



Great Bamboo Boat Race

Saturday, October 21, 2017

Important Dates: Online Entry Deadline Thursday, October 12 (Hawktoberfest Website)
Final Entry Deadline Friday, October 20 at 5 p.m. (River Center)

Schedule of Events: Mandatory Racers' Meeting Saturday, October 21 at 12 p.m.
Building Period Saturday, October 21 at 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Race Begins Saturday, October 21 at 4 p.m.
Awards Ceremony Immediately following the race

Entry Fee: \$10 per team. Official entries with payment must be submitted online (credit card) through the Hawktoberfest registration program or at the River Center during business hours (cash only). *All fees will be given to the supporting waterfront clubs for harvesting bamboo and assembling kits.*

Eligibility: Teams shall be comprised of 3-6 members. All members of the St. Mary's College community are eligible. This includes students and their immediate family members, alumni, faculty, and staff (including HSMC).

Construction: Only materials provided may be utilized. Volunteers will be on hand with power tools to cut materials to desired lengths/shapes. "Sonic Crafters" and drills will also be available for competitors to use.

Materials: Each team will be issued the following materials in quantities to be determined by the Race Director. The amount of material will not be revealed until the Captains' Meeting immediately preceding the race. *The Waterfront reserves the right to substitute similar materials and/or change quantities so long as all building kits provided are equal.*

- Lengths of Bamboo
- Plastic Sheeting
- Magic Marker
- Duct Tape
- Scissors
- Twine
- Pencil
- Ruler

Race Format: There will be approximately 10 to 20 teams, divided into two fleets by lottery. These fleets will be known as Fleet A and Fleet B. These fleets will race as two heats, with the top 50% of the boats in each heat advancing to the Finals, rounded up in the case of odd numbers (i.e., 10 boats, 5 in finals - 5 boats, 3 in finals).

Rules & Regulations:

1. The rules are subject to change at any time at the discretion of the Chief Judge.
2. All boats shall be built in the building area designated by the Chief Judge using only the materials provided.
3. Boats must be **open on top**; they may not have any sealed compartments or decks. **NO PLASTIC MATERIAL IS ALLOWED ON THE TOP DECK OF THE BOAT.**
4. Each boat must be labeled using **big, bold letters** with the **team name and the boat #** assigned by the signup sheet or by the race official at the Captains' Meeting.
5. At the start, team members may help launch the boat. No team member, except the driver, may touch the boat in the final 30 seconds prior to each start.
6. SMCM persons in the boats must wear a lifejacket and shall have passed the swim test. Guest paddlers must sign a waiver prior to the race start. All individuals entering the water are strongly advised to wear water shoes - the risk of cut feet on barnacles and oysters is very high.
7. There is no restriction on the number of paddlers in each boat. One paddle per paddler will be issued. Besides this paddle, only hands, feet, or sails may be used for propulsion.
8. During the race, any contact between boats or crews other than unintentional may result in competitor disqualification.
9. All teams may be allowed to repair damaged boats during an official repair period in the designated building area. The time of this repair period and/or if it occurs is at the discretion of the Chief Judge.
10. Competitors are responsible for cleaning up all construction debris and for properly disposing (separated for recycling) of their boat after the races, returning rulers, scissors and unused materials.
11. **The Chief Judge will be the final authority with regard to disputes and rule compliance. The Chief Judge will have the authority to disqualify a competitor without right of appeal.**

Prizes: The following prizes will be awarded to the top three teams in the Championship round:

1. First Place Team: \$300
2. Second Place Team: \$200
3. Third Place Team: \$100

Superlative prizes will be awarded to the top team in the following categories:

- Best Team Uniform
- Most Creative Boat Design
- Most Sustainable Vessel

Questions? Contact Assistant Director of the Waterfront Rick Loheed in the James P. Muldoon River Center at rwloheed@smcm.edu or (240) 895-4291.

Good Luck!