



Franklin Street Brewing Company Eighth Annual River Runner Regatta And Cardboard Boat Races

Official Rules and Entry Forms

Event Date: Saturday, August 19, 2023

Time: 2:00 pm

Where: Manchester's Whitewater Park
Franklin Street Brewing Company

Here are the official rules, entry form and liability waiver for the Franklin Street Brewing Company's Eighth Annual River Runner Regatta and Cardboard Boat Races.

Franklin Street Brewing Company appreciates the support of the city and all the great local businesses along with the numerous volunteers it takes to make this work. Spend the day with us at the Whitewater Park as there will be food vendors available on-site and hours of great entertainment. After the event, we'll announce the award winners at the brewery!

Official Rules:

There will be four divisions. Your boat is able to enter more than one division should it be strong enough to last! The Regatta is free to enter. However, there is a **\$25 deposit** which is due with your entry form. Multiple boats are perfectly acceptable – we encourage it! – but each boat needs a deposit. Your deposit will be returned to you once you safely remove your boat from the river right after the race. However, you may donate your deposit to have volunteers remove your boat from the Whitewater Park for you. The donation would go towards a local school club and their volunteer's time and efforts. This has been a nice fundraiser for a variety of groups in years past.

You must pre-register for this event (see entry form and waiver at the end of the rules). Awards will be given in the following four divisions:

- Individual
- Two Person
- Team (three or more people)
- Battle of the Boats Race (multiple boats at once racing to the finish line; can be any number of people in the boat)



Winners in each division will be determined by the farthest a cardboard boat travels in the fastest amount of time through the Whitewater Park course. Your boat will have to travel through the Whitewater Park drops – make it durable and see how far you can go!

There will be a platform at the start of the course for each individual / team to enter their boat. However, for the Battle of the Boats Race, the platform will not be used and you must be able to enter your boat on your own prior to starting the race. Construct your boat accordingly!

Prizes will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place finishers in each division. Other cool prizes will be awarded for the following sub-categories:

- The Awesome Sauce Award: Most Awesome Looking Boat
- The Red Carpet Award: Best Dressed Team or Individual
- The Titanic Award: Most Spectacular Sinking
- The People's Choice Award

Prizes will be a mix of brewery gift certificates and very generous gift certificates from our sponsoring businesses in Manchester and the surrounding areas. All prizes will be posted by race day. Believe us it's worth winning!

As mentioned, there is no cost to enter other than the cost to build your boat. However, there is a **\$25 deposit** which is due with your entry form for each boat entered. The deposit will be returned to you once you have safely removed your boat from the Whitewater Park right after the race. There will be volunteers available to assist you or your team with the removal of your boat and / or boat pieces to the dumpster. **ALL BOATS AND BOAT PIECES SHALL BE REMOVED FROM THE WHITEWATER PARK THE DAY OF THE RACE.**

You may elect to donate your deposit to have volunteers remove your boat from the river for you. The donation would go towards a local school club and their volunteer's time and efforts.

Helmets, life jackets and paddles will be generously provided by the Watershed for each boat. **HELMETS AND LIFE JACKETS SHALL BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILE ON THE COURSE.** The course goes through the drops along the Whitewater Park with plenty of rocks. Your safety is our goal!

The Regatta will start at 2:00 pm sharp with the individual Division. Start times of the remaining divisions will follow. Individual race times will be determined based on the number of entry forms submitted and will be announced the day of the race. All boats in all division must be checked in for judging by 1:00 pm in the parking lot area of the Whitewater Park. Please watch our website (www.franklinstreetbrewing.com) and our Facebook page for updates.

Boat Construction Rules:



The ENTIRE BOAT must be built of cardboard. You may use cardboard boxes, cardboard block, corrugated cardboard or cardboard carpet tubes.

There shall be NO wood, plastic, Styrofoam, spray foam, fiberglass or anything else that's not cardboard in the construction of your boat. There shall be NO staples, clamps, screws. Just cardboard. The only exceptions to the just cardboard rule are the following three fastening materials:

- Duct tape
- Liquid nail adhesive
- Latex paint for water proofing

The course goes through the Whitewater Park drops and your boat will take a beating. Plan accordingly!

Decorations other than cardboard are allowed as long as they don't impact structural strength or buoyancy. Be creative! But judges will be inspecting each boat prior to the race to ensure appropriate design. The crew compartment CANNOT be enclosed to as to interfere with escape should the need arise.

Individuals and teams will be able to enter their boat on a platform at the starting line. However, boats in the Battle of the Boats Race will not be able to use the platform and you must be able to enter your boat on your own prior to the start of that race. Construct your boat accordingly. This has not been a problem in year's past.

Regatta judges will have final say on whether a boat has satisfied the intent of the rules.

Design Suggestions:

- Consider its size – you must be able to transport your boat to the event
- It should be big enough to hold the intended crew, small enough to carry and transport
- A 1' x 1' x 3' cardboard box will float 187 pounds. If it will hold you, it's big enough to float
- Rudders help keep you straight but will make turning difficult and adds complexity to your design
- Best length: 8-12 feet
- Long boats go fast but are difficult to turn
- Short boats (<10') are difficult to keep straight
- Best height: 18" – allows room to sit / kneel and still paddle over the edge
- Too high and the boat becomes top heavy
- Boat decorations and crew costumes are encouraged! We've had some absolute creative themes over the years



- There are pages and pages of good cardboard boat design suggestions on the interweb. Be sure to use 'em!

Volunteers:

As always, we are looking for 20 to 25 volunteers to help during the event. Volunteers will likely get wet and be run ragged throughout the day but will be rewarded with good karma and cool swag from the brewery.

We'll need volunteers to check in boaters, be in the water to catch wayward cardboard boat pieces from floating down the river, help boaters, time races, judge boats and sub-categories, pick up afterwards and generally be able to answer any questions people may have.

Please stop into the brewery anytime to sign up for a volunteer slot. We'll need volunteers throughout the day starting around noon. We appreciate you!

Entry Form:

For everyone entering a boat, please fill out the entry form and liability waiver on the following pages. Each boat **MUST** have the \$25 deposit, a completed entry form and signed liability waiver for **EACH** team member participating in the race.

Forms are due back at the brewery at the close of business on Friday, August 11th so we can get the race finalized. If you have any questions at all, please call the brewery at (563) 927-2722.

Races begin at 2:00 pm sharp with the Individual Division, light rain or shine on Saturday, August 19th. If there are storms / lightning present, a make-up date will be held the following week (August 26th). All participants must wear life jackets and helmets on the course. All boats must be checked in with the judges by 1:00 pm on race day in the parking lot of the Whitewater Park.

Judges will inspect that boats meet all requirements set forth in the rules. Only minor changes can be made at the event site prior to the start of the Regatta.

There will be a mandatory on-site pre-race meeting with all boaters at 1:45 pm prior to the start of the race to discuss the rules and safety procedures.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the brewery!

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING!!!



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ENTRY FORM

Registration form due August 11, 2023

\$25 deposit attached? Yes _____

Please mail or bring your completed entry form and your \$25 deposit to:
Franklin Street Brewing Company
116 South Franklin Street
Manchester, IA 52057

Your deposit will be returned to you once you have safely removed your boat from the Whitewater Park. Or, you may donate your deposit to have volunteers remove your boat from the park for you. The deposit will go towards a local school club and their volunteer's time and efforts.

River Runner Regatta Divisions (check all races you would like to enter with your boat)

- Individual
- 2 Person
- Team (3 or more people)
- Battle of the Boats Race

Captain's Contact Information

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____
DATE OF BIRTH: _____

Other Team Member's Names and Birthdates (if applicable)

NAME: _____
DATE OF BIRTH: _____
NAME: _____
DATE OF BIRTH: _____
NAME: _____
DATE OF BIRTH: _____

(list additional team members and their date of birth on a separate sheet as necessary)

Boat Name: _____

All participants will wear life jackets and helmets while on the course. All boats must be checked in with the judges by 1:00 pm in the parking lot of the Whitewater Park. Judges will inspect that all boats meet the requirements set forth in the rules. Only minor changes can be made at the event site. There will be a mandatory on-site pre-race meeting for all boaters at 1:45 pm.



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LIABILITY AND PHOTO RELEASE FORM

On this 19th day of August, 2023 (or any rain date thereafter), intending to be legally bound hereby the undersigned agrees and does hereby release from liability and to indemnify and hold harmless the Franklin Street Brewing Company, the City of Manchester, Iowa and all participating sponsoring businesses and any of their employees or agents representing or related to the River Runner Regatta and Cardboard Boat Race. This release is for any and all liability for personal injuries, including death and property losses or damages occasioned by, or in connection with any activity or accommodations for this event. Also, the release will allow the Franklin Street Brewing Company, the City of Manchester, Iowa and all participating sponsoring businesses and any of their employees or agents representing or related to the River Runner Regatta and Cardboard Boat Race to use your likeness in any photograph or video that may be taken during the event. The undersigned further agrees to abide by all the rules and regulations of the event.

Signature of Boat Captain: _____

Signature of Team Member (if applicable): _____

Signature of Team Member (if applicable): _____

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