



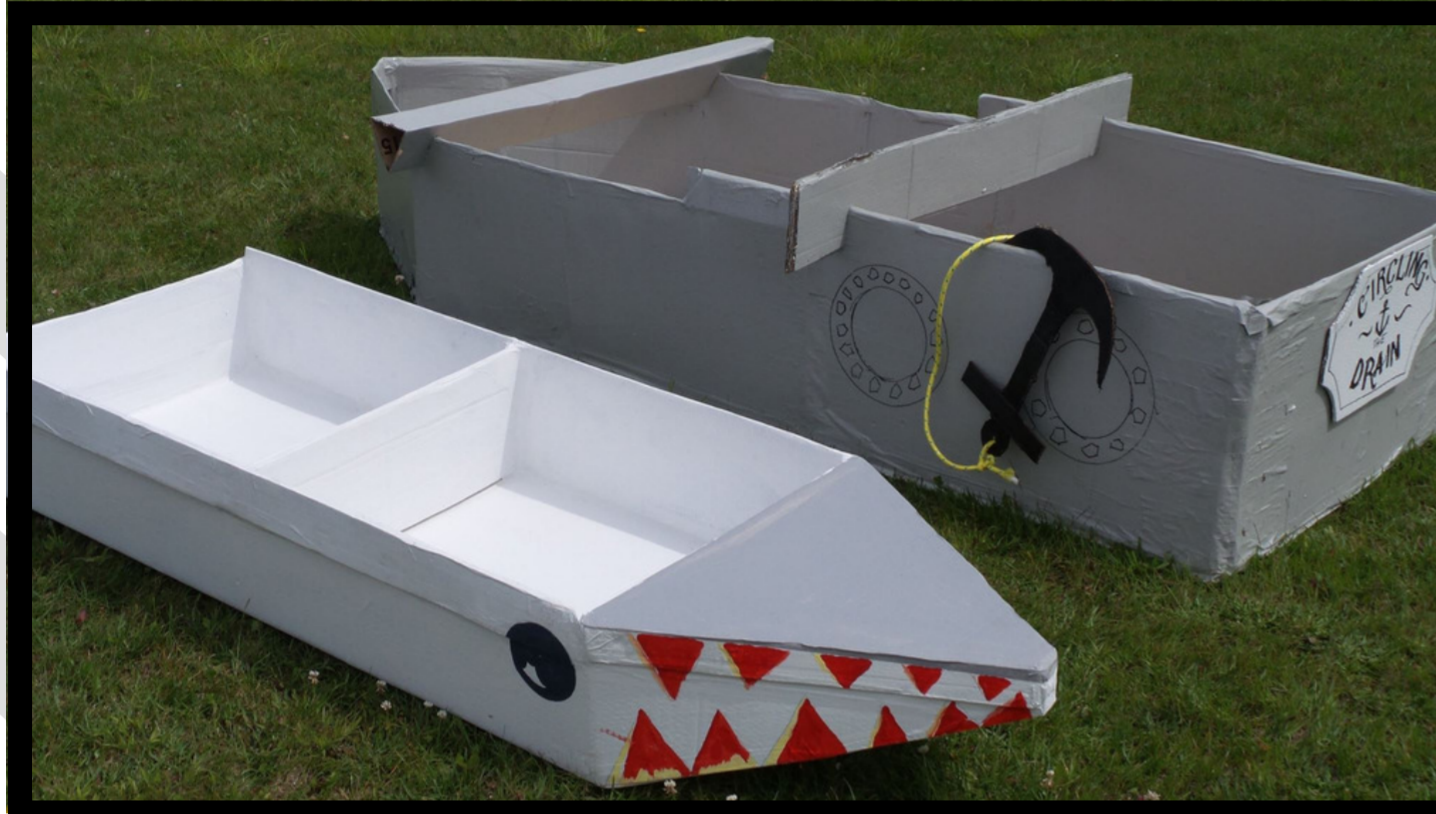
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Elkins Fish & Game Club

CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA

Youth Division Sponsored by New Hampshire 4-H



SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2017
PLEASANT LAKE
ELKINS, NH

New Hampshire 4-H is sponsoring the Youth Division of the Cardboard Boat Regatta at the Elkins Fish & Game Club's 5th Annual Lake-a-Thon! Youth must build, decorate and paddle their own boat but adult supervision is suggested to promote safety and design consultation.

- Youth division is open to ages 8-18.
- Entry fee is \$5 per boat.
- Awards will be given to youth for "Best Construction Design", "Best Creative Design", "Most Spectacular Sinking", and "Fastest Team".
- For rules and regulations please see the reverse side of flyer.

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2017 Elkins Fish & Game Cardboard Boat Regatta

Rules & Regulations

These rules are designed to ensure participant safety and a clean family friendly competition.

1. All participants must be able to swim.
2. All participants must wear a PFD (Personal Flotation Device).
3. Children under 8 years of age are not allowed to participate in the races but can enter a boat for judging.
4. All boats must be made entirely of cardboard. It can be of any thickness but must not 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. No solid cardboard and no carpet roll tubes may be used. No fiberglass, Styrofoam, plastic, wood, or other flotation materials or devices are allowed in the hull construction. No sandbags or other materials can be used for ballast.
5. Hulls may be painted with any environmentally friendly "one-part" paint. No epoxy glues, fiberglass resins or "multi-part" varnishes or paints may be used. Applied paint must be allowed to dry for at least 24 hours before the event.
6. Hulls may not be "wrapped" in plastic, duct tape or anything else. Tar based substances like roof coatings are not permitted.
7. Only joints and seams may be taped. Paper tape, contact cement, rubber cement, or construction adhesive can be used. No nails or metal or wood fasteners or staples may be used in the construction of the boat (small amounts may be used for removable decoration only). Caulking is not allowed.
8. The passenger area of the boat must not be enclosed above the shoulders of the occupants, and each occupant must be visible while the boat is in the water.
9. Boats must be free of sharp edges or anything that could pose a danger.
10. Boat dimensions should not exceed 8 feet long and 3 feet wide.
11. No rafts are allowed.
12. Any boat deemed unsafe will not be allowed to enter the water, and boats in violation of construction rules will not be allowed to enter the judging.
13. Boats may be propelled by oars, paddles, or convenient body parts. Oars or paddles can be made of cardboard or can be standard canoe or kayak paddles.
14. Any verbal or physical assaults on other competitors during the race will not be tolerated.
15. Participants are responsible for the complete removal of their boats, boat decorations, and boat materials, at the end of the event. All debris must be removed from the water and the harbor area.

Divisions

Open Division – Sponsored by Elkins Fish and Game Club

Open to teams with members ages 8 to 88 (or more).

1. Entry Fee \$20/ boat
2. Open Teams can consist of youth and adults (families) or just adults 18 or older.
3. Boats built for this division can be built, decorated and paddled by any team member regardless of age

Youth Division – Sponsored by New Hampshire 4-H

Open to all youth teams with members age 8 – 18. (Youth do not need to be 4-H members)

1. Entry Fee \$5/boat
2. Youth boats must be built, decorated and paddled by youth.
3. Adult supervision is suggested to assist with tool use, safety and design consultation

Entry Categories

Awards will be given in the following categories for both divisions.

- Best Design, Construction - is awarded to the boat that shows the most creativity in engineering and construction design and is presumably most seaworthy.
- Best Design, Creativity – is awarded to the boat that shows the most artistic creativity in design and decoration.
- Most Spectacular Sinking – is awarded to the boat that does just that. Not all our boats can be most seaworthy.
- Fastest Team – is awarded to the team that paddles their boat through the designated course in the fastest time. (Course is typically less than 100 yds.)