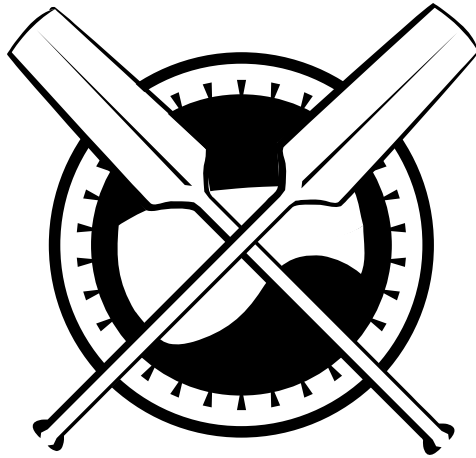


**STEUBEN COUNTY  
UNITED WAY  
"CARDBOARD REGATTA"**



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2010  
POKAGON STATE PARK

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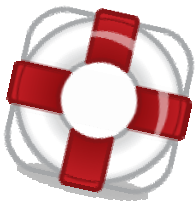
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## What is it

The Primary purpose of the Steuben County “Cardboard Regatta” is to have fun while raising awareness of the Steuben County United Way and the YMCA of Steuben County. Family fun, community support and creativity are the key words for this event!

Boats made entirely of cardboard will race a course outlined on the outskirts of Potawatomi Inn Beach. Boats will be timed and compete for awards.



### Race Day Schedule

Registration:	11:45–12pm
Skipper/Crew Safety Briefing:	12:45 pm
Race Begins:	1:00pm

### Awards:

This year we have the following race divisions: “For Go” and “For Show”:

“FOR GO”!: This division is for boats built for speed.

**Singles:** These are boats with 1 crew member.

**Multiples:** Boats with 2 or more crew members.

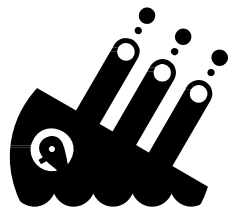
“FOR SHOW”!: This division is for those fancy show boats that look great, but aren’t exactly speedy. Here, it’s the looks count, but still have to make the finish line.

**Best Overall Time** – Awarded by the fastest time in each division.

**The Judge’s Choice Award** – Awarded by the judges based on creativity, showmanship and team spirit. Costumes and props are encouraged!

**People’s Choice Award** – Awarded to the boat that receives the most “votes” (in monetary terms) cast by the spectators throughout the day until the conclusion of the race.

**Most Spectacular Sinking** – Awarded to the crew who, in the opinion of the judges, was the most spectacular in the way the ship and its crew go down. (As long as the boat or some part of it is propelled by at least one paddling crewmember, the boat may continue along the course to the finish line.)



## **Awards Ceremony**



The ceremony will be held after the race and all boats are out of the water.

## **General Rules & Regulations**

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 or sono-tubes are allowed, however, carpet roll tubes may be used.
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” varnish or 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 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. Care should be taken that construction does not include pointed objects or sharp objects or edges that could injure someone.
7. Decorations may be made from any material but may not be used to reinforce the actual structure or buoyancy of the boat.
8. The propulsion system, including oars and paddles, can be made of anything and attached to the cardboard hull as long as it doesn’t add to the strength or buoyancy of the boat.

9. "Surfboard" style designs are NOT allowed. Consider "staying dry" part of the challenge.
10. Raft style designs ARE allowed. The difference between a raft style as opposed to the surfboard is the use of cardboard "logs" and other such items you would expect to find on/in a raft. (Think Huck Finn)
11. 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.
12. Where the crew sits CANNOT be enclosed. The crew must be able to get in and out of the boat easily!
13. No boat will be allowed to leave the starting gate unless **all persons on board are wearing a Personal Flotation Device (PFD). (Participants will provide their own PFDs and paddles.)**
14. All crew members MUST sign a Participant Waiver/Hold Harmless Agreement on race day. Boats will NOT be allowed to race without a signed agreement from each crew member. Minimum age for crew member is 13 years old. Children under the age of 18 must have a Participant Waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian.
15. Boats are subject to inspection and disqualification for each violation of the above General Rules. If there is any doubt about the construction, the judges reserve the right to use a probe (such as an ice pick), to test and verify that only cardboard has been used.
16. Cardboard boat designers and builders are encouraged to use FAIR designs and building materials. Please contact United Way if you have any questions at: 260.665.6196.
17. Cost of boat-spend as much as you want. Covington Box is supplying you a cardboard kit (four 4'x8' corrugated cardboard) upon registration. The rest is up to you!

**Note:** Rules are subject to change. All participants and sponsors will be notified in writing if changes are made.



## **Where to get your cardboard:**

Cardboard may be picked up at **Dry Dock Marine Center**. Each registrant may take 8 sheets of 41"x 40" corrugated cardboard.

## **Pre-assembled Cardboard Boats:**

IF you feel you can't or don't want to build your own cardboard boat, but would still like to race, you may purchase a pre-made boat that meets all regulations for \$75. The boats are complete and ready to go. You may order your cardboard boat at **Dry Dock Marine Center**, or by calling the United Way at 260.665.6196.

**Dry Dock Marine Center: 2195 W 175 N, Angola, IN Phone: 260.833.2492**

**HOURS: M-F: 9am til 5pm Sat: 9am-3pm**

## **Race Day:**

- ✓ Please check in at the registration table no later than 12pm.
- ✓ Unload your boat in the display area. After unloading, please move your vehicle to the parking lot.
- ✓ The entire crew should proceed to the registration table to be assigned a boat number. Participant Waiver/hold Harmless Agreement should be signed at this time.
- ✓ Set up your boat display. Set out your People's Choice Jug so everyone has a chance to "vote" for your boat. Voting proceeds benefit United Way and the YMCA.
- ✓ After the judges' inspection is complete, the race will begin.
- ✓ After the race, the boat crews must remove all cardboard, decorations and other materials from the water and grounds. Volunteers will be on hand to help.

## **Registration Information:**

- ✓ Registration forms and payment must be received no later than **Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**
- ✓ Everyone participating in the race will need a Personal Flotation Device and a Participant Waiver/Hold Harmless Agreement signed before being allowed to race. No exceptions.
- ✓ Mail payments to Steuben County United Way or register and pay on-line at [www.unitedwaysteuben.org](http://www.unitedwaysteuben.org)

