

BATTLE BOATS

Boat Building Rules, Tips, and Information



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 and no 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 water based” 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, liquid nail, and a water sealer like Thompson's may 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. Vessels are subject to inspection and may be disqualified for violations of the above general rules.
7. Each boat must have a designated Captain plus 1 crew members for a total of 2 participants per boat.
8. Each crew member **MUST** wear a lifejacket. Each crew is allowed 2 paddles (provided). No other method of propulsion can be used.