

KGRC BOAT RACE RULES

1. All boaters must be at least 7 years of age and KGRC members. There must be at least two crew members in each boat.
2. Crew must build a completely new boat each year to be eligible for prizes.
3. Boat must pass technical judging
4. One single-bladed paddle per crewmember. No double-sided paddles. Participants shall supply their own paddles, which do not need to be made of cardboard. Oars/Paddles may be home-made, but purchased plastic, metal or wooden oars/paddles are acceptable.
5. NO touching, bumping into or making contact with other boats before or during the race (incidental contact is expected and not penalized, but if there is intent – violators will be sunken, disqualified and sent to bed without supper)
6. Boaters launch at the sound of the horn – START PADDLING!!! Boat must go from one end of the pool to the other in ONE PIECE.
7. If your boat sinks, you must swim back and tow your boat. NO SHIPWRECKS ALLOWED!!
8. Once the race begins, teammates alone are allowed to help their crew member in and out of the water
9. Teams are responsible for disposing of their own boat (or what's left of it). We cannot leave trash next to dumpsters at the pool; trucks will only pick up what is in the dumpster.
10. If no boat makes it to the opposite end in one piece- no "Fastest Boat" awarded.

BOAT BUILDING RULES - Our Technical judges will be walking around before the race

Boats shall not exceed 8 feet in length and 4 feet in width. Boats exceeding the length and width restriction will be subject to elimination.

YOU MAY USE:

Cardboard tubes	Corrugated cardboard (boxes or sheets)
Rope or string	Tape – clear (Scotch-type), packing, duct, gaffer or masking only. Only seams or joints may be taped, not the entire boat or entire bottom of the boat!
Plastic zip ties	Glue – water-based/white glue
Cloth (for sails only)	Paint – <u>latex paint only</u> , and spray is acceptable – but it must be dry! Decoration and historic boat replication are encouraged!

YOU MAY NOT USE:

Solid cardboard	Staples or nails	Lacquer, caulk or wax	Wood
Styrofoam, or rigid floating foam of any kind	Oil-based sealants or paints	Plastic sheeting or shrink wrap	Metal
Any inflatable devices, such as inner tubes, blow up vinyl animals, etc.	Screws or metal fastening devices	Two-part paint, epoxies, glues or fiberglass	Rubber
Plastic or plastic structures of any kind (pvc pipe, etc.)	Motors of any kind	Tar-based substances such as roof sealants	Metal oarlocks

AESTHETICS (Our Aesthetics judges will be walking around before the race)

Creativity counts! Teams or individuals should visibly mark their team name on the boat. The decoration must not aid in the buoyancy of the boat. Remember – the more creative, the better! There are big prizes on the line!

**All decisions of the boat committee and judges are final.*

**Boats are to be judged on design, appearance, apparent sea-worthiness and originality.*

**Prizes will be awarded for the following categories: Fastest Boat, Best Theme, and Titanic*