

Float-a-Boat

When: Tuesday, May 29th at 3:30 PM on the Pool Deck

Rules:

- Teams of 2-4 people ONLY. (n-1) people must be in the boat (Example, if you have a team of 3, then at least 2 people must be in the boat)
- You must sit in the boat - You cannot lay down in the boat. No "surfboard" or "Boogie board" type of propulsion. No paddling like you're going out to ride some waves. No sitting on your knees.
- You must provide PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE of your participation in the construction of the float-a-boat. A minimum of 4 photographs placed on an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper must be presented to your teacher following float-a-boat which shows the ACTIVE participation of each member of your group! Do not e-mail the photos. Print them out and put them on an 8 1/2" x 11" paper.
- This is a school sponsored event so appropriate attire is required. For boys, No Speedo's (unless you are wearing a shirt too) – Shirtless with swim trunks or board shorts is okay. For girls, No tiny bikini's. And if you are wearing a costume, it must be school appropriate (follow the rules for what would be considered appropriate for say a Halloween costume at school)

The following is a list of items you may use. If you want to use something that is not on this list, you must first consult with the Admirals (Young, Pearce or Wilson). Permission to "come aboard" will be granted on a case-by-case basis.

- Cardboard
- 2L soda bottles - MAXIMUM of 20 bottles per boat
- Maximum of FOUR Large 5 Gallon Sparkletts Bottles - as Pontoons only!
- If you use 500 mL bottles, they must be bundled together in some fashion so they don't begin to disperse all around the pool. Do not use too many 500 mL bottles. Check with the admirals if you are concerned it is too many.
- Duct Tape - Be sure to fully protect your boat with duct tape. Boats that do not use enough tape will take on water and disintegrate. Cardboard disintegrates upon contact with water. Do not let this happen as it ruins the pool!
- Oars must be made of cardboard, duct tape and 2L soda bottles only!

Forbidden Items:

- **NO** Paint - USE COLORED DUCT TAPE TO "Decorate" YOUR BOAT
- **NO** WOOD
- **NO** Wax
- **NO** Air Mattresses
- **NO** Styrofoam or Fiberglass
- **NO** Water-Balloons (sorry, but when they pop, they clog up the pool drains)
- **NO** Saran Wrap or Plastic Wrap or Garbage Bags

Can I try to Sink Another Boat?

You may NOT try to sink another boat by ramming, but you may use a Squirt Gun (No Balloons) to confuse your opponent. Super Soakers are welcome!

No sabotage of boats from people in the water! This will be videotaped for evidence and you will receive no credit for this assignment!!!! People have worked hard on these boats, do not try to sink them! **No one is allowed in the water except the sailors!**

What actually happens on the day of the event?

1. **Pick up a 3x5 card from your teacher the day before the race.** Put the names of each of your team members on the card. Bring that card with you to the pool.
2. When you arrive at the pool deck, immediately proceed to the "starting blocks" side of the pool (the side bordered by the band room). First come, first serve into the water. **Hand your 3x5 card to the teacher standing there and he'll assign you a lane.**
3. When the "heat" begins, you must paddle like mad to the other side. Upon reaching the other side, you will pull your boat (or what's left of it) out of the icy waters and tell the Yoeman/Yoewoman your name(s) and your teacher's name. The Yoeman/Yoewoman will then tell you the time it took you to get across the pool (only the first person's across will receive a time) and tell you if your boat made it all the way or if it disintegrated.
4. After you have checked in with the Yoeman/Yoewoman, you will then be directed to the final resting place of your boat - the SCHS trash dumpster. **TRASH MUST BE PLACED IN LARGE TRASH DUMPSTER LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE POOL DECK**
5. You are responsible for **RECYCLING** any recyclable materials (Clean Cardboard and 2L soda bottles)
6. You are responsible for any disintegrating items which sink to the bottom of the pool.

Extra credit Categories:

- Fastest boat across the pool (simple: be the fastest and you win.)
- Best theme (Boat and Crew must be similarly outfitted - eg. Pirates, Vikings...etc)
- Best Costume design - (Crew has cool outfits)
- Best Boat design - (Boat is of the best design)
- Largest number of people to set sail in 1 boat which makes it all the way across the pool
- Admiral's special trophy (at the discretion of the admirals - Young, Pearce and Wilson)