

5TH ANNUAL
SOGGY BOTTOM BOAT RACE



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Participants strive to meet "The Challenge": *To design and build a human-powered boat made of corrugated cardboard which is capable of completing at least three trips around a course.*

People find this both intriguing and challenging. At first, people think it is impossible; they think that a cardboard boat cannot possibly float -- that's the intriguing part. Soon they realize it can be done, and they do it -- that's the challenging part. Awards recognize creative use of cardboard, team spirit, best-dressed team, spectacular designs, and -- most coveted -- the Titanic Award for the most spectacular sinking.

~ Award Categories ~

~ **Pride of the Regatta** ~

Best of the Best!

~ **Vogue Award** ~

Most spectacular or prettiest-looking boat

~ **Creative Design Award** ~

Most creative design and best use of corrugated cardboard

~ **Best Dressed Team** ~

The costumes may be funny, spiffy, or elegant...
but they must be creative!

~ **Team Spirit Award** ~

Most-spirited and best-organized team
the looks of the boat don't count here!

~ **Titanic Award** ~

most spectacular sinking
to qualify, you must salvage the remains completely.

Come out enjoy the race and the post race party. We will be serving up hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, chips, cake and drinks.

When is it?

The race will be held Saturday August 15, 2015. Check in starts at 3:00 pm. The race starts at 4:00pm. Awards presentation and picnic will follow the race.

Who can participate?

Anyone, male or female, young or old! Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Sea Scout, Venture Scout, American Heritage Girls. Minimum age to be on a boat crew is 14. The young and the young at heart are welcome to come cheer the teams on and take part in the picnic.



How much will this coast?

Registration is \$5 per person. This covers the meal and awards for the racers. The registration fee can be paid the day of the race or mailed with registration form. Checks can be made out to BSA, Crew 247. All registrations are due by Friday August 14 so the proper amount of food is purchased. Registration can be sent via e-mail to daigwood@gmail.com or mailed to: Rick Daigneault, 11150 Windsor Way, Windsor, VA 23487.

Where is it being held?

It will be held at the Izaak Walton League Park, which is located off of 485 Kings Fork Road (CO RD 634) in Suffolk, VA. See last page for directions. Look for VOA sign at entrance.

Rules of the Race

1. **HAVE FUN – BE SAFE!**

2. **ALL ENTRANTS AND CREW MUST WEAR LIFE PRESERVERS, AND BE ABLE TO SWIM.**

3. **All participants will wear protection on their feet to eliminate injury from stepping on debris (Flip Flops are not acceptable).**

4. Boats must be easy to enter and exit should they become an unexpected submarine, and be free of sharp edges or other dangers to crew safety.

5. Vessel construction and the number of crew members will determine racing category of a boat.

6. Decorations are allowed and encouraged provided they are not used as structural or floatation elements.

7. Crew costumes are encouraged.

8. Crews can be made up of one person, two person or unlimited people.

9.. All boats with crew must pass through the staging area prior to racing This will allow us to verify items such as PFDs, foot protection, floats on the boats, etc.

10. Boats that are deemed non compliant with event rules will be allowed to race, but will not be eligible for timed races awards except THE FAN FAVORATE AWARD. The judge's decisions are final.

11. Each person may command only one vessel. They may 'Crew' on as many as they like if that captain will have them.

12. Races will begin in the water with crew(s) in the boat.

13. Boats to be propelled by oars, paddles or "convenient body parts"! Oars or paddles may be constructed of cardboard or the "real thing"!

14. At no time are the paddles, oars, or any other methods of propulsion to touch the bottom (no poling or walking). Propulsion will be strictly limited to contact with the water.

15. During competition, crew must be IN the boat, not towing it, or holding it between their legs, swimming, or allowing the life jacket to provide the floatation of the vessel.

16. Judges reserve the right to divide entrants into individual heats. Total elapsed time will determine the winner(s).

17. The boats will make one complete lap around the course and will have completed the race when all the crew and at least 80% of the boat cross the finish line. NOTE: The Captain and crew must still be in the boat when it crosses the finish line.

18. A line of buoys outlining the race area. Do not leave the race area while racing. If you are unable to control the heading of your boat and you appear to be heading out of the race area, stop paddling or rowing. A safety boat will help you to get in the race area with the proper heading.

19. Please use caution as you leave the racecourse, others may still be racing and they may not have as much control over their vessel as you did.

20. All decisions and interpretation of the rules by the judges are final.

21. All teams must remove their boats, or remnants of it, after the races.

22. Make sure you have enough crew members to remove your boat from the water at the finish line. Wet Cardboard is very heavy.

23. If your boat comes apart at the seams make sure to remove all of the boats materials from the pond and clean your boat display area before you leave.

24. Violators of these rules shall be branded “pirates” and stripped of any awards.

25. If you have any questions, refer to Rule #1!

Rules of Construction

The rules are simple for building a qualifying boat for the Soggy Bottom Boat Race:

Boats are intended to be inexpensive and biodegradable.

1. **CARDBOARD:** All boats must be made of normal, regular, ordinary, everyday corrugated cardboard. **NO** waxed, weather sealed, rolled, pressed, or reinforced cardboard is allowed.
2. **GLUE:** Any one-part glue is allowed. Two part or epoxies glues are not permitted.
3. **PAINT** - Any paintable “one part” substance may be used as waterproofing. **No** oil based paints, fiberglass resins, or other “two part” finishes may be used. No urethane based products or tar substance is allowed.
4. **TAPE** – Duct tape may be used over the seams **ONLY**. Please do not cover your boat with tape. It adds to much weight and slows you down, beside it is not allowed.
5. Up to three (3) board feet of lumber may be used, in construction of the boat. Wood may be used for framing, stiffening and fastening cardboard.

Three (3) board feet is a piece of wood as follows:

- A. 1” thick X 1” wide X 36’ long
- B. .75” thick X .5" wide X 48’ long
- C. .5” thick X .5” wide X 144’long

6. Fasteners used may be staples, nails or bolts
7. The hull cannot be wrapped in plastic or any other material.
8. **NO** metal oarlocks, **NO** motors, **NO** epoxy of any kind, **NO** oil based paints and **NO** plastics.

Now you’re ready for some fun!



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ENTRY FORM

Registration form due by **Friday, August 14, 2014**

Registration fee - \$5.00 per person, covers food and awards

Registration fee can be mailed in or paid at the door.

For questions call Rick Daigneault 757-334-2646

Or e-mail daigwood@gmail.com

Team NAME: _____

POC TELEPHONE#: _____ E-MAIL: _____

CHECK ONE: ☐ YOUTH CREW ☐ ADULT CREW

CHECK ONE: ☐ 1 PERSON BOAT ☐ 2 PERSON BOAT ☐ MORE THEN 2 PERSON BOAT

BOAT NAME: _____

CAPTAIN'S NAME: _____

CREW NAMES: _____

Fee: \$5 X _____ = \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **BSA, CREW 247**

Send form to: **Rick Daigneault, 11150 Windsor Way, Windsor, VA 23487**

**** This is a public event and all photos taken may be made for public use ****

Soggy Bottom Boat Race

Individual Registration Form

Each person attending **must** fill out an individual registration form.

Name: _____, Age: _____

Address: _____

City: _____, State: _____, Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____, Cell Phone: (____) _____

Unit type and # _____

Unit leader: _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY NOTIFY:

Parent/Guardian: _____, Phone: _____

Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Allergies: _____

List any medical restrictions: _____

Medications: Yes No

If yes name of medication: _____

Is medication with him/her? Yes No

If no, who has the medication? _____

Insurance Information: _____

RELEASE FOR EMERGENCY CARE:

This health history is correct as far as I know and the youth herein described has permission to engage in the prescribed activities, except as noted by me. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the adult leader in charge to give medical treatment and/or hospitalize, secure anesthesia, or to order injection or surgery for my son/daughter. I also authorize the On-site Health Officer of the Soggy Bottom Boat Race to act for me according to the best judgment for any emergency requiring minor medical attention and any medication listed by me in this health record. All other attention will be referred to a medical physician.

Signed: _____, Date: _____

Relationship: _____

**Soggy Bottom Boat Race
SWIM CERTIFICATION FORM**

NAME_____

DATE_____

I certify that I am a:

BSA Swimmer _____ or a BSA Lifeguard _____ and that I have completed the BSA or other certified swimming test within the past year.

Signature

Classification of Swimming Ability
(BSA Guide to Safe Scouting, #34416C)

Non-Swimmer

Individual has not passed a BSA swimming test.

Beginner

Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, swim 25 feet on the surface, stop, turn sharply, resume swimming as before, and return to starting place.

Swimmer

Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, and begin swimming. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy, resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be completed in one swim without stops and must include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.