

# CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA

The 10th Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta at the 2026 Canal Days is a fundraiser to benefit Fellowship Missions. In order to participate, all boats must fill out the waiver. Any and all proceeds will be donated to Fellowship Missions at the conclusion of the event.

## TEAM CATEGORIES

### KIDS

1-2 crew members age 10 and under

### YOUTH

1-2 crew members age 11-17; if crew consists of two members, one may be under age 11

### ADULT

1-2 crew members age 18 or up; if crew consists of two members, one may be under 18

### CORPORATE

1-2 crew members age 18 or up; organizations may have multiple teams participate (i.e. each department builds a boat; ladies vs. guys teams, etc.)

## BOAT DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

- Boats must be fully constructed before check-in on race day.
- Boats must be made of corrugated cardboard and duct tape ONLY. No reinforced cardboard tubes, wood, metal, rubber, vinyl, Styrofoam, or other materials that aid in flotation or make the hull rigid.
- Hulls may not be wrapped or coated in tar-based substances, epoxy glues, vinyl, plastic, fiberglass resin or anything else.
- Boat dimensions are not to exceed 5ft wide by 9 ft long; and must be enclosed enough to permit crew to remain fully on top/ inside the vessel.
- Paddles will be provided.
- You are encouraged to be creative in the design and construction of your boat. Decorations may be made of any material desired, but may not be used in any way to reinforce the structure of the boat, or aid in flotation and/or propulsion.
- Boats will be disqualified from participation if any restricted items are discovered during pre & post-race inspection.
- All boat designs must be family-friendly and appropriate for all ages. Any imagery, language, or themes deemed offensive, inappropriate, or disrespectful will not be permitted. Event organizers reserve the right to disqualify any participant whose boat design violates these standards. Disqualified participants will be asked to leave the event and remove their boat from the premises immediately.

## RACE FORMAT & RULES

- Maximum of two crew members on board each vessel during races.
- All persons on board must have a coast guard approved life jacket in order to compete.
- The boat will start at one end of the canal and race down to the other end and back. Each boat will be timed.
- The race must begin and end with the one/two person crew intact.
- Swimming and/or pulling the boat or the use of seawall will result in disqualification.
- Throwing water on another boat is reason for disqualification, unless the water comes from the incidental splash.
- Heats will be determined by age of the crew and based on the number of entries.

## JUDGING & PRIZES

- Check-in opens at 10am and closes at 11am. Boats must be ready to be displayed in "Boat Alley" for judging and inspection from 11am to 12:30pm.
- Boat Alley will be open to the public and is an opportunity for teams to showcase their creativity and craftsmanship. Canal Days guests will cast ballots to vote for "Best in Show" between 11am and 12:00pm. Please display your race number and team name on your boat so it is visible for Canal Days guests, as well as race officials.
- Winners in all categories will be awarded at the conclusion of all races. Prizes will be awarded for the fastest finisher in each category. Additional prizes include "Best in Show" based on Canal Days' guest ballots, as well as "The Titanic Award" for the most spectacular sinking (best effort NOT to sink before crossing the finish line).

Visit the following link to Register:

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Deadline to register is August 22, 2025

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