

## **Rules for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Cardboard Cup Regatta set for July 10, 2010**

### **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 or edge.
8. You must be in/on/or in contact with the boat at the time of finish to qualify.

### **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.

### **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**.

**B. Other Materials**

1. Multi-hulls' (catamarans, tri-hulls, outrigger type boats) materials may **not** be used to connect hulls.
2. Sailboats: materials other than corrugated cardboard may be used for sailboat masts and sails. See rule **B1**.

**C. 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 years old or older may participate in the boats.
6. Unsportsmanlike conduct will disqualify you. Purposeful contacting another person or boat with your paddle at any time will result in disqualification.
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.

**D. Boat appearance/names**

1. INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES
  - i. 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 for families and the general public.
2. GROUP ORGANIZATION
  - i. Anything goes, but please remember - this is a family fun event.
3. COMMERCIAL ENTRIES
  - i. Commercial names may appear on a boat, but only if it is a registered commercial entry and the commercial fees have been paid.

**E. Boat size**

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

## **Boat Classes**

- **Class A**
  - Boats propelled by any kind of rowing oars or single blade canoe type paddles.
- **Class B**
  - Boats propelled by all other kinds of people power and/or wind power including people powered, air or water propellers, water wheels, bicycle type drives, sails, etc.
- **Class C**
  - Boats propelled by double bladed kayak type paddles.
- **Class K**
  - Kids aged 5 through 10 years will participate on a special shortened, shallow-water course. Participation rather than competition will be emphasized, with a prize ribbon for each contestant.
- **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 time, not finish position. If you feel have been fouled or unfairly held up by another competitor, you can ask to race again. If the officials saw the infraction and think your request is justified and it is possible to schedule you in another race, it will be done. **You must be in/on/or in contact with the boat at the time of finish to qualify**
- **The Race Course**
  - The adult course is approximately 200 yards long, roughly in the shape of a horseshoe. The kids' course is a short, straight course in shallow water.

## **AWARDS**

- **Spring Meadow Lake Cardboard Cup**
  - Best time of the day earns the fame and glory of being named on the Cardboard Cup.
- **Most Spectacular Sinking Award**
  - Sink and look good! Chances are you will!
- **Most Creative Boat Theme Award**
  - The boat that most creatively expresses a specific idea, an expression, a title, story or incident including movies, TV shows, books, poems, or children's stories.
- **Most Attractive Boat Award**
  - It just has to look good!
- **Most Enthusiastic Crew Award**
  - This can include boat crew and pit crew.
- **The Kiddie Cup**
  - Every kid gets a prize ribbon!
- **Judge's Choice Award**

- Anything goes!

**Become a Commercial Sponsor: The benefits:**

- Your boat may show advertising anywhere on the hull or sails. Sponsorship includes a T-shirt for each crew member.

**Goals:**

- The Spring Meadow Lake Cardboard Cup 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.
- All money raised is donated to Spring Meadow Resources' for programs and projects. (Spring Meadow Resources is a 501(c) (3) organization.)

**How to Enter; It's Easy!!!**

Fill out and return the enclosed entry form with proper registration fee. Individual registration \$20.00 includes a T-shirt. Commercial registration \$200.00 includes advertising of the business on the boat. Boats may be used by more than one crew by registering each crew separately. You must make a note on your registration indicating which other crew(s) are using the same boat. We will then number these boats 1A, 1B, 1C, etc. to avoid scheduling several crews using the same boat in the same heat. Pre-registration is encouraged. You may, however, register the day of the regatta.

Proceeds from this event benefit the Spring Meadow Resources programs and projects.

**Official Registration Form for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Cardboard Cup Regatta**

Boat # Boat: Name:	<b>Important:</b> Please make all checks payable to: Spring Meadow Resources
Tech. Inspector Approval	Class

Name \_\_\_\_\_ # of Crew \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Please register my boat as (check one):**

- Individual:** \$20.00 each crew member (includes T-shirt)
- K Class:** \$12.50 each crew member (includes T-shirt)
- D Class:** \$20.00 each crew member (includes T-shirt)
- Commercial:** \$200.00 Go out and find a business/es to sponsor your boat and the business can advertise anywhere on the craft. (Registration includes T-shirt)

Shirt size (important):

S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to and registration forms to:

Spring Meadow Resources  
PO Box 905  
Helena MT 59604

Additional registration forms available on line at [www.springmeadowresources.org](http://www.springmeadowresources.org)  
or call 406.443.2376.

**When:** Saturday, July 10, 2010

**Registration:** 8:30 am – 10:30 am

**Race time:** 11:00 am

**Where:** Spring Meadow Lake State Park, Helena MT

**Questions:** Call 406.443.2376

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