

THIRD ANNUAL



# RIVERFEST REGATTA

## CARDBOARD BOAT RACES

Build and Race your Cardboard Boat at Riverfest 2009!

**Saturday, September 12th**

Sign-in begins at 9 a.m. at McGregor Park's Boat Ramp,  
Races 10 a.m.– 1p.m.

A cardboard boat regatta is an event where participants build their own boats using materials from a specified list and race them during timed heats with the fastest time being declared the winner in the respective classes. The course is 100 yards long. The Riverfest Regatta boats will be raced on the Cumberland River.

### CLASS I

Boats must be made of corrugated cardboard and propelled by paddles, oars, etc.

### CLASS I-ADULT/YOUTH

Same as Class I, but parent/guardian must accompany participants 12-17 years of age in boat

### DIVISIONS

- Adult Open
- Adult/Youth
- Business & Industry
- Church/Civic Organization
- Military

### APPROVED MATERIALS

- Corrugated Cardboard
- Duct Tape
- Silicone Sealant
- Construction Adhesive
- Paint

### THE COMPETITION

Boats will be run 3 per time trial. Each class will be run separately with the quickest time being declared the winner. In the event of a tie, both vessels will be declared champion.

### AWARDS

All boats/teams will be pre-judged prior to the racing competition. All awards will be announced and presented at the conclusion of the regatta.

**Ship Shape Award**-most creative boat design

**"Cardboard Queen" Award**-the prettiest boat in the regatta

**Team unity Award**-most spirited and most organized team (Looks don't matter here!)

**Team Attire Award**-most creative team costumes

**The Titanic Award**-awarded to the most spectacular sinking of your vessel, all components of your boat must be recovered to qualify.

**PLUS:** First, second, and third place in all Divisions if your boat makes it across the finish line!!

**ENTRY FEES: \$15 per boat for Individuals**

**\$25 per boat for Businesses and Churches/Civic Organizations**

**SEE BACK FOR OFFICIAL RULES AND DETAILS ON HOW TO ENTER!**

**Register by September 3, 2009!**

**RIVERFEST REGATTA OFFICIAL RULES**

- 1. Boats must be made only from the materials on the materials list. If, upon inspection, the boat has been made with illegal materials it will be disqualified from the race and any other competition associated with the regatta.
- 2. No contact of vessels or splashing of water during the race.
- 3. No motors of any type may be used during the competition.
- 4. All participants must wear approved coast guard life preservers.
- 5. Boats in Adult and Youth open are restricted to a maximum of 2 (two) occupants; Business, Industry and Church/Civic will be allowed 8 (eight) occupants per boat.
- 6. The team captain is responsible for the behavior of the team.
- 7. **All judges decisions are final, there will be no protests.**
- 8. During the competition, all crew must be in the boat, no towing, holding it between your legs, or using the life jacket to provide floatation.
- 9. **NO ALCOHOL.** Judges reserve the right to disqualify any competitor they deem impaired.
- 10. No animals are allowed in the vessels for the race.
- 11. Boats must be free of sharp edges, or other hazards.
- 12. Passenger area must not be enclosed above the shoulders of the smallest crewman during the competition.
- 13. Boat Dimensions – Boats will not exceed 15 feet in length from bow to stern, any boat in question will be measured and disqualified if over this length.
- 14. Registration and Judging – **All boats must be registered and present by 9:30am** the day of the race. If the boats are not on site they will be disqualified from award eligibility. The committee has the right to inspect the boat for illegal materials prior to or at the conclusion of a race. Any boat found using illegal materials will be disqualified from any and all participation in the regatta.
- 15. Races – Check-In begins at 9:00am. at the boat ramp area at McGregor Park and the regatta will start promptly at 10:00am. All boats will be launched from the courtesy boat dock at McGregor Park. All races will be run in timed heats and the fastest time **in each class** will be declared the winner. Each boat will be assigned a number to place on the boat for timer identification purposes. All results reported from the timers are official, and there will be no protests.
- 16. Boat launch area is for vessel drop off only. Vehicles and trailers must be parked off-site after unloading.
- 17. Disposal of Boats – All boats and parts of boats are to be disposed of properly by the team captain and/or team members. If a boat sinks, all debris is to be removed from the river. A dumpster will be on site for boat disposal.
- 18. Hold Harmless Agreement – Every competitor in the regatta will be required to sign a hold harmless agreement and the regatta registration form. If these forms are not complete when the boat registration is submitted, they will not be allowed to participate.
- 19. **Completed registration forms are due no later than Wednesday, September 3, 2009 at 4:00pm. to Riverfest at 102 Public Square, Clarksville, TN 37040.**

**RIVERFEST REGATTA OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

Captain's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Boat Name \_\_\_\_\_ Boat Class \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Crew \_\_\_\_\_  
Company or Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF CLARKSVILLE GENERAL INDEMNITY AND WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

I \_\_\_\_\_, on behalf of myself, my executors, administrators, next of kin, successors, and assigns, hereby agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the City of Clarksville, its appointed or elected officials, employees, sponsors, agents, and each of them, for any and all suits, actions, legal or administrative proceeding, claims, demands, damages, liabilities, interest, attorneys fees, costs and expenses of whatsoever kind or nature, arising out of my participation in the Riverfest Regatta.

I understand the inherent risk of my participation in the Riverfest Regatta, which will be held on the Cumberland River, and by signing have read and understand all the rules regarding this competition which are incorporated herein by reference and I agree to abide by such rules. I understand the rules and regulations regarding water safety and will not partake in the event while under the influence of any mind altering drugs, to include but not limited to, alcohol, illegal drugs and prescription drugs.

Further, I acknowledge that the Riverfest Regatta or any sporting event is an extreme test of a person's physical and mental limits and that my participation in Riverfest Regatta can cause death, serious injury, or property damage. These risks include, but are not limited to, those caused by the location of the event, facilities, temperature, weather, condition of participants, traffic, actions of other people including, but not limited to, participants, volunteers, spectators, event officials, and lack of hydration. With a full understanding of the potential risks, I HEREBY ASSUME THE RISKS OF PARTICIPATING IN RIVERFEST REGATTA.

I hereby consent to receive medical treatment which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident and/or illness during this event.

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*Attach sheet of names and signatures for additional crew members. Parent or Guardian must sign for any child under the age of 18.*