



**CARDBOARD BOAT RACE**  
**Sunday, August 10, 2025**  
**\$25 PER BOAT**  
**RACE STARTS: 10:45AM**  
**CHECK IN: 10:10am-10:30am**

Please put a check mark in the box to indicate what division you will be racing in (age you are on 8/10/25):

☐ 12 & Under
 ☐ 13-17
 ☐ 18+
 ☐ Family Race (adults-18+ & kids-17U)

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: AUGUST 8, BY 4:30pm**

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST POSSES THE ABILITY TO SWIM. PARTICIPANTS MAY SUPPLY AND WEAR PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES/LIFEJACKETS. NO WATER WINGS.

I, the participant or I, the parents/ guardians of the below named candidate for a position on a Parks & Recreation team, hereby give my approval to participate in any and all recreation activities, including transportation to and from the activities. I know that participation in this race may result in serious injuries, and to hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the Richmond Parks & Recreation Department/ City of Richmond the organizers, sponsors, supervisors, and participants for any claim arising out of any injury to myself or my/our child whether the result of negligence or for any other cause. I have read and fully understand the program details and rules and waive and release all claims including damaged, stolen, or lost property that could occur during the recreation event. I agree to abide by the rules and regulations as set forth by the Richmond Parks & Recreation Department, for my child(ren's) and our family's participation in the program. **Myself and my child are capable of swimming without assistance. Signing below means that you have read and agree with the above.**

**TEAMS CONSIST OF 2-4 PEOPLE PER BOAT.**

**Team Roster: #1 is team captain.**

\* if you are under the age of 18 your legal guardian must sign!

#	Name	Birthdate	Age as of 8/10/25	Signature	Date
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					

Please return to: Front Desk of Richmond City Hall, 205 Summit, Richmond, MO 64085.

City Hall Hours: M-F 8:00am-4:30pm. If after 4.30pm, you may put this form/money in the "After Hours" box outside of City Hall Make checks payable to: City of Richmond.

Office Use Only: Amount Paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date Recorded: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

## August 10<sup>th</sup> @ Southview Pool

### Safety

1. Your structure of the vessel cannot interfere with your crew making a hasty exit if your boat sinks. Everyone must have a clear exit from the vessel.
2. All participants must possess the ability to swim in the event that the vessel sinks.
3. Participants may wear a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) during the race. You must bring and supply bring own PFD. No water wings.

### Boat

1. Design of your boat is up to you. YOU ARE THE CAPTAIN.
2. **The only materials you may use to build your boat include: cardboard, duct tape, adhesive, and water-based paint.**
3. Only cardboard, or corrugated cardboard may be used. Cardboard may not have any wax, resin, or vinyl coating.
4. Wood, plastic or plastic wrap, fiberglass, metal, styrofoam, or other materials that would aid in floatation or make the boat more rigid are prohibited.
5. Duct or clear tape, liquid nail adhesive, and contact or cement are ok.
6. Tar, wax, silicone, fiberglass resins, epoxy glues, staples, nails, clamps, and screws are prohibited.
7. Decorations may be made of any material but cannot help keep the boat together or afloat.
8. Boats may be painted, and all materials **must** be dry before the boat enters the water.
9. Boats are subject to inspection and may be disqualified for not meeting any one of the stated rules.

### Race

1. Racecourse consists of DOWN & BACK at Southview Pool. (Individuals and Teams must paddle their boat down and back).
2. Boats can be propelled by oars, paddles or "convenient body parts". Oars or paddles may be constructed of cardboard or the real thing. No motors allowed. Participants are not allowed to get out of the boat to push or pull.
3. Each team can have 2-4 people.
4. Boats are required to stay in their lanes. Bumping, ramming, or interfering with other vessels in any manner is prohibited.

### Awards & Teams

1. Prior to the races, boats will be judged, and prizes will be awarded for the following categories: Most Creative.
2. During the races, each event will be timed and awards given to the fastest time in each class. Classes consist of: 12 & under, 13-17, 18+, and Family Teams-(adults-18+ & kids-17U).
3. There will also be a "Titanic Award" in each class for the most spectacular sinking.

*\*Please call us at 816-776-5304 ext. 2 if you have questions. You may also email questions to Haley Williams, Parks and Recreation Director at [hwilliams@cityofrichmondmo.org](mailto:hwilliams@cityofrichmondmo.org)*

## **Tips for Constructing Your Boat**

The most important ingredient is FUN! The Richmond Parks & Recreation Cardboard Boat Race is all about being creative and having fun. Don't forget to decorate! Even if you sink, might as well look good doing it!

Illegal waterproofing or use of floatation aids on your boat will not be allowed.

### **Tips:**

- A. Follow construction standards and rules.
- B. Make sure you construct in an area that will allow plenty of room. There's nothing worse than doing all the building and then not being able to fit out the door!
- C. Choose a style or theme and plan your design before you start building.
- D. Build the boat bottom first.
- E. Make sure there are no holes or spaces in your boat.
- F. More folding, less cutting helps!
- G. Design a paddle method that works for you and your vessel.
- H. Name your boat, decorate, and add a flag to enhance your design. [*waterproof* markers and paints only]
- I. Layering cardboard helps make the design thicker and less likely to sink.
- J. Think about the weight of you or your team members. Your boat needs to be able to withstand all the weight.
- K. Give your boat plenty of time to dry before the big race.
- L. Always have an exit plan! Do not construct a boat that you could get trapped under.
- M. Use your resources! Parents and the internet make for great help!

### **Things to consider:**

- A. Duct tape is completely waterproof and extremely durable.
- B. The longer and narrower the boat, the faster it should travel through the water.
- C. The longer and narrower your boat, the harder it is to turn.
- D. The more people on your boat, the more weight your boat has to carry.
- E. The more people on your boat, the faster you can paddle.