

DAWSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE 8th ANNUAL BUCCANEER REGATTA

The Cardboard Boat Regatta challenges amateur boat builders to design, build and navigate boats made entirely of corrugated cardboard. Come and enjoy the fun as you watch the masterful maneuvers of boats braving the waves at Hollecker Lake. All boats must be built of corrugated cardboard. Other acceptable materials are duct tape, glue, caulking and paint. No cardboard and wood, no cardboard and plastic, no cardboard and metal. The only exceptions are the oars. These exceptions are not considered part of the boat and can be made of materials other than cardboard. All boats must be human-powered (no motors).

When: Saturday, August 26, 2023

Registration: 8:00am – 9:00am

Concourse de Cardboard: 9:00am – 9:45am (Voting for awards occurs during this time)

Race time: 10:00am

Where: Hollecker Lake Park in Glendive, MT

Goals:

The Dawson Community College Buccaneer Regatta is a fun-enjoy yourself, have a good time-race. Therefore, no matter how fast, slow, big, small, sensible, or outrageous your boat is, the first rule is that the boat designers, builders, racers, and supporters have fun. The race is open to everyone.

How to Enter:

Go online to dawson.edu – News & Events tab – Buccaneer Regatta OR register the day of the event at the registration table from 8:00am – 9:00am (pre-registration is encouraged). All contestants are required to sign the safety waiver prior to competing in the boat race. Minors must have responsible parent/guardian sign the waiver. Each boat must have a designated Captain.

Race Divisions:

- Student Race
- DCC Employee Race
- Community Race
- Voting for the best boat design will also be awarded.

Boat Parking: Location will be along the shore across from the picnic area. Turn left as you come in to the Hollecker entrance to unload your boat. Parking will not be allowed on the shore side where boats are unloaded. Signs will be posted. The site will be open at 8:00am. Voting for Best Boat will start at 9:00am. First race will begin at approximately 10:00am.

The Day of the Race...

Boat unloading will begin at 8:00am, Saturday, August 26th, and must be completed by 9:15am. Our Boat Unloading Crew will assist you. In order to create a safe and orderly area, all vehicles and trailers will be removed from the loading area to adjacent parking areas. Also, remember we must leave lanes clear for safety vehicles.

At 9:00am, the Concourse de Cardboard, will be open for public display and voting. Please feel free to decorate your area and display your boat so that the public can view your boat in all its glory. Bribing the public is not only allowed but encouraged!

Life jackets must be worn by all crew members when in boat. **You should bring your own.** Please remember everything you bring in must be taken back out and your loading area must be left clean. After the regatta, you must remove all pieces of your boat from the water.

Rules for the 8th Annual Dawson Community College Buccaneer Regatta set for August 26, 2023

Boats propelled by any kind of rowing oars or single blade canoe type paddles or other propulsion methods such as sails, paddlewheels, etc. (no motors allowed) will compete for the trophy.

A. The hull:

1. The hull construction material must be corrugated paper more commonly known as “cardboard”.
2. Non-corrugated cardboard may not be used.
3. Any type of corrugated paper/cardboard may be used, i.e., waxed, waterproofed, etc.
4. Any weight or thickness of corrugated paper/cardboard is permitted.
5. All major and minor supports for the hull must be corrugated. No other material may be used to give the hull support.
6. Corrugated cardboard cannot be bonded to any other substance. This means vinyl coating like Saran Wrap, plastic sheets or covering the hull entirely with tape is not permitted.
7. Any tape can be used on seams, but may not extend more than three (3) inches from a seam, edge or stress points.
8. You must be in or on the boat at the time of finish to qualify for a trophy.

B. Other boat parts:

1. Materials other than corrugated cardboard can be used for boat parts that are added to the hull. For example—wood, metal, or non-corrugated cardboard can be used for oar locks, rudder, centerboard, support area for the mast, etc. However, (*and here is the catch*) they may not contribute to the overall structural makeup of the boat in any but a minor way. So, if you have a 10 foot boat with 5 foot long oar locks that make the boat stiffen, it isn't going to fly (or float) in the regatta. Sheet metal is not permitted.
2. Oars, paddles, paddle wheels and other propulsion devices, steering systems, masts, booms, and/or sails need not be corrugated cardboard.
3. Seating need not be corrugated cardboard. Corrugated seats need not be removable and thus can be part of the boat structure. Non-corrugated seats must be removable and cannot be attached to the hull structure. Be careful here. If it's too large, the judges can consider it contributing to the hull structure and will not be allowed.
4. Any long, rigid supports other than corrugated cardboard, whether attached to the hull or not, that significantly contribute to the rigidity and strength of the hull may not be used.
5. Materials that provide extra floatability or buoyancy are not permitted (ex. Styrofoam).

C. Waterproofing:

1. Hulls can be waterproofed with any one-part substance. There are many commercial preparations available. Several coats of varnish, shellac, polyurethane, or some house paints have worked well. SECRET HINT—don't forget to waterproof the inside where water can splash in. No tar paper is allowed.
2. Two part waterproofing substances are not allowed. These include epoxy, fiberglass paints, and varnishes that require the addition of a catalyst.
3. The hull may not be wrapped in plastic or any other substance. The hull may not be covered entirely by tape. Use of tape: see rule **A7**.

D. Other Materials:

1. Sailboats: Materials other than corrugated cardboard may be used for sailboat masts and sails. See rule **B1**.

E. Safety:

1. All participants are required to wear Coast Guard approved PFDs (life jackets).
2. For safety's sake, boat should be constructed with easy entry and exit.
3. Participants must remove all potentially dangerous objects from their pockets, such as sharp objects, knives, pens, etc.
4. Hulls may not contain sharp or pointed objects, sharp edges, or anything else that may pose a danger.
5. Children 5 -11 years old may participate in the boats with an adult.
6. Unsportsmanlike conduct will disqualify you.
7. The use of pyrotechnics (fireworks, smoke bombs, sparklers, etc.) of any kind is not allowed and will result in disqualification.
8. All participants will be responsible for removing their boat debris from the lake and beach area.
9. Consumption of alcoholic beverages or other substances that might impair a participant's judgment will not be permitted before or during the race. No alcohol is permitted.
10. All participants must be able to swim.
11. The passenger area of the boat must not be permanently enclosed above the shoulders of the occupants.
12. Each occupant must be visible while the boat is in the water.

F. Boat appearance/names:

1. INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES

Anything goes—boat names, sayings, marriage proposals, or your Uncle Ralph's seldom used nickname, but please refrain from profanity. After all, this event is a family fun event.

2. GROUP ORGANIZATION

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G. Boat size:

Boats must be somewhere in between a doll's bathtub and the Queen Mary in size. **All crew members must be in or on the boat at the time of finish.**

Race Heats

Students:

- Students who participate and follow all the rules will compete for the 2023 Hollecker Lake Student Cardboard Cup.

DCC Employee:

- DCC employees who participate and follow all the rules will compete for the 2023 Hollecker Lake Employee Cardboard Cup.

Community:

- Glendive community members who participate and follow all the rules will compete for the 2023 Hollecker Lake Employee Cardboard Cup.

The Race:

- To give everyone a fair chance, we will try to run as few boats in each heat as practical. Your craft must be propelled by crew either inside the hull or on top of the deck attached to the hull of the boat to qualify.
- Everything is based on finish position, not time.
- The Captain can remain in the boat for the start. Navigating crews must start the race out of the boat.
- Any boat and/or crew not ready to race at the designated time will be disqualified.
- Participants must retrieve their boats – or their wreckage – from the water.

- The Captain must be in the boat at the time of finish and the crew must be in or on the boat at the time of finish to qualify.
- To qualify as a finalist, participants must correctly navigate the race course around the bobbers.
- Boats will advance to the semifinals and/or finals based on finish position.

The Race Course:

- The adult course is approximately 100 yards long. Boats will sail toward a specified bobber, round the bobber and return to shore.
- Participants must correctly navigate the race course.
- Any boat and/or crew not ready to race at the designated time will be disqualified.
- All ships will need to be at the starting line when called or they will be disqualified. Minor repairs do not include complete redesign.
- Children 12 and younger must have one adult (age 18 or over) in the boat.

Clean Up:

- Make sure you have enough crew members to remove your boat from the water at the finish line. Wet cardboard is very heavy. Dumpsters are provided.
- If your boat comes apart at the seams make sure to remove all boat materials from the lake before you leave and clean your boat display area.
- Safety comes first with no exceptions to this rule. Cardboard boat races are for recreational entertainment, creativity and amusement for spectators and boaters alike. To remain safe and qualify for the race and prizes, participants must wear a proper life jacket, remain in the boat and stay visible to judges throughout the duration of the race. No cover is permitted on the boat as it blocks passengers from view. Strive for safety and creativity in designing and constructing your cardboard boat. Follow the competition rules and guidelines. Most importantly, have fun!

Please note that photographs taken during the festival may be used in promotional materials.