



2nd ANNUAL BELTON LIONS CLUB

# Wacky Boat Race

Saturday, October 5th

Heritage Park on the Leon River

People's Choice JUDGING begins at Noon  
RACES begin at 1:00pm

## THE RULES (Even PIRATES follow rules)

### General Rules:

#### **USCG Approved Personal Flotation Devices Must Be Worn by ALL Crew Members**

- ⇒ Each boat will need a buoy line attached. All entrants must remove their boats or pieces after the races are complete. ALL debris MUST be removed from the water and placed in the designated dumpster. All crew members must sign a "Hold Harmless" release prior to the race. If a crew member is under 18 years old, the release must be signed by a parent or guardian.
- ⇒ The use of pyrotechnics (fireworks, smoke bombs, sparklers, etc.) of any kind will result in disqualification.
- ⇒ Crew members under 8 years old are discouraged. Age 8-13 allowed only if accompanied by parent in the boat.
- ⇒ Boats must be somewhere in between a doll's bathtub and the Titanic in size. Please take caution to avoid overloading the vessel.
- ⇒ Boats must be hand carried in and hand carried out via the ramp. Races will begin in the water with crews in the boat, at the floating "Start" line.
- ⇒ Boats are homemade - No part of an actual boat may be used in the construction - No motors may be used.
- ⇒ All boats are to be designed and built prior to the day of the race. There will be a designated area for the boats to be on display prior to the race for the Noon to 1:00pm judging of the creativity and People's Choice. All boats/vessels must be Wacky - no traditional watercraft allowed.
- ⇒ There will be two (2) categories: Cardboard and Wacky Open Class. Entries are Welcome from Business/Commercial; Civic Organizations; Individuals; and Families.
- ⇒ Prizes will be awarded for: Race Winner(s); People's Choice; President's Award; and Cardboard Class. A Jackpot race is planned for the end of the Race(s), for whoever wants to pay-in and participate.
- ⇒ All Event Prizes and Awards will be presented at 4:00pm (approximate), during the PICNIC in the PARK.

### The Race

- ⇒ Eliminations, starting at 1:00pm, will be 2-3 boats at a time in Heats; depending on the number of overall entries.
- ⇒ In order to give everyone as fair a chance as possible, we will try to run as few boats as is practical in each heat. To qualify for the semi-finals and finals, heat winners advance to the next round.
- ⇒ Multiple crews are permitted.

### Boat Appearance

- ⇒ Commercial Entries: Commercial names may only appear on a boat if it is a registered commercial entry and the commercial fee is paid.
- ⇒ Individual Entries: Anything goes - boat names, sayings, marriage proposals, or your Uncle Ralph's seldom-used nickname, but please refrain from profanity - after all, this is a family fun event.





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### Helpful Do's and Don'ts for Cardboard Boats

#### The Hull

- ⇒ The hull construction material must be corrugated paper more commonly known as "cardboard".
- ⇒ Any type of corrugated may be used i.e. waxed, waterproofed, etc.
- ⇒ All major and minor supports for the hull must be corrugated. No other material can be used to give the hull support.
- ⇒ Corrugated cannot be bonded to any other substance. This means vinyl coatings like saran wrap, plastic sheets, or covering the hull entirely with tape is not permitted.
- ⇒ Any tape can be used on the seams.

#### Other Boat Parts

- ⇒ Materials other than cardboard can be used for boat parts that are added to the hull. For example - wood, metal, non-corrugated cardboard can be used for oar locks, rudder, centerboard, support area for mast, etc. However, (and here is the catch) they may not contribute to the overall structural makeup of the boat in any but a minor way. So, if you have a 10 foot boat with 5 foot long oar locks that make the boat stiffer, it ain't gonna fly (or float) in the Race.
- ⇒ Oars, paddles, paddle wheels and other propulsion devices, such as steering systems, masts, booms, and sails need not be corrugated.
- ⇒ Seating need not be corrugated. Corrugated seats need not be removable and thus can be part of the boat structure. Non-corrugated seats must be removable and cannot be attached to the hull structure.
- ⇒ Any lone, rigid supports, other than corrugated whether attached to the hull or not, that significantly contribute to the rigidity and strength of the hull may not be used.

#### Waterproofing

- ⇒ Hulls can be waterproofed with any one part substance. There are many commercial preparations available - also, several coats of varnish, shellac, polyurethane or some house paints have worked well. SECRET HINT - don't forget to waterproof the inside where water can splash in. No tar or tar paper allowed.
- ⇒ Two-part waterproofing substances are not allowed. These include epoxy, fiberglass paints and varnishes that require the addition of a catalyst.
- ⇒ The hull may not be wrapped in plastic or any other substance. The hull may not be covered entirely by tape.
- ⇒ Multi hulls (catamarans, tri-hulls, outrigger type boats) - materials other than corrugated may not be used to connect hulls.
- ⇒ Sailboats - materials other than corrugated may be used for sailboat masts and sails.

### Helpful Do's and Don'ts for Wacky Open Class Boats

- ⇒ If it floats, it races - pretty much anything goes.
- ⇒ All boats/vessels must be Wacky - no traditional watercraft allowed.
- ⇒ Boats must be homemade - no part of an actual boat can be used - no motors may be used.
- ⇒ If you can dream it, you can do it!

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