



2026 CAPE CORAL CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA

Presented by the Rotary Club of Cape Coral
Saturday March 21 (Rain date **Sunday March 22**) at
 Seahawk Park, 1030 NW 28th St, Cape Coral, FL
 Boat Builder Registration Form



Registration Type	Entry Fee
Families, individuals, youth & school groups up to grade 12.	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30 <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - If you build a Sponsor's boat* Please register by March 10, 2026
Clubs or Organizations	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - If you build a Sponsor's boat* Please pay by March 10, 2026
Corporate Teams Boat(s) with Corporate Logo	<input type="checkbox"/> \$275 first boat (Additional boats \$40) Please pay by March 10, 2026

Enter boat in: (Boats may be entered in multiple events.)

Enter paddlers' names on page 2.

- Multi Paddler Junior (Ages 13 - 17)
- Parent/Child Event (Ages 9 - 12)
- Single Paddler Event (Ages 18 - 54)
- Multi Paddler Event (Ages 13+) **This is not open to a pair of Junior paddlers.**
- Senior Single Paddler Event (Ages 55+)
- Senior Multi Paddler Event (Ages 55+)
- RotoBoat Two-person boat (Ages 9/parent or 13+)
- Battle of the big boats over 18' in length (All age groups)
- Free-For- All (All age groups)

- Ages 9 - 17 must have parent or legal guardian consent to participate in races.
- Ages 9 - 12 must paddle with a parent or legal guardian in Parent/Child Event.

Name of Captain: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Group / Organization Name: _____

Phone number: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____ Boat Name: _____

Make check payable to: **The Cape Coral Rotary Foundation**

Send check and both forms to: **Cape Coral Cardboard Boat Regatta**
 Attn: John Calla
 3631 SW 2nd Avenue
 Cape Coral, FL, 33914

Your entry and payment must be received by **March 10, 2025** to be included in the People's Choice Ballot

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Paddler Registration Form

Enter a boat (Boats may be entered in multiple categories and raced multiple times in each category.)
All paddlers must sign a Waiver and Release form and wear the wrist band indicating the waiver was received.

Boat Name: _____ Team Name: _____

NOTE: THE PADDLER'S NAMES MUST BE SENT TO jcalla@adventuresportaviation.com NO LATER THAN THE WEDNESDAY OF THE WEEK OF THE RACE. FOR BOATS WITH 3 OR MORE PADDLERS, LIST JUST THE CAPTAIN'S NAME AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PADDLERS IN THE BOAT. Changes can be made the day of the race.

Multi Paddler Junior (Ages 13 - 17)

Captain's Name & Number of Paddlers: _____

Parent / Child Event (Age 9 – 12 for child)

Parent/Guardian Name & Age of child(ren): _____

Single Paddler Event (Ages 18 - 54)

Name: _____

Multi-Paddler Event (Age 13+). **This is not open to a pair of junior paddlers.**

Captain's Name & Number of Paddlers: _____

Senior Single Paddler Event (Age 55+)

Name & age: _____

Senior Multi-Paddler Event (Ages 55+)

Captain's Name & Number of Paddlers: _____

RotoBoat

Captain's Name: _____

Battle of the big boats (All age groups)

Captain's Name & Number of Paddlers: _____

Free-For-All (All age groups)

Captain's Name & Number of Paddlers: _____

- **Ages 9 - 17 must have parent or legal guardian consent to participate in races.**
- **Ages 9 - 12 may paddle with parent or legal guardian in Parent/Child Multi-Paddler Event.**

Please sign and attach the following Hold Harmless Agreement(s).

General Rules

1. Only corrugated cardboard may be used. It can be of any thickness but must not be bonded to any other material such as vinyl. Non-corrugated material may not be used, especially the kind of resin or wax-type coating found in packing cases. No solid cardboard and no carpet roll tubes may be used to strengthen the hull or boat structure.
2. Wood, metal, Styrofoam, or other materials that would aid in flotation or make the hull rigid are prohibited. This restriction applies to the keel, transom, ribs, hull, etc.
3. No material such as Styrofoam or rubber inflation devices may be used to provide "buoyancy" or maintain flotation. No sandbags or similar materials may be used for ballast.
4. Hulls may be painted with any "one-part" paint. No epoxy glues, fiberglass resins or "multi-part" varnishes or paints may be used. Hulls may not be "wrapped" in plastic, duct tape or anything else. Tar based substances like roof coatings are not permitted.
5. Joints and seams may be glued and/or taped. Duct tape, contact cement, rubber cement, or construction adhesive may be used. No nails or metal or wood fasteners or staples may be used in the construction of the boat (small amounts may be used for **removable** decoration only).
6. Design is builder's choice. Let your "imagination" reign supreme! However, if any removable pieces are removed for paddling, the part being raced must be recognizable from the original design. If not recognizable, the judges will impose a **5-point penalty, out of 25 possible points, in the Original Design judging.**
7. Decorations may be made from *any material* but may not be used to reinforce the actual structure of the boat.
8. Boats from previous years are welcome back, with the following stipulations:
 - a. If the boat won prizes in any judged category in prior years, they are not eligible to be judged again. This does not apply to the races, which are timed events.
 - b. If you change the paint scheme and theme of the boat, it is judged as a new boat.
9. No boat will be allowed to leave the starting gate unless **all persons on board are wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD), a wrist band and shoes. (Participants will provide their own PFDs and paddles.)**
10. Boats are subject to inspection and disqualification for each violation of the above General Rules, with the exception of rule # 6, which results in a 20 second time penalty).
11. All entrants must ensure that their portion of the slip area has been cleaned prior to departure on Regatta day. All boats must be removed from the park or cut apart and placed in trash containers.
12. Prior to the races, boats will be judged in the following categories: **Best Original Design, Best Construction or Construction Technique, Best Decorated, Best Team Effort, & People's Choice.** Corporate/club teams and family/individual teams will be judged separately.
13. During the races, each event will be timed, and awards given to the fastest times in each event. There may also be an award for the **Most Spectacular Sinking.**
14. Boat clubs may have multiple teams paddling the same boat in any event/category. You must notify the Race Chairman a week prior to the event with the number of teams you will have and in which event(s) they will be paddling. There will be no additional charge for multiple teams.
15. All boats must be paddled in at least one race or risk the loss of any awards given to the boat or team. This does not apply if the event is shortened by rain and the boat did not get a chance to be paddled.
16. Boats can be in place after 3:00 p.m. on Friday and must be there before 9:00 a.m. on Saturday for judging.

Note: Rules are subject to change. Promoter's decision on rule changes is final.



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P.O. Box 101346
Cape Coral, FL 33910

MINOR WAIVER AND RELEASE

I fully understand that training for and participating in activities such as Cape Coral Cardboard Boat Regatta Races may result in accidents, illness, or serious injury. I am voluntarily allowing my child to participate in Cape Coral Cardboard Boat Regatta Races (hereinafter the "event") sponsored by the Cape Coral Rotary Club (hereinafter "the Rotary Club") with complete understanding of the risks associated with participation in the event.

I further acknowledge that this event requires participants to be in proper physical condition. By signing this Waiver and Release Form, I declare that my child is medically able, properly trained, physically fit, and capable of participating in the event.

In consideration for my child being allowed to participate in the event, we agree to release and hold harmless the premises owner and the event's sponsors, including the Rotary Club, its affiliates, agents, and employees, from all liability for any injuries and/or illnesses sustained by my child, which may directly or indirectly result from my child's conduct or from the negligence of other participants in the event, and/or from the negligence of the premises owner or the negligence of the sponsors of the event, including the Rotary Club, its affiliates, agents, and employees. I also acknowledge full and sole responsibility for any and all medical expenses that my child may incur as a result of any injury and/or illness that occurs as a result of my child's participation in the event. I understand and agree that this Waiver and Release is binding upon my child and me.

I hereby grant my consent and permission to the Rotary Club, its affiliates, agents and employees, to use my child's name, photograph, videotape, motion picture recording, voice, or likeness for Rotary purposes, including pre and post event publicity.

I have carefully read this Waiver and Release and fully understand its contents. On behalf of myself and my minor child, I consent and agree to the terms of this Waiver and Release and, by my signature below, authorize my child's participation subject to those terms.

Signature of Minor's Parent or Legal Guardian

Date

Signature of Minor Participant

Date

Print Name of Minor Participant



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ADULT WAIVER AND RELEASE

I fully understand that training for and participating in activities such as Cape Coral Cardboard Boat Regatta Races may result in accidents, illness, or serious injury. I am voluntarily participating in Cape Coral Cardboard Boat Regatta Races (hereinafter the "event") sponsored by the Cape Coral Rotary Club (hereinafter "the Rotary Club") with complete understanding of the risks associated with participation in the event.

I further acknowledge that this event requires participants to be in proper physical condition. By signing this Waiver and Release Form, I declare that I am medically able, properly trained, physically fit, and capable of participating in the event.

In consideration for being allowed to participate in the event, I agree to release and hold harmless the premises owner and the event's sponsors, including the Rotary Club, its affiliates, agents, and employees, from all liability for any injuries and/or illnesses that may directly or indirectly result from my conduct or from the negligence of other participants in the event, and/or from the negligence of the premises owner or the negligence of the sponsors of the event, including the Rotary Club, its affiliates, agents, and employees. I also acknowledge full and sole responsibility for any and all medical expenses that I may incur as a result of any injury and/or illness related to my participation in the event. I understand and agree that this Waiver and Release is binding.

I hereby grant my consent and permission to the Rotary Club, its affiliates, agents and employees, to use my name, photograph, videotape, motion picture recording, voice, or likeness for Rotary purposes, including pre and post event publicity.

I have carefully read this Waiver and Release and fully understand its contents. By my signature below, I consent and agree to the terms of this Waiver and Release.

X _____
Signature of Participant

_____ Date

_____ Print Name of Participant

2026 Rotary Cardboard Boat Regatta Judging Form (Example)

Judges: _____

Boat Name _____ Slip # _____

All categories will be rated on a scale of 1 through 5 with 1 = Strongly disagree to 5 = Strongly agree

Best Original Design

	1 = Strongly Disagree 5 = Strongly agree	Score
1	Evidence the vessel design demanded a great deal of planning and thought. (Not a square craft looking like the appliance box it was made from).	
2	Structure and/or removable pieces are well engineered to fit with the theme.	
3	The design fits their chosen theme.	
4	It is an original design and not a reproduction of a known design.	
5	If any decorative pieces are removed for paddling, the part being raced must be recognizable from the original design. If not recognizable, deduct 5 points, else 0 points.	
Total Point count		
Judges' Comments:		

Best Construction

	1 = Strongly Disagree 5 = Strongly agree	Score
1	Smooth interior and exterior construction, paint, and well-defined graphics.	
2	Unusual shapes, bends, or compound curves.	
3	Sturdy, durable framework.	
Total Point count		
Judges' Comments:		

Best Decorated

	1 = Strongly Disagree 5 = Strongly agree	Score
1	Excellent use of colors and decorations to enhance the theme of the boat.	
2	Creative use of different types of materials to decorate the boat.	
3	Very colorful boat that seems to attract the attention of the spectators.	
Total Point count		
Judges' Comments:		

Best Team Effort (This is judged Saturday Morning between 11:00 AM and Noon)

	1 = Strongly Disagree 5 = Strongly agree	Score
1	Outstanding team enthusiasm.	
2	Many club members attending to the boat at race.	
3	Club members outfitted for the occasion (Boat theme, club logos, colors, flags, T-shirts, hats, etc.).	
4	The team sign is very creative and supports the theme of the boat.	
Total Point count		
Judges' Comments:		

- **First Place Most Spectacular Sinking** – You must watch the races for this one. It will be announced prior to the Free-For-All Race.