

\$50 Sailboat Race rules for 2012: July 29th



In general:

This is to be a fun event for participants and spectators. All efforts will be made by officials and participants to make it fun. All behavior shall be of clean family nature. No profanity.

Dangerous maneuvers such as intentional ramming will disqualify the boat.

All participants shall be in a physical condition as to safely operate their craft, therefore water fights are not generally considered dangerous.

This is a downwind race, so starting line and finish line may not be established until race time. Distance may be around 200 yards or more (subject to wind conditions).

The first boat to arrive at the finish line wins. Trophies will be provided to the first place finisher, and other novel categories such as: "Looks like a real boat" or "Should have won" Other prizes may be awarded as we think of them. Special award consideration may be given for novel design or appearance.

All participants (or their legal guardians) shall sign an entry form, which includes a Hold Harmless Agreement. But only one entry fee is required per boat. Race entry fees (per boat): \$10 if received before July 10th, \$20 day of race. Checks will be made payable to Lake Stevens Aquafest.

All Judges' decisions are final (that's why we call them "Judges").

When?

Sunday July 29th all participants should be in place by 12:00 PM and tow-out will begin before 1:00 PM

If your boat must be brought in by vehicle, it must arrive early. Approach the boat ramp from 16th street as all other road access will be blocked. All vehicles must be out of the area by 12 PM. Pickup of boats may be done after the close of Aquafest (5 PM) if they are to be removed by vehicle.

Equipment:

All boats shall be constructed with materials of a total fair market value below \$50. Allowances shall not be made for generosity. (If someone sells you a boat worth \$9,000,032 for \$1 it may not enter the race). In general, use garage sale values for the components that make up your craft.

Boats may not be powered by means other than wind. (Energy storage mechanisms, motors, rockets, and nuclear power plants are not allowed.)

Paddles, oars or other hand operated propelling devices should be onboard for non race maneuvering, but must not be used to propel the craft during the race (unless the Judges decide the wind is too light for sail.)

Boats will be disqualified if the Judges feel it's too dangerous. **The winning boat from previous Aquafest events may not re-enter, however participants are encouraged to enter a new boat.**

Coast guard approved PFDs (life jackets) must be worn by all participants.

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