

IF IT FLOATS RACE – OFFICIAL RULES

Participant Eligibility

- Participants must be ages 5–18.
- Race will be broken down into 3 age categories 5-7, 8-12, and 13+
- Participants under 18 must have a parent/guardian present and a signed waiver or bring a completed waiver. Waivers can be found on the town website under documents – 4th of July
- All participants must be capable swimmers or properly supervised.

Safety Requirements

- U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets (PFDs) are REQUIRED at all times.
- Life jackets must be in good condition and properly fit.
- No alcohol, drugs, or unsafe behavior permitted.
- No horseplay, intentional tipping, or dangerous conduct.

Craft Construction Rules

- All crafts must be homemade and non-motorized.
- Pre-made kits (canoes, kayaks, etc.) are NOT allowed.
- Craft must float while fully loaded and remain intact.
- No sharp edges or protruding materials.
- Each craft must display a clearly visible name.
- All paint and glue must be dry prior to the start of the race.

Allowed Materials

- Cardboard, duct tape, plastic, bottles, rope, cloth, paint, glue.
- Wood (light use only), metal fasteners (safe), pool noodles.
- Innertubes and air mattress may be used to build the craft, but crafts made only of innertubes will not be permitted.
- Paddles may be made of any materials
- Swim fins may be used as a paddle but may not be won on your feet.

Prohibited Materials

- Styrofoam, sharp objects, hazardous materials.
- All crafts must pass inspection for safety and floatability.
- Failure to pass inspection means no participation.

Race Rules & Format

- Registration begins at 11:00 am Races begin at 11:30 AM.
- Race will be broken down into 3 age categories 5-7, 8-12, and 13+
- Maximum 6 teams per heat.
- Follow course from start buoy to turnaround and back.
- All crew must remain on craft and finish together.

Disqualification

- Late arrivals may be disqualified
- Intentional contact with other teams.
- Unsafe behavior or ignoring officials.

Team Size

- Minimum 1 person, maximum 5 people per craft.
- Must not exceed safe capacity.

Cleanup & Environment

- No littering.
- Remove all debris if craft breaks.
- All materials must be removed from the beach immediately at the end of the race.

Awards

- Fastest Craft, Most Unique Design, Most Enthusiastic Team, Furthest Distance.

Liability

- All participants must sign a waiver.
- Parents/guardians must sign for minors.

Authority

- Officials have final decision on all matters.