

CARDBOARD BOAT RACE 2016
RULES AND RESTRICTIONS

The event organiser(s) reserve the right to update these rules and restrictions at any time prior to the start of the event. Participants will have the opportunity to review the modified rules and regulations upon arrival at the event.

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PURPOSE

To communicate the rules and restrictions in place for participant safety and fairness of competition during the Cardboard Boat Race on Commercial Wharf.

FOREWORD

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1. GENERAL RULES

1. Safety. You and your team must act with due care and attention to the safety of yourselves and others throughout the event. In particular:
 - a. Your team must contain at least one adult (18+) who shall be responsible for team members who are under 18
 - b. You and your team must pay attention to and follow the instructions given by the event organisers and their assistants (especially the safety boat crew)
 - c. Knives must only be used under close supervision of the responsible adult within your team. Always CUT AWAY FROM YOUR BODY AND THE BODIES OF OTHERS.
 - d. Buoyancy aids must be worn at all times whilst on the water
 - e. Your boat must not be constructed in a manner such that its occupants could become trapped within, or entangled by it
 - f. Children must be supervised at all times
 - g. No person shall take part in this event whilst they are under the influence of alcohol or drugs
 - h. The event organisers reserve the right to refuse admission or to eject any participant who causes a danger to themselves or to others
 - i. All team members must disclose any relevant medical conditions that may affect their ability to take part in this event (all details will be treated in the strictest confidence)
2. Tools, equipment, and materials. We will provide all of the tools, equipment, and materials that you need for this event. **A refundable £20 cash deposit will be charged for the loan of our tools and equipment.** No tools, equipment, or materials - other than those provided by us - may be brought on site or used during this event. Tools and equipment are used at your own risk.
3. Cancellation. We will only issue a refund if you cancel your registration at least two weeks prior to the event. If we cancel the event for any reason, you will receive a full refund. You will be notified of any cancellation by email (and by phone if cancellation occurs within 24 h of the event start time). The event organisers reserve the right to cancel the event at any time.
4. Bad weather. This event is weather dependent. We will make a judgement on the state of the weather at 8am on the morning of the event. You will be contacted by telephone if the event is cancelled or significantly delayed.

2. COMPETITION RULES

1. The IMechE Cardboard Boat Race is a fun and educational event for families and friends. It is not a serious sporting competition. By entering, you agree to participate within the spirit of the event.
2. Teams. Each team must contain at least 2, but no more than 6 participants. Up to 30 teams in the morning and 30 teams in the afternoon teams will take part in the event. Teams will be separated into groups of 10, which will start one hour apart.
3. Format. Each group of teams shall have time to plan, build, and test their boat. There will be 30 min for planning, followed by 2.5 h for building, and 1 h for testing.
4. Planning. NO CONSTRUCTION is allowed during the 30 min planning time.

5. Building. All materials must be purchased from the IMechE Chandlery, which only accepts IMechE currency. Each team will be given an allocation of IMechE currency to spend at the Chandlery.
6. Testing. Each cardboard boat must be sailed/paddled by at least TWO team members. Performance will be judged first by distance and then by time. Participants must remain within the boat at all times. Shipwrecks will be marked and measured by the safety boat crew. The judge's decision is final. Participants shall assist with the removal of cardboard debris from the water, if it is safe to do so.
7. Prize giving. Prizes will be awarded once every team from every group has finished testing their boats. Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:
 - a. Overall winner
 - b. Second place
 - c. Third place
 - d. Most innovative design (Brunel Award)
 - e. Best sinking (Titanic Award)
 - f. Best fancy dress (Mr Ben Award)
 - g. Most economic design

3. BOAT REGULATIONS

1. Boats may only be constructed from the materials and equipment supplied by the organisers. All materials must be purchased from the IMechE Chandlery using the currency provided. The IMechE Chandlery does not offer credit.
2. Boats shall not be designed/constructed in such a manner that their occupants could become trapped within or entangled by them. In particular the main body of the boat should not be enclosed.
3. Each boat MUST bear at least one IMechE logo on its port and starboard sides. Stickers will be provided for this purpose.
4. Fancy dress and boat decoration is encouraged, provided that it:
 - a. does not aid flotation or propulsion;
 - b. does not impede your ability to swim;
 - c. does not pose any other safety hazard;
 - d. is not in appropriate and;
 - e. Non-compliant boats/teams shall be disqualified from the competition
5. No propulsion other than sails/oars/paddles and hands/legs is permitted.
6. Boats must not pollute the marine environment in any way. Shipwrecks must be recovered to the slipway. Varnish etc. must be fully dry before boats are placed in contact with the water.