

Rules of Engagement: ODR Cardboard Boat Regatta 2024

1. All Scott AFB teams are welcome with unlimited team members. Team members may sign up for one team - only. They may not serve on a second boat team.
 - a. Entry forms must be submitted by Friday, August 2 2024.

2. Design and construct a boat that is capable of carrying two team members, a captain and first mate, in a race of approximately 50 meters (across the base pool twice).

3. All materials will be provided by teams (recommended materials: five sheets of cardboard 48" x 96", two rolls of duct tape, one box cutter).
 - a. All boats will be made entirely of the corrugated cardboard and duct tape. No other materials are allowed for building the boat. The entire hull, super structure, and seating must be made entirely of cardboard. Each team will be permitted to use colored markers for decorating and a Squadron or unit flag for flying if desired. You may decorate your boat with decorative signage as long as it does **NOT** aid in the flotation of your boat. The bottom of the boat may **NOT** be covered by tape, crayons, wax based products, (to include wax based cardboard) enamel paint(s), or anything else that will aid in the flotation of your boat, possible bottom seams must be taped from the inside of the boat (seams ONLY).

4. Maximum length of each boat is 8 feet.

5. The passenger area of your boat must not be permanently enclosed above the shoulders of the occupants. For safety reasons, each person must be visible while the boat is in the water.

6. Swimming or paddling on a surfboard made of corrugated cardboard is not an option.

7. Boats must be free of sharp edges, pointy objects, or anything else that could be a menace to other contestants. No bumping, jostling, or otherwise attacking other boats will be allowed. Avoid other boats whenever possible.

8. Boats will be propelled by two paddles provided by the ODR staff at the competition.

9. Team members may assist the captain and first mate getting in the boat, but must leave the water prior to the start of the race and must remain out of the water during the ENTIRE race or the team may be disqualified.

10. In order to officially complete the race, both captain and first mate must be in their boat for the ENTIRE race. Legs must be inside the boat at all times.

11. The "hull" of the boat MUST touch the wall of the pool at the starting print, the turn-a-round halfway point and finish line to avoid disqualification. NOTE: The bow of the boat, extended flags or decorative ornaments do not qualify.

12. All occupants of the boat must be 16 years old or older, able to swim, and must wear a lifejacket (provided by ODR), properly fastened, while in the boat. Must bring own towel.

13. All boats are subject to a technical inspection. Your boat will be inspected for compliance with these rules. You will be disqualified and ineligible for any prize if you are found to not be in compliance with these rules.

14. Boats must be launch ready/in place at the Base Pool at 0900 on 6 August 2024.

15. Award categories are: Best in Show, the Titanic Award, Best Team Costumes, and Fastest to Finish!

16. Good Luck!!