

Saltash Regatta Cardboard Boat Race

Rules & Briefing

Sunday 5 September 2021



The aim of the event is to make and race an eco-themed boat (not rafts) made entirely out of cardboard with up to two people on board. Fancy dress is strongly advised! Competitors will attempt to complete a pre-set circuit starting from Ashtorre slipway and making it back to the finish line. Prizes this year will be for: The Most Impressive Sinking Vessel, The Best Fancy Dress, The Brunel Award for Creativity (for the most eco-creative design), and the Overall Winner. The competition is open to individuals, local businesses, schools, clubs, organisations or anyone who would like to have a go. All you need is a cardboard boat, a team name and a good sense of humour!

In order to avoid disqualification and to make it as fair as possible for everyone, please follow these rules:

- Due to the amount of interest in previous years we will be limiting the number of entries, so if you want to compete, you will need to **register online** here <https://forms.gle/cenEqxUKr6ywRwEK6> prior to the event and as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.
- Boats must be made of only cardboard. Any thickness of corrugated or sheet cardboard is permitted (no wax coating, or spray painting). Tubes from inside carpet rolls are permitted.
- Joining seals: Duct tape may be used, or if you are wanting to go for the eco prize, you can purchase **biodegradable eco-tapes** online. Please DO NOT cover your boat in duct tape.
- Anything used to decorate the boats needs to be marine friendly e.g. no plastic (Saltash Scrap Store have a variety of decorating materials you can use).
- Paddles or other methods of propulsion must be homemade.
- Boats to be built prior to the event.
- A buoyancy aid must be worn by all competitors. Please bring your own if you have one, otherwise there will be some available to borrow on the day.
- The minimum age of entrants is 10 years old. Under 14's to be accompanied by an adult. Under 18's need to have parents/guardians present at the race along with their written consent. The cardboard boat team will provide you with a consent form when you drop off your boat at the HQ based by JustBe.
- Each team is responsible for removing their entire boat or salvage any remains and personal items from the estuary. There will be a skip and volunteers to help you dispose of your vessel at the slip way.
- Each team must present their boat to the Admiral any time between 10am – 2pm to gain his seal of approval! Entrants will need to meet outside JustBe at 2.30pm for a safety briefing. Race will commence at 3.00pm.
- The cardboard boat team will be located under the marquee next to JustBe on Sunday 5 September where you will be asked to sign in. Road marshals will help direct you in your car to the closest drop-off point.

For more information, please contact info@saltashregatta.co.uk or find our event page on the Regatta facebook page facebook.com/Saltash.Regatta



The Cardboard Boat Race is organised by Redeemer Saltash on behalf of the Saltash Regatta Committee. We are looking forward to entertaining the crowds again and hope you will all enjoy being part of the fun!

