

Bristol Harbour Festival Cardboard Boat Race 2018 –

Information for teams entering a cardboard vessel in the race

21st July, 11:30hrs for 12:00hrs start – Arnolfini Pontoon, Prince street Bridge. Bristol

This is a very silly event that needs to be taken very seriously. The aims are to raise awareness of Bristol waterways and convince the world that engineering is fun.

This event follows the ‘Young Shipwrights’ race where children’s models of Bristol Pilot Cutter and Matthew Caravels set sail. All proceeds from this event go towards workshops with children that take them out on Bristols Tides and help them build these model boats. If you want to volunteer to help children build see

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You will be watched by about 6000 spectators and your boat needs a name and if possible a bit of story so our actors can engage the crowd in your exploits. Promoting your own cause, charity or business is encouraged.

There is no entry fee but donations are welcome. Donations in the past range from £5 to £1400 and reflect the circumstances of the team entering. If you have no money don’t give us any. All donations are used to support the **Learning Ships** programmes which works with over 1000 young people each year. The larger donations are usually from businesses or societies who want to sponsor school workshops. There is no fixed amount to donate but each workshop for 30 children costs £700. Workshops are held in schools across Bristol and at Engine Shed (Business Hub at Temple Meads) and include boat trips to explore the Bristol’s Docks and Rivers.

Rules for the Cardboard Boat Race

1. Cardboard boat must have a person on board
2. No plastic, metal and wood allowed. This includes the paddles, oars or other methods of propulsion
3. Varnish and paint are allowed and preferable to an excess of plastic tapes.
4. No plastic sheeting.
5. All competitors sign the waiver and follow the advice on the risk assessment. Don’t worry it is a safe event we have rescue boats on hand so you don’t even need to swim if you sink.
6. Boats to be on the Arnolfini pontoon by 11:30am on race day. If rain is forecast bring something to cover the boat on the pontoon. Entry to the Prince Street Bridge area by car will be restricted after about 9:30am and we will be setting up around 10am. Parading your boat through the crowds is encouraged.
7. Everyone coming on the pontoon must wear a buoyancy aid. Sailors and any extra launchers can bring their own buoyancy aid or you can order them from us.
8. The winner is the first to get around the marker buoy and back to the pontoon. The course is approximately 300metres long. Boats start on the pontoon and launch at the sound of the hooter.
9. After the race competitors may want a sea battle. This is entirely optional but much applauded.
10. The awards ceremony will follow straight after the race
11. After the race all the cardboard boats must be lifted from the water onto the pontoon. We will recycle it with the help of the docks engineers who should turn up with a boat sometime after the race. Please help with the recycling.

Prizes – Beautiful Cardboard Trophies to Keep and Display

1. Race Winner
2. Team Spirit Award
3. Titanic Award
4. Innovation Award
5. Best Looking Boat Award

Thanks for entering and supporting. If you need more information or just want to tell us your boats story please contact us info@myfuturemychoice.co.uk / 01173290387

Please share any pictures of your boat and announce your involvement on Twitter and Facebook

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