

Ruth Wiser Adult Plastic Boat Regatta

Official Rules



Boat Construction Requirements:

Plastic Bottle Hull: Each boat must use one plastic bottle as the primary flotation structural element.

Size Limit: Boats must fit within the race track dimensions and may not exceed:

3 inches wide

10 inches long

10 inches tall

Propulsion:

Boats may not include motors, fans, or mechanical assistance. All boats will be powered by air from leaf blowers operated by the event's "Weather Division."

Race Format:

The regatta will be conducted in bracket-style heats.

Each heat begins with a 60-second "Sabotage Window."

Sabotage Window Rules:

Spectators may attempt to sink or destabilize boats by throwing coins or change onto or into competing boats.

All denominations of currency are allowed.

3 oz weights may be purchased for a \$1 donation.

After 60 seconds, all sabotage ends and the race begins.

Boats will be propelled forward using leaf blowers.

The first boat—or the last remaining floating boat—to cross the finish line advances.

All coins and donations collected during the regatta directly support the Michigan Maritime Museum's educational programs and exhibits.

Bragging rights and prizes will be awarded for:

Regatta Champion

Most Creative Boat Design

Best Ship Name

Most Epic Sinking

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH
3:30 PM TO 5:00 PM**

Arrive at the museum no later than 3:15 PM on June 20th to register for the regatta.

All boats must be checked in, measured, and the \$10 entry fee paid by 3:30 PM to compete.

Adult competition is open to participants ages 18 and older.