



## REGATTA RULES & POLICIES

First and foremost, River Legacy Foundation's annual Cardboard Boat Regatta is about FUN! We love that this longstanding fundraiser for the Foundation has become a highly anticipated and popular community event for school students, families and corporations! However, in order to keep the FUN in this fundraiser, we ask that our participants abide by some safety, race and sportsmanship rules.

1. All boats must display the assigned entry number on a vertical surface of the boat. The number must be at least 8" tall, so that the timekeepers can visually see the boat number when it is in the water. **The boat number must be placed on all four sides.**
2. All boat occupants must wear appropriately sized, properly fastened U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets. LIMITED SUPPLY AVAILABLE ON RACE DAY. IT IS BEST TO BRING YOUR OWN. **Borrowed life jackets and oars will be issued at the launch area immediately before your race.** Please do not take any life jackets before your race time.
3. The passenger area of the boat must not be permanently enclosed above the shoulders of the occupants. Each occupant must be visible while the boat is in the water.
4. Boats must be free of sharp edges or anything that could pose a danger.
5. Consumption of alcoholic beverages or other substances which might impair a participant's judgment will not be permitted before or during the race. No alcohol is permitted in Hurricane Harbor.
6. Children under 8 years of age will not be permitted to race. The Children's Area & Mini-Boat Regatta are available for younger children.
7. All participants must be able to swim.
8. To qualify as a finalist, participants must correctly navigate the race course around the buoys (races are run in a U-shaped course) and all crew members must be in the boat as it crosses the finish line.
9. Boats with the fastest times in the time trials for that category will advance to the semifinals. So technically, a boat could finish first in its time trial heat, but not advance to the semifinals.
10. **Video of a perceived race violation will not be considered. The official spotters and timekeepers have the final say.**
11. Crews for Youth, Build-On-Site and Adult Class II boats must start the race in the boat. Crews for Adult Class I boats must start the race out of the boat. Crews who start the race in the boat are not allowed to get any help pushing off.

12. Any boat not ready to race at the designated time will be disqualified.
13. All races will be held in Hurricane Harbor's Wave Pool. Adult Finals will race with the wave action on. If no boat finishes in the finals, winners will be based on semi-final results.
14. **Participants MUST retrieve their boat – or its remains – from the water.** After races, if you do not wish to keep your boat, please place it and its remains in the boat graveyard located across the bridge on the East side of the Wave Pool.
15. Any entry with a crew member age 14 or older will race with the adults.
16. A participant may compete in more than one class or category; however, the rules of each class entered must be followed and a different boat must be raced in each category.
17. No changes of category (Guppy, Dolphin, Whale) or Division (Adult, Youth) will be allowed after **April 13**.
18. Foul-play or non-sportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and will result in immediate disqualification. If a crew or member of the crew is disqualified for this reason, they may be asked to leave Hurricane Harbor. All decisions made by race staff are final!
19. Violators of these rules shall be branded "pirates" and stripped of any awards.
20. **No coolers allowed inside Hurricane Harbor & season passes will NOT be accepted.**

**Ready, Set, Sail & HAVE FUN!**  
**31<sup>st</sup> Annual Cardboard Boat Regatta**  
**April 18, 2020, Six Flags Hurricane Harbor**

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