

Rotary District 5280

Cardboard Yacht/Boat Regatta Rules

Saturday, August 29, 2026

Race begins at 6:15 PM (per Seaside Lagoon) • **Boat check-in closes at 6:00 PM**

Eligibility

1. Each Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact Club may enter **one** boat. No club may submit more than one entry.
2. Rotaract and Interact entries will compete in the same heats as Rotary entries.
3. No substitutions of paddlers between heats. Every paddler must be capable of completing **two heats** (each heat is a 200-yard course) to advance.

Approved Construction Materials

Corrugated Cardboard Only

- Corrugated cardboard of any thickness is allowed.
- It must **not** be bonded to other materials (e.g., vinyl).
- **Solid cardboard** or cardboard with resin/wax coatings (such as produce boxes) is **not permitted**.
- **No foam, plastic, or wood** may be used in the construction of the boat hull.

Adhesives & Sealants

- Allowed: tape, water-soluble caulk or silicone sealant, water-based wood glue, and water-soluble outdoor latex-based primer paint.
- The hull **may not** be wrapped in tape, plastic, shrink wrap, or any other covering.

Decorations

- Decorative elements are unrestricted as long as they are **non-toxic** and **do not enhance flotation or propulsion**.

Equipment

- Clubs must provide their own paddles.
- Wooden paddles or paddles/oars made from wood are ok.

Inspection

- All boats will undergo a technical inspection prior to racing.
- Boats must fully comply with these rules.
- The **Rotary 4-Way Test** will be applied during inspection and competition.

Have fun - Be creative - Expect to get wet!!