



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

Official Rules and Entry Form

Event Date: September 16, 2017

Time: 2:00 PM

Where: Manchester's Whitewater Park

Here are the official rules, entry form and liability waiver for the Franklin Street Brewing Company's Third 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 several food vendors available on-site and hours of great entertainment. After the event, we'll announce the award winners at the brewery and you can then boogie down with the fantastic rocking party band, Stutterin' Jimmy and the Goosebumps, at 8:00 pm!

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 fine, but each boat needs a deposit. Your deposit will be returned to you once you safely remove your boat right after the race from the Whitewater Park. However, you may donate your deposit to have volunteers remove your boat from the park for you. The deposit would go towards a local non-profit and their volunteer's time and efforts.

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; the boat must be constructed so you can get into the boat on your own)

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 go through the Whitewater Park drops - see how far you can make it!

There will be a platform at the start of the race 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 the start of the race. Construct your boat accordingly!

Prizes will be awarded to the first and second place finishers in each division. Other 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

Prizes will be a mix of gift certificates from the brewery and very generous gift certificates from our sponsoring businesses around Manchester. All prizes will be posted by race day.

There is NO cost to enter other than your cost to build your boat. However, there is a \$25 deposit which is due with your entry form. 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 park for you. The deposit would go towards a local non-profit and their volunteer's time and efforts.

Helmets, life jackets and paddles will be 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 starts 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 and will be announced day of the race. All boats in all divisions must be checked in for judging by 1:00 pm in the parking lot area of the Whitewater Park.



Boat Construction Rules:

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

There shall be NO wood, plastic, styrofoam, spray foam or fiberglass in the construction of the boat. Also, there shall be NO staples, clamps or screws. Just cardboard. Only exceptions to the cardboard rule are the following fastening materials:

- Duct tape
- Liquid nails adhesive
- Latex paint for waterproofing.

The course goes through the Whitewater Park drops and your boat will take a beating. Plan accordingly! **Note that spray foam was allowed the first year but it is NOT allowed this year on your boat.** Last year spray foam was not allowed and most boats made it just fine! In fact, a few boats made multiple runs!

Decorations other than cardboard are allowed as long as they don't impact structural strength or buoyancy. Be creative! The crew compartment CANNOT be enclosed so 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 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!

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

Design Suggestions:

- Consider its size – you must be able to transport the boat to the event.
- It should be big enough to hold the crew, small enough to carry and transport.
- A 1'x1'x3' box will float 187 lbs. 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 harder to turn.
- Short boats (<10') are difficult to keep straight.
- Best Height: 18 inches - allows room to sit/kneel and still paddle over the edge.



- Boat decorations and crew costumes are encouraged!
- There are pages and pages of good cardboard boat design suggestions on the interweb. Be sure to use them!

Volunteers:

We are looking for at least twenty-five 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 cardboard pieces from floating down river, help boaters, time races, judge sub-categories, pick-up afterwards and generally be able to answer any questions people may have.

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

Entry Form:

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 from EVERY team member to participate in the race.

Forms are due back to the brewery at the close of business on Wednesday, September 6th so we can get the race order finalized. If you have any questions, please call the brewery at (563) 927-2722.

Races begin at 2:00 pm sharp with the Individual Division, light rain or shine. If there are storms / lightning present, a make-up date will be held the following week (September 23rd). All participants must wear life jackets and helmets on the course. All boats must be checked in with the judges by 1:00 pm in the parking lot area of the Whitewater Park.

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

There will be an on-site pre-race meeting with all boaters at 1:45 am to discuss the rules.

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

THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING!



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ENTRY FORM

Registration form due September 6, 2017 at 10:00 pm. \$25 deposit attached? Yes _____

Please mail or bring the completed entry form and your \$25 deposit to:
Franklin Street Brewing Company
116 South Franklin Street
Manchester, Iowa 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 would go towards the volunteer's time and efforts.

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

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

Captain's Contact Information

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
TELEPHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____
DATE OF BIRTH: _____

Other Team Member's Names (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: _____

Participants must 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 area of the Whitewater Park.

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LIABILITY AND PHOTO RELEASE FORM

On this 16th day of September, 2017 (or any rain date thereof), 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 damage occasioned by, or in connection with any activity or accommodations for this event. Also, this 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 Second Team Member (if applicable): _____

Signature of Third Team Member (if applicable): _____

Signature of Forth Team Member (if applicable): _____

Signature of Fifth Team Member (if applicable): _____

Signature of Sixth Team Member (if applicable): _____

Signature of Seventh Team Member (if applicable): _____

Signature of Eight Team Member (if applicable): _____