



2007 Head of the Zesiger Cardboard Boat Regatta Rules

Registration

- Registration will be taken M-F, 10/1/07-10/12/07 from 9a-6p in the 2nd floor Administrative offices of DAPER located in the Zesiger Center (W35-287B) and should be given to Nicole Gorog, Office Manager.
- Captain and crew must be current MIT students/DAPER members to register.
- \$20 Refundable deposit is required to reserve your spot for competition. Deposits will be taken by CASH or CHECK only. Deposit will not be refunded if your crew is a no-show. Deposits will be refunded during race day check-in.
- Proper registration includes the registration form, a signed waiver by each participant and the \$20.00 refundable deposit.
- Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. Registration will be capped at 21 teams. Teams that cancel on or before 6p on 10/12 will receive their full deposit back. Teams that cancel after 10/12 or are a no show, forfeit their deposit.
- Each participant will be given a t-shirt to commemorate the event at the time of check-in.

Race Rules

- Each boat must have a designated Captain plus 2 crew members for a total of 3 participants per boat. The Captain must check in at the registration area on the day of the race located on the Zesiger Center pool deck.
- Any boat and/or crew not ready to race at the designated time will be disqualified.
- To qualify as a finalist, participants must correctly navigate the race course (down 50 meters, around the buoy and back) while having **all** crew members in the boat during the entire race.
- Each boat must pass technical inspection following the time trials.
- Top 3 overall time trial finishers will earn a spot in the finals.
- Time trials will be held in the main pool. If no boat finishes in the finals, winners will be based on time trial results.
- Participants must retrieve their boat — or its remains — from the water.
- A participant may not compete in more than one crew.
- Each team will be provided 3 kickboards to be used as paddles. No other method of propulsion will be allowed.
- Foul play or non-sportsmanlike conduct will not be tolerated and will result in immediate disqualification.

Safety Rules

- The passenger area of the boat must not be permanently enclosed above the shoulders of the occupants. Each occupant must be visible while the boat is in the water.
- Boats must be free of sharp edges or anything that could pose a danger.
- Consumption of alcoholic beverages or other substances that might impair a participant's judgment will not be permitted before or during the race. No alcohol is permitted in the Zesiger Center.
- All participants must be able to swim.

Construction Regulations

- Boat dimensions: must be no longer than 3 meters and no wider than 1.5 meters. Crew must be visible, not enclosed. Sides cannot rise above crews' shoulders.
- Any thickness of corrugated cardboard is permitted, but waxed cardboard carpet tubes and barrels are not allowed.
- Only paper tape may be used. Tape may only be used on seams, joints or patches. **DO NOT WRAP THE HULL IN TAPE, PLASTIC, SHRINK WRAP OR ANY OTHER MATERIAL.**
- Caulking may be used, but only on seams and edges.
- A one-part enamel or lacquer paint and/or polyurethane varnish or water sealant is permitted. Do not use tar-based substances, epoxy glue, duct tape, cellular, plastic, wood, fiberglass resin or any two-part substances, including two-part varnishes and paint. Applied paint must be allowed to dry for at least 48 hours prior to launching.
- Styrofoam or any other flotation-type foam is not allowed. Violators will be stripped of any trophies.
- No restriction is placed on decorative materials, as long as they do not aid in the flotation or propulsion of the boat and do not create a fire or safety hazard. Decorative materials must be in good taste and not offensive to any groups within the MIT Community.
- All boats must display their crew name. The name must be at least 6-inches tall.

Trophies- Awarded to the Winner and Runner-up in each category

Fastest Finish
Best Technically Constructed
Best Looking
Most Spirited (Crew & Boat)
Titanic Award – best sinker