

2026 Cardboard Boat Regatta

HAVING FUN IS MANDATORY!

Safety – It is mandatory for all competitors to wear a PFD (personal flotation device) while racing. Please bring your own PFD!!

Pre-Race Guidelines:

All entries must pass inspection and sign a “Waiver and Release of Liability Form” prior to race. Arrive at Gerits Lakeview Bar and Grille at 2:30, the race will begin at 3:00 p.m.

Construction Materials: (Per DNR Regulations)

- The **ENTIRE** boat must be built from **Corrugated Cardboard, Duct Tape, Packing Tape, Rope or String**. Duct tape may be used to reinforce seams.
- Corrugated Cardboard, Carpet Tubes, Cardboard Blocks can be found at recycling centers, appliance stores department stores, discount clubs, and electronic stores.
- Fastening material and hull wrapping is to be duct tape only.
- NO wood, rubber, inflatable devices, Styrofoam, fiberglass, liners, tarps, coated cardboard or plastic.
- No caulking compounds, two-part/mixed adhesives, glues or epoxy mixtures or coatings are allowed.
- No electrical, gasoline, benzene, propane or other chemical or electrical propulsion systems are permitted.
- Paddles can be Kayak or Paddle Board Paddles.

Rules:

- During Competition, the crew must be IN the boat, not towing it, or holding it between their legs, swimming, or allowing a life jacket to provide the floatation of the boat.
- The team consists of 4 people, 2 people in the boat and 2 people on the shore to assist with the start.
- Must be 10 years of age or older to be in the boat.
- Boat Size: Max Width of 36”, Max Length 84”, No height requirements.
- Boats can only be propelled by using paddles. Using your legs, arms or any other type of device for paddling will be disqualified.
- For safety reasons, the racers cannot be enclosed over their shoulders while in the boat. Racers must be visible.
- Racers that start the race must finish the race. If for any reason the participant exits the boat during the race, the team will be disqualified.
- When your boat is finished with the race. The team must remove the cardboard and debris from the water and dispose all materials in the designated dumpster.

Age Requirement:

- Must be 10 yrs of age to be in the boat.

The Race Course:

- To the Buoy and back following the Markers.

Race Judges will determine the winners of the following categories:

- Fastest Time
- Most dramatic sinking – the Titanic Award
- Most creative design
- Best Costumes
- Best Team Name

Conduct and Safety:

- Overly aggressive contact or un-sportsmen like conduct will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification per event organizers.

Note:

- All participants must sign a waiver /liability form on day of the event.
- Copy of the Rules and Registration Form can be found on the website below.
- Website: <https://pelicanlakeassociation.org/>
- Return registration form by email to Info@pelicanlakeassociation.org (or)
Mail to **PLAW; P.O. Box 96; Pelican Lake, WI; 54463**

Tip:

Google: how to build cardboard boats. But be careful to follow the materials we allow.

