



## Summer's End: Cardboard Regatta 2023 Rules & Event Guidelines

### Competitor Rules:

1. **HAVING FUN IS MANDATORY!**
  - a. Crew costumes are highly encouraged.
2. **Safety** – The safety of the participants, spectators, staff, and competitions is the number one priority and should be treated as such for all races. **It is mandatory all competitors wear a PFD while racing.**
3. **Competition** - Competitors must be seated while paddling once a race has started until crossing over the finish line.
4. **Boat Design** –
  - a. Boats and paddles must be made **PRIOR TO THE RACE**.
  - b. The boat's hull must be made **ONLY** of corrugated cardboard and sealed with duct tape, caulk, glue, latex paint, or varnish. **NO** reinforced cardboard tubes, only broken-down cardboard boxes.
  - c. If any illegal items used in construction are discovered during the pre- or post- race inspection, the boat will be disqualified.
  - d. Boats must be propelled by the use of cardboard paddles.
    - i. Paddles must meet the same construction requirements as the boats.
  - e. Boats must be completely enclosed or permit the crew to remain fully on top of the vessel (You are not permitted to have dangling extremities).
  - f. The boat's passenger area must not be enclosed above the occupant's shoulders so as to interfere with escape should the vessel begin to sink.
  - g. Boat design is left to the builders. Let your imagination take over; make your boat look like a race car, flying saucer, dragon, etc. as long as the decoration does not aid in the floatation.
5. **Pre-Race Safety Meeting** – All competitors must attend the pre-race competitor meeting held day-of the event.
6. **Conduct** - It is the competitor's responsibility to act in a sportsman like fashion, avoid collisions at all times and obey the rules and safety guidelines.
  - a. Overly aggressive contact and/or un-sportsmen like conduct will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification as the sole discretion of event organizers. Examples include but are not limited to:
    - i. Purposely obstructing or interfering with another competitor
    - ii. Causing damage or bodily harm to another competitor
    - iii. Use of profane language toward any persons or competitor

Event Guidelines:

1. Race Begins at approximately 3:00 p.m. and ends at approximately 3:45 p.m. These times are subject to change based on registrations, weather etc.
2. Registration:
  - a. Pre-register online at [Active.com](http://Active.com) until 8am on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - b. Walk-up registration as space allows the day of available between 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
3. Teams:
  - a. Teams must be a minimum of two (2) people in the boat; and
  - b. Up to two (2) additional people are allowed at the start line to assist with boat launch.
4. Age Requirements:
  - a. No age requirements
5. Race organizers will determine the winners of the following categories:
  - a. Fastest Boats (**must finish race**)
  - b. Most Dramatic Sinking
  - c. Most Creative Design
6. Registration Fees & Prizes:
  - a. **FREE** - Advance registration is preferred
  - b. Prizes
    - i. 1<sup>st</sup> place = Avon Recreation Center Family Membership – 1 month for each category
    - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> place = Avon Recreation Center 5-Visit Punch Card Valued at \$54 for each category
    - iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> place = Avon Recreation Center Group Swim Lessons Valued at \$45 for each category
    - iv. Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place only, no prizes for participation
7. Race Type
  - a. Two points to navigate around and approximately 100-yards. Head toward first designated buoy, second designated buoy and return to shore.
8. Starting and Finishing Procedures
  - a. Starting Sequence – The start of the race shall provide a start timing sequence announced at the paddlers meeting that gives the boaters a 3-minute and 1-minute warning before the mass water start.
  - a. Beach Start and Finish – Form a straight line identified by physical markers at the beach as well as timing personnel.

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Available on Sunday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>

To play check in with [SUP.CO](http://SUP.CO) on-site at Nottingham Lake.

# Summer's End Competition Courses

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