

## LOUIE'S LAKEHOUSE CARDBOARD BOAT RACE OFFICAL CONTEST RULES

These are the rules governing the CARDBOARD BOAT RACE contest, at Louie's Lakehouse in Southwick, MA on Saturday August 5th 2017. The Contest starts at 12:00 p.m. Registration will start at 10:00 a.m. through approximately 10:50 a.m. on the day of the Contest. Boat judging will begin at approximately 11:00 a.m. The boat racing competition will begin at approximately 12:00 noon.

The winning boat judged as "Best In Show" AND the winning boat "Fastest to Race" will receive \$500.00 cash. The second place winners will receive a \$100 gift card to Nora's Restaurant, and third place will receive a \$50 Louie's gift card. There will be other prizes and give-a-ways.

1. Participants may pre-register online at [www.louieslakehouse.com](http://www.louieslakehouse.com), or in person at Louie's Lakehouse, located at 101 Point Grove Rd, Southwick, MA, between the hours of 11:00 am and 5:00 pm, Thursday through Sunday. The pre-registration period will close by 5:00 p.m., on Thursday, August 3, 2017, or sooner, and without notice, if 50 qualified contestants have registered.

2. There will be a maximum of fifty (50) boats to participate in the event.

3. In order to participate in the event, participants will be required to provide their name, home address, date of birth and telephone number.

4. All Contestants must comply with boat building rules, and sign a hold-harmless agreement to participate.

5. Participants who pre-register online will receive a confirmation e-mail. Participants should print this e-mail and bring it with them to the event as proof pre-registration.

6. On-site registration will be allowed on the day of the event, but will be limited to the number of remaining, available spaces.

7. On-site check in and/or registration will conclude on Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017, at approximately 10:50 a.m. Contestants must bring their completed boat to Louie's Lakehouse before 10:50 am, in order to take part in the contest.

8. Beginning at 11:00 a.m., all eligible cardboard boats will be made available for display in order for our judges to conduct the "Best In Show" contesting. Judges shall use criteria, and assign points, based on creative merit used to build the boat. The boat that garners the most points by the judges shall be deemed "Best In Show," and be awarded the \$500.00 cash prize.

9. Upon the conclusion of the "Best In Show" segment of the Contest, the race portion of the Contest shall commence. At the designated starting time, boats shall be lowered into the water and await the official signal to begin. The pilot of each boat will be required to sail his or her boat out from the dock at Louie's Lakehouse, around a buoy placed offshore in Lake Congamond, and return to the starting point.

10. All boats will be timed and the boat which completes the course in the least amount of time will be awarded "Fastest to Race" and the Prize of \$500.00.

11. Officials will determine the number of separate races (or heats) based on the number of racers that can reasonably and safely be accommodated in one field of entries. Accordingly, race results for all boats will be recorded by our judges and winners will be determined from amongst the entire field of participants.

12. Racing rules are as follows:

a. BOATS must be designed to hold no more than two occupants.

b. PROPELLING DEVICES: The boat must be propelled solely by the use of paddles. Any form of paddle is permitted, with the exception that the paddle/propulsion and steering materials may not in ANY

WAY significantly contribute to structural rigidity of the boat – one paddle per person in the boat. No appendages other than the paddles may be used; e.g., Contestants may not put arms or legs in the water to assist with the stability or propulsion. Poling/Punting (using long poles to push the boat) is also prohibited. No motors of any type may be used. No sails may be used.

c. **TEAM NAME/DECORATION:** Teams or individuals should visibly mark their name on the boat, as well as prominently displaying the Twisted Tea Logo, a copy of which is located on the Cardboard Boat Race Page at [www.louielakehouse.com](http://www.louielakehouse.com). The decoration must not aid in the buoyancy of the boat.

d. **MATERIALS:** Absolutely NO materials may be used other than those listed on the materials listed on the MATERIALS LIST, provided at [www.louieslakehouse.com](http://www.louieslakehouse.com). If any items other than those listed on the material list are used in boat construction and discovered during the pre-race inspection, or Best in Show judging, the boat will be disqualified from the event.

e. **LIFE JACKETS:** US Coast Guard approved life jackets/PFD's (personal floatation devices) **MUST BE WORN** by all competitors at all times during the Contest. There will be a limited number of PFD's available; however participants are encouraged to bring their own. All boating occupants must wear their PFD correctly. Failure to wear a PFD will result in disqualification.

f. **DURING THE RACE:** Incidental contact between vessels during the race is expected and will not be penalized. **HOWEVER**, the crew of one boat will not be allowed to touch or intentionally interfere with, and/ or impede other boats, or crew members of other boats, during the race for any reason. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification.

g. **DISPOSAL OF BOATS:** Each team must remove their entire boat, boat remains and all personal items from the water after finishing and dispose of the boat, as required by race officials. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from all contesting.

13. This Contest is open to all eligible U.S. residents 18 and over, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. Contestants must possess a valid I.D. or other means of acceptable I.D. All prize winners must be able to present a valid ID. All federal, state, and local laws and regulations apply. We reserve the right to disqualify any winner if the Contest rules have been violated in any way. Contest is void where prohibited. All prize winners in this Contest may be required to fill out the appropriate tax paperwork prior to taking possession of their prize.