



# Official Rules

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## 2009 Commencement Bay Maritime Fest 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Quick and Dirty Boat Building Competition

### General:

Teams will consist of no more than 3 people each. Two or three companies/organizations/families/groups of complete strangers may join together to form one team.

Date: **Saturday, August 29th 2009.**

Time: Set-up: 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM.

Build Boats: 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Race: 4:30 PM (Subject to change).

Awards: Immediately following the races.

Location: Water side of The Dock building.

Entry fee: \$50.00 per team.

The competition will be open to 10 teams. First come first served.

Entry forms must be received by **August 10<sup>th</sup> 2009**. Late registrations will be accommodated if there is room.

Teams will be required to sign hold harmless agreements prior to the event.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** It is best to arrive at the Dock before 7:00 AM to offload equipment and secure a parking spot. Parking is very limited.

## **Construction:**

Each team will be supplied with:

- (4) sheets of 4' x 8' x 1/4" plywood (thinner plywood may be supplied).
- (6) 2" x 4" x 8' nominal lumber.
- (100) 1" No. 8 flat head wood screws.
- (2) tubes of quick drying caulk.
- (50) Tie wraps.

Teams may spend up to, but not more than \$17.63 (note the adjustment for inflation from last year's amount) before taxes, of their own money on materials (excluding paint and brushes). Any consumable items (nails, screws, temporary glue) must be included in this total. Valid receipts for these materials must be presented to the judges prior to the competition or the materials may not be used.

Up to three (3) quarts of latex interior flat paint and three (3) brushes may be used to decorate the boat. The paint must not be used to seal the boat from leaking in any way or as glue. Participants not adhering to this rule will be disqualified. No rollers or sprayers may be used.

A mystery material will be supplied to each team at the start of the competition. You will be judged on how you use this material in the construction/decoration of your boat.

Teams will be disqualified for using any materials other than those listed above.

A banner with company or organization logo is permitted, and in fact encouraged.

Teams must supply their own tools. There is no limitation on the number or types of tools allowed except, only 20 amps of power will be available to each site and, since the construction will take place on an old wood pier, no torches, heat guns, or flame producing devices of any type will be permitted.

**Important!** Proper (OSHA approved) safety equipment (safety glasses, dust masks, ear protection) is a requirement. Teams will be asked to show their safety equipment to the judges before the start of the competition. Individual team members without proper safety gear at that time **will not** be allowed to compete for their team. Safety equipment must be worn at all times when using tools that produce flying dust or debris. Those teams found not to be using their safety equipment during the competition **will** be disqualified.

Teams must take care to ensure their sites pose no risk to the public.

Each team will be given a 10' x 20' canopy or section of a canopy under which to build their boat. All construction must occur within that space. Since your building area will be

abutting other team's spaces all construction must take place within your building area. Teams may not store materials, supplies or trash outside of their building area.

Plans may be used but full size patterns or templates of any kind are forbidden.

No alcoholic beverages may be consumed during the contest.

Coaching from the sidelines is not permitted.

Teams will be required to completely clean up their site after the competition.

Building will start at 9:00 am. At 3:00 pm building must stop. Boats will then be presented to the judges. Racing will begin at 4:30 pm or when Maritime Fest officials permit.

## **Racing:**

Boats must be solely human powered and all means of propulsion must be constructed from the materials given. Up to 3 team members may be in the boat during the race. Any number of support staff from their respective company or organization may help the team transport their craft from the construction site to the beach at the North end of Thea's Park for launching. The grander the spectacle the better. This is an area where your entire organization can participate. Launching ceremonies commensurate with the mood of the occasion are encouraged. However, only the 3 building team members may push their boat off from shore and participate in the race.

All boats will race at the same time.

Teams may not deliberately hinder other boats during the races

USCG approved PFDs **must** be worn by all crew members during the races.

Any boat that sinks or swamps during the races will be disqualified. From the Grand Prize Trophy

The previous year's winner will be handicapped by being required to drag a bucket in the water behind their boat on a 5 ft tether. The bucket and tether will be supplied by the organizers.

## **Judging:**

Judges will be selected from impartial groups in the marine industry.

Each boat will be rated by the Judges in the following categories:

- Appearance
- Originality
- Quality of design
- Quality of construction
- Use of “mystery” material
- Seaworthiness during the races
- Race finish place.
- Fastest (Race Winner)
- Best use of materials
- Most original
- Best looking
- Peoples Choice, determined by public ballot on the day of the event
- Best bribe to the judges

All categories will carry equal weight. The highest scoring boat will receive the Grand Prize trophy. In addition, a bonus point will be awarded for each sheet of plywood, 2x4, and tube of caulk not used by the team in constructing their boat.

The stunning Grand Prize Trophy will be awarded to the winning team and may be held by that team for one year until the next competition at which time it will be awarded to the next winning team and so on. This trophy will make a handsome addition to any office!

While these rules are written to be clear and easy to follow there may be differing interpretations. In these, and in all cases, the decision of the judges will be perhaps whimsical and capricious at times but definitely final.

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