

North Liberty Cardboard Boat Regatta

Saturday, June 21, 2025

Check-in at 9:30 a.m. with Racing starting at 10:00 a.m.

Come ready to race with your homemade boat completed prior to the event.

Divisions and Prizes

Five divisions for competition include:

- Minors: Maximum of two children between the ages of 7-12.
- Teens: Maximum of two children between the ages of 13-17.
- Family: One adult and one child. Child must be 5+ years of age.
- Adults: Maximum of 2 adults per boat.
- Business: Maximum of 2 adults per boat.

Trophies will be awarded by City staff for the following:

- Speed Boat Award: the team in each division that completes the course in the fastest amount of time (or travels the farthest before sinking).
- One team – across all divisions – will be awarded the:
 - Titanic Award: the most spectacular sinking of the day.
 - Design Star Award: the best design and theme (including boat and crew).

Cardboard Boat Rules

All boats must pass inspection by aquatics staff to confirm only approved materials were used before entering the water. To protect the pool and for fair competition, only the following construction supplies are permitted:

- Corrugated cardboard
- Duct tape (including colored tape)
- Packaging tape
- Stickers
- Sharpie markers
- Crayons
- Paddles do not need to be made of cardboard. Racers may bring their own or use the provided event paddles.

Race Rules

- All participants will be required to sign a waiver of liability the day of the event prior to entering the pool.
- Team members in the boat must not be enclosed above the shoulders and must always be visible while the boat is in the water. Participants cannot lay down or stand up in the boat.
- Team members who start the race must finish the race without leaving the interior of the boat. If a team member exits the boat for any reason during the race, that will end the competition for that team.
- Teams are not allowed to sabotage anyone else's boat. Any roughhousing in the water will lead to disqualification.
- When a boat has finished the race, the team must remove the boat and any leftover cardboard debris from the water area and dispose of it at the designated trash area.
- Judging will be based on completion time of the race or distance traveled and time the boat sinks.
- Any questions concerning construction guidelines must be clarified before the day of the event and can be directed to amillard@northlibertyiowa.org.
- Life jackets must be worn while in the pool. (The Aquatic Center has child size life jackets available for use but adults will need to bring their own).
- All racing participants must follow the Aquatic Center requirements for swimming attire.
- No pets allowed.