so that the passenger is situated within the boat throughout the entire race. The boat must be paddled. It is **not** permitted to be propelled through the water by any other means such as paddle wheels, wind power or motor.
5. You may decorate the boat if it does not affect the structural strength or buoyancy of the boat.
6. Waterproof the boat with latex paint, varnish or polyurethane (the part poly only). The use of two-part poly is strictly **not** permitted due to toxicity levels.
7. You may only use the materials listed below as 'permissible'. You may **not** use any other materials that would contribute to the structural rigidity or improve the buoyancy of your boat.

PERMISSABLE ITEMS:

- Corrugated Cardboard
- Cardboard Block
- Cardboard Tubes

FASTENING MATERIALS:

- Duct or Masking Tape
- Wood Glue or Liquid Nails
- Latex Paint

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Treated/coated, pasteboard or chipboard cardboard
- Wood, staples, clamps or screws
- Styrofoam or foam core boards
- Plastic, paper wrap or tarps
- Metal, metal foil, or metal paint
- Fiberglass or resin of any kind
- Silicon, epoxies, caulking compounds
- Wax or tar
- Two-part treatments, paints or adhesives

Upon Inspection, if you are found to be in violation of any of the 'rules of construction' your boat will be disqualified and unable to race. If this does occur, your entry fee will be forfeited and no refunds will be given. The Port of Bandon and the Organizers of the Cardboard Boat Regatta reserve the right to refuse participation to anyone. In addition, rules may be amended or added at any time by the parties mentioned.