

Boat races raise \$21,403

The fourth annual Paddlin' 4 Paws Cardboard Boat Regatta Races Saturday continued the trend of the event growing bigger and better each year. The beneficiary of this event is the Randolph County Animal Shelter, and this year the shelter came away with \$21,403 after expenses.

For comparison with last year's event, also held at Chimney Cove on Lake Wedowee, the total raised in

2011 was \$12,300 after expenses, and that was the most to date. This year's 42 boat entries compare with last year's 34. And while no one got a crowd count, Saturday's crowd of spectators was by far the largest yet.

The finale was the Demolition Derby at the end of all who wanted to enter. Fourteen boats went down during this activity.

An additional bonus of

the event was the fact that all dogs the shelter took to the event found new homes.

2012 CARDBOARD BOAT REGATTA RACE AWARDS

Race age groups: Youth 4 1/2 - 12 years Adult 13 years and over

Photo plaque awards based on time:

1. Full Speed Ahead Award (youth) Southern Ambulance
Fastest 1 or 2 man vessel in race trials
2. Full Speed Ahead Award (adult) Southern Ambulance
Fastest one or two man vessel in race trials
3. Robinson Crusoe Award (youth) Bucks
Swiftest 3 or more man vessel in race trials
4. Robinson Crusoe Award (adult) USS Clay Chamber
Swiftest 3 or more man vessel in race trials
5. Popeye's Spinach Award Pochahontas
Fastest Finisher of Grudge Match Finals
6. Greased Lightning Award Mud Slinger
Swiftest Boat in the Flotilla Race

Photo plaque awards not based on time:

7. Pint Size Pirate Award Huck Finn
Crew average age 12 years & under
8. Old Wheezy Geezer Award Loch Harris Monster
Crew average age 55 years & over
9. Rah! Rah! Spirit Award Dirt-Y Girlz
Most enthusiastic crew
10. Best Landlubber Fan Base Award Cutting Edge
Largest & loudest fan base
11. Mr. Toad's Wild Ride Award Delta Com
How did we ever make it?
12. Smarty Pants Award The Morgan
Best creative, unusual or unique boat design
13. Captain Bligh's Award Auburn/Alabama: House Divided
Best 'clean' boat name
14. Full Monty Award Paw Pirates
Best costume and theme
15. Dead Mackerel Award Jaws IV
Ugly duckling boat
16. The Tug Award The Dragon
Largest vessel to finish race with crew inside
17. The Dinghy Award Pochahontas
Smallest vessel to finish race with crew inside
18. Hurry Up & Get It Made Boat Award Economy Caulking/Napa
It's not pretty, but it's ours!
19. Proud Mary Paddlewheeler Award Mud Slinger
Our first paddlewheeler ever built!
20. Bottom Feeder Award 48 West Trade Days
Low rider vessel
21. Davy Jones Locker Award Shark Attack
We Didn't Get Anything But Wet
22. Yellow Submarine Award Blitzkreig
We didn't have a chance from the start
23. Swimming 'Round the Bend Award Good Bye Kitty
Longest swim through the course
24. Pirate Parent and Jr. Matey Award Swamp Buggy
No entries: so awarded to a distinguished entry
25. Plundering Pirate Award Demolition Derby: USS Soggy Bottom
Last boat floating with entire crew inside
26. Titanic Award The Gator
Spectacular sinking after more than 50' of travel
27. RCAS Golden Paws Award: Jean Root, Chimney Cove mgr.
Special Award



Event organizer Patt High presents a check to Randolph County Animal Shelter President Chuck Smith.

