



"A voice for Upper Clutha Youth"

The Great Kahu Youth Cardboard Boat Race Rules

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Saturday October 20th 2018

**Registration will be held 11.30am – 12.00pm.
The race will start after the polar plunge @ 12pm.**

Cardboard Boat Construction rules

CARDBOARD - All boats **MUST** be made of normal, regular, ordinary, everyday corrugated cardboard. Cardboard manufactured for shipping (waxed, weather sealed, rolled, pressed, reinforced, etc) is not allowed.

GLUE – any glue is allowed.

TAPE – Duct tape may be used over the seams **ONLY**. Participants cannot cover their boats in tape. It is also not very ecologically friendly!

MECHANICS

Oarlocks – for boats that will be using oars, paddle wheels, etc, a small piece of plywood may be used to anchor the oarlocks to the boat. The wood cannot enhance the structural stability of the boat or exceed 15cm x 15cm.

Other Mechanical Propulsion – units such as bicycles may rest on top of the boat or may even be attached to the boat, but cannot be constructed so as to hold the boat together or to enhance the structure of the boat.

ALL boats **MUST** have a float attached with a minimum of 2 metres of line. This will allow the judges to identify where the wreckage may be found.

Sailboats masts **MUST** be made from cardboard.

If these requirements are not met, you will still be able to try the course in your boat, but you will not be eligible for any prizes.

The Race Rules

Captains and Crew Members: Each person must command only one vessel. They may have as many 'Crew' on the vessel as they like.

Prefabricated: Boats, Crew and Captain must be registered for racing by 12pm at the Registration tent on the lakefront, beside the Log cabin.

Construction day: Construction is at 'The Crib' on 11 Russell Street at 12pm on Thursday 11th October 2018. Bring a donation of \$5 - \$10 to cover costs. You will be responsible for taking the boat home, no boats or brought in equipment may be left at The Crib.

**All boats must be registered prior to racing.
All boats need a designated Captain.**

Boats will start on the lakefront shoreline and will be released on the word of the Timer.

The boats will make one complete lap around the course and will have completed the race when all the crew and at least 80% of the boat cross the finish line.

NOTE: The Captain and crew must still be in the boat when it crosses the finish line. If no boats complete the race, the furthest travelled will be declared the winner.

An end buoy will be placed approximately 20 metres out, and boats will have to circle around this and return back to shore to complete the lap. If they are unable to control the direction of their boat, and appear to be heading out of the race area, the crew can stop paddling or rowing, and grab the line attached to the buoy, and turn themselves the right way round.

Weather or other unforeseen events may alter the racecourse or length.

Propulsion must be strictly limited to contact with the water.

At no time are participants to make contact with other crews. Attempts to jeopardise other teams' performances will result in disqualification.

The Captain is responsible for removing the vessel and any remnants of the vessel from the water AND THE EVENT AREA at the end of the race.

All decisions and the interpretation of the rules by the judges are final. Protests can be lodged with the Commodore within 2 minutes of finishing the race; however in this situation the Commodore's verdict is unarguable.

Racing Categories:

The oldest member of the crew determines the racing category of the vessel.

- Crusty Old Sea Dogs – over 20 years
- Sea Men and Woahmen – 15 – 19 years
- Cabin Boys and Girls – under 15 year olds

Awards:

- Fastest boat to complete the course
- The Titanic trophy (best sinking)
- Most outrageous boat
- Best themed boat
- Best designed boat
- The Commodores choice award (The overall winner)