

The Great Auchenblae Paper Boat Race 2024

First prize for winning boat £100

Second Prize £50

Prize for best boat design and construction £50

**The race will take place in the burn at the den on Auchenblae
Gala Day 25th May commencing at 1.30pm**

Entrance fee per boat £2.00

RULES FOR THE MAKING AND RACING OF THE PAPER BOATS

Design Rules

- 1 The boat should be made primarily of paper or cardboard, exceptions to this rule are outlined below.
- 2 Boats may be Monohull and Multihull. The design of all craft must be boat like in spirit (boxes are not allowed). At least 40% of the deck must be open, sealed hulls are not allowed.
- 3 The maximum dimensions are as follows:
 - Boats shall not exceed 30cm in length and 20cm in breadth
 - Rudders and bowsprits will be included in the lengths stated.
 - No form of powered assistance is allowed, such as an electric motor.
- 4 Rule 1 suggests that other materials may be used in the construction of the paper boats, these exceptions are:-
 - 1 Ballast in the form of nails or screws maybe used to stabilise boats.
 - 2 Wood may be used for the construction of masts, bowsprits etc
 - 3 Thread or cotton or similar materials may be used to support the mast and control the sails.
- 5 Foam, polystyrene or other forms of buoyant materials are not allowed. The boats buoyancy shall be from the displacement of water.
- 6 The boats may be fastened with glue or adhesive tape. Fibre glass or similar methods are not allowed. Other materials may be allowed at the discretion of the race officer.
- 7 The boats may be painted and any colour the builder fancies. Layering of paint/coating to the point that it becomes structural is not allowed.

Racing Rules

1. A maximum of one boat per entrant is allowed to race. However a boat may be built and raced by more than one person. Boats will be issued with an entrant number which shall remain attached to the boat at all times. Boats can be entered in advance online at theblae.org/boatrace or on the day between 12.00pm and 1.00pm in the den Auchenblae.
2. The course shall be from the stepping stones at the pavilion to the bridge.
3. The race will be run in heats of 5 boats and boats will be drawn at random for the heats and starting positions, by picking from a hat . The number of heats is dependent on the number of entrants.
4. Boats must stay in one piece and not disintegrate. Those which do fall apart will be deemed to have Retired.
5. Boats which capsize will also be considered as Retired.
6. Boats that sink will also be considered Retired
6. Boats that become stuck will be released by the race officials when they become the last boat in the heat. Any interference with boats by parties other than race officials during a heat will result in retirement.
7. The first boat to complete the course in a heat and in accordance with these rules shall be considered the winner and move through to the next heat.
8. Repairs to heat winning boats may be undertaken between heats.
9. Boats that are not presented at the starting gate 5 minutes after the announcement of a heat shall be considered retired.
9. Protests; if there are any they will be heard by the race official. The race officials decision is final.