

25 Yard Dash Cardboard Boat Race

Rules & Regulations

Rules are intended to inform individuals and teams of the rules and guidelines for the Gladwin Conservation District 25 Yard Dash Cardboard Boat Race. The following rules are intended to be fair and equitable for each contestant and shall be followed by all participants.

Construction Material & Rules:

1. Boats must be built **BEFORE THE RACE**
2. The **ENTIRE** boat must be built **ONLY** of cardboard and duct tape. **NO** reinforced cardboard tubes. Only broken-down cardboard boxes. Only exceptions are decorations.
3. No resin, no resin paints, no fiberglass, no plastic, no laminations of any kind, etc.
4. Cardboard cannot be sealed with any sealants
5. Duct tape may be of varying colors for creativity but must have come manufactured in said color.
6. Decorations are encouraged - as long as they don't affect structural strength and buoyancy
7. There are **NO** maximum height or width requirements
8. Boats must be propelled by the use of paddle and/or hands
 - a. Paddles will not be provided; you must make or bring your own
 - b. Only one paddle per rower per boat
9. No physical contact will be allowed between the boat race contestants during the race
10. If any illegal items used in construction are discovered during the pre-or-post-race inspection, the boat will be disqualified

All boats must be displayed ALONG THE BEACH no later than 1:45pm, Saturday, May 23, 2026 at Ross Lake Park in Beaverton, MI. Boats will be inspected and on display 1:45pm to 2:15pm. The race will begin at approximately 2:30pm.

Participant Rules:

1. All participants must complete and sign a registration form prior to event
2. EVERY PARTICIPANT MUST WEAR A PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICE (PFD).
3. Costumes are highly encouraged! Let your imagination take over.
4. The compartment CANNOT be enclosed so as to interfere with escape. The rowers must be visible at all times. The rowers who start the race must finish the race without leaving the interior of the boat.
5. Crew must be in or on the vessel. You are not permitted to have dangling extremities.
6. During competition, the rowers must be IN the boat - not towing it, or holding it between their legs, swimming or allowing the PFD to provide the floatation of the vessel.
7. Throwing water on another boat is reason for disqualification.
8. Sunken or discarded boats must be brought in from the water onto land and disposed of per management's (Event Coordinator) approval.

Awards:

Participation Awards, Overall Best Theme, and 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Place for each Age Division *

Age Divisions:

9 and under (Adult assistance required to participate)

10-17 years of age

18+ years

*Age categories are subject to change depending on registration participants

For questions, please contact Marah (Event Coordinator) at Marah.Ranke@macd.org or 989-256-3147

