



**Whale Week: A Celebration of the Sea's
 "3rd Annual "Home Made Boat Race"
 Sponsored by Venture Athletics of Provincetown
 Race Begins Monday July 29th 5:00pm- Crown and Anchor, Provincetown**

The Rules

1. All Crewmembers must wear type III or higher Coast Guard certified life jackets (PFDs). You may bring your own PFDs or Venture Athletics can supply them.
2. All crewmembers must remain with the vessel throughout the entire race.
3. Everything on your boat must be homemade. No commercial rafts, raft parts, hulls of canoes or kayaks can be used.
4. Teams constructing boats made solely of marine debris will receive an additional 5 points.
5. No parts powered by anything other than human power are allowed. For example, paddle or even pedal style boats are allowed, while anything with a motor is not. Crewmembers must attempt to paddle their vessel. If crewmembers fall off the vessel and must swim, they may not use flippers or other swimming aids.
6. Purchased paddles are permissible, but you will receive fewer ingenuity points by the judges.
7. No boats or boat parts must be left in the water. In the event that a boat breaks apart, crewmembers are responsible for gathering all the debris and bringing it to shore.
8. All crewmembers must sign a Participant Agreement, Release and Acknowledgment of Risk before participating in the race. Minors need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian who will need to sign a waiver for them.
9. Failure to adhere to any of the above rules will result in point deductions.

Judging

1. Boats are judged in 4 categories: ingenuity, aesthetics, costumes, and winning the race.
2. Each area will receive 5 points (1st place), 3 points (2nd place) and 1 point (3rd place). Each boat can score an additional one point for each piece of marine debris collected during the race. For example: bring in 5 water bottles found in the water, get an extra five points. The boat with the highest accumulative total wins the race.
3. Prizes will be given for the top three teams with the most accumulated points and the top fund raiser. In addition, each team will receive one complimentary individual membership to the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies.

Name: _____ Boat Name: _____

Number of Coast Guard certified life jackets (PFDs): _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City _____ State: _____

Zip _____ Phone: _____

Please return completed application and fee to:

**Venture Athletics
 PO Box 124
 Provincetown, MA 02657**

If you have any

questions please contact:

**Jesse Mechling 508-487-3623 x 103 or
 Elisabeth Verde 508-487-9442**

REQUIRED FOR PARTICIPATION

Whale Week: A Celebration of the Sea is a week filled with many free public activities to raise awareness about whales, the marine environment, and the community's connection to the sea. We are asking each participating team to raise a minimum of \$50 to participate in this year's race. There will be a grand prize for the team raising the most amount of money.