

Rules of Construction

The rules are simple for building a qualifying boat for the Cardboard Boat Races in Oxford, Maryland:

1. Any form of paddles is permitted (one paddle per person in the boat).
2. Cardboard, no restrictions, can be used – cardboard may be waxed.
3. Up to three (3) board feet of lumber may be used, per person, in construction of the boat. Wood may be used for framing, stiffening and fastening cardboard.

Boats are intended to be inexpensive and biodegradable.

One (1) board foot is a piece of wood as follows:

- a. 1" thick X 12" wide X 12" long
- b. 1" thick X 1" wide X 12' long

Three (3) board feet is a piece of wood as follows:

- a. 1" thick X 1" wide X 36' long
- b. .75" thick X .5" wide X 48' long
- c. .5" thick X .5" wide X 144' long

4. Rope or string may be used.
5. Fasteners used may be staples, nails, bolts or tape (duct, masking, scotch & gaffer).
6. All glue, paint, cement, sealers, etc. must be water based .
7. **All contestants and person on the craft must wear life jackets.**
8. NO metal oarlocks, NO motors, NO epoxy of any kind, NO oil based paints and NO plastics.

Now you're ready for some fun!

If you're not up to building your own boat, pre-made boats may also available on a limited basis with a \$500 sponsorship/donation to the Special Olympics Maryland. Contact Skipper at 410-820-4104 or wmarques@bluecrab.org for more information on availability and event details.