



“Whatever Floats Your Boat” Regatta Rules and Registration

Downtown Hart, MI August 18, 2018 11am-Noon

Rain date is August 25

Launching at Veteran’s Park, north end of the
State St Bridge (...where the airplane is!)



This is a FREE event, but you must follow the rules and sign a liability waiver to participate.

All boats may be built of only four (4) items: corrugated cardboard, Styrofoam, empty plastic beverage containers (plastic milk containers, 2-liter soda bottles, etc. *No glass!*), and duct tape.

No motors.

Your homemade boat may be as thick as you want it to be. Thickness of materials doesn’t matter at all. Remember, it must be all cardboard and/or Styrofoam, and/or plastic beverage containers—NOT cardboard and wood or cardboard and metal or metal screws for holding.

The entire boat must be built of corrugated cardboard, Styrofoam and/or plastic containers and duct tape.

The only exceptions are: Oars/Paddles. These exceptions are of course, not part of the boat proper and can be constructed of materials other than cardboard.

If you don’t want your boat to sink, the Committee urges you to waterproof the entire boat with a one-part substance paint. NO two-part substance; (those requiring the addition of a catalyst or hardener). This eliminates epoxy glue, fiberglass, and certain varnishes. One-part waterproofing substances are easily obtained at a paint or hardware store.) Contestants are not allowed to use any substance which might be harmful to the environment.

You cannot wrap the entire boat with plastic or duct tape or any similar tape or wrap. Contestants should take care to ensure that the construction of your boat does not include pointed projections or sharp edges that might cause personal injury.

Any crew or racer who intentionally hits another boat or its crew with their paddle or any other foreign object, or holds onto another boat will be disqualified. You can push away from another boat, but no hitting. Pointy objects, likely entanglements, large canopies or anything else that might become a menace or danger to boat crews or the lake, must be removed before the boat is put into the water.

Life Jackets and Shoes Must Be Worn During Regatta!

You will need to agree to abide by the safety rules and/or guidelines governing the “Whatever Floats Your Boat” Regatta, and the rules and regulations pertaining to Hart Lake as set forth by the City of Hart.

You must also agree to sign the Assumption of Risk and Complete Release of Liability Waiver in order to participate. If a minor participates, a legal guardian will need to the waiver on his or her behalf. Children must be at least 12 years old.

By signing this form I understand that photos or video may be taken and released for advertising the “Whatever Floats Your Boat” Regatta in the future.

Signed _____ Date: _____

Return this form to: Hart Main Street Office, 49 S. State Street; Hart, MI 49420, or bring it with you on the day of the regatta.

For additional information, contact Julie Kreilick, Hart Main Street Manager, 231-301-8449, hartmainstreet@gmail.com