



Oak Island Police Department

4621 East Oak Island Drive • Oak Island, N.C. 28465

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D3 SCHEDULE & AWARDS

Objective

To design and build a “Dutchman Creek worthy” vessel using cardboard, duct tape, and glue that will successfully carry two passengers from a starting line at the kayak launch to the finish line at the end.

Schedule

Boat Registration	10:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Boat Introductions	10:30 AM - 10:45 AM
Boater safety briefing	10:45 AM - 11:00 AM
Youth Race	11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Adult Race	12:00 PM - 1:00 PM
Award Ceremony	1:15 PM - 2:15 PM
Conclusion	2:15 PM - 3:00 PM

Time could vary based on participants.

Awards

Youth Division - Furthest or Fastest (1st & 2nd Place)
Adult Division - Furthest or Fastest (1st & 2nd Place)
Titanic Award (Most Dramatic Sinking)
Best First Responder Agency boat
Judge’s Choice for “Best in Show”

The decision for the Best in show award will be made from which boat has the best name, design and overall, most creativity. Buoyancy is not a factor in the “Best in show” award.





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D3 EVENT RULES

1. **Boats and oars must be made entirely of cardboard.**
2. **Boat size limit:** Max 6 feet wide by 12 feet long. No height limit.
3. **Boats are a 2-man vessel**
4. **Surfboard and Raft style designs are NOT ALLOWED.** Consider "staying dry" as part of the challenge.
5. **You can use thick or layered cardboard.**
6. **Cardboard tubes (like carpet tubes) are NOT permitted.**
 - *But you can't use waterproofed or coated cardboard like Sono-tubes.*
7. **Allowed adhesives:** duct tape, masking tape, strapping tape, wood glue, or contact cement.
 - *Not allowed:* You may NOT completely wrap the or encase the boat in duct tape.
 - *Not allowed:* metal or plastic fasteners (no staples, screws, nails, clamps, etc.).
8. **Paint/seal with water-based products only.**
 - Paint must be dry before your boat hits the water.
 - *Not allowed:* tar, wax, silicone, fiberglass, epoxy, or Styrofoam.
9. **Paper Mache is allowed for decorations,** but the main material must still be cardboard.
10. **Everyone in the boat must sit during the race.** *Sitting area can't be enclosed, and you must be able to get in/out easily.*
11. **No motors or kicking to move the boat.**
12. **No electricity on the boat once it's in the water.**
13. **Judges may test boats with a probe to make sure they're cardboard only. If a rule is broken at any time, the boat will be disqualified.**
14. **All racers must wear Coast Guard-approved life jackets.** Bring your own if possible (they fit better), but extras will be available.
15. **Helmets are required for kids 12 and under.**
16. **Crew with both a child and adult goes in the adult division.**
17. **Youth division is for teams where both members are under 12.**
18. **Teams must clean up and take apart their boats after the race.**



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D3 EVENT RULES CONTINUED

ALL RACE DAY ENTRIES WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN WAIVERS AT CHECK-IN. ANYONE 17 AND UNDER MUST HAVE A PARENT PRESENT TO SIGN THEIR WAIVER AT THAT TIME. (If you pre-register, parents must submit packets for all entries 17 and under, with signed waivers.)

Thank you for observing all the rules to make this event a safe and fun-filled afternoon!

Participants may PRE-REGISTER at www.OakIslandNC.gov/EVENTS up until

Monday July 28, 2025 at 4:00 PM.

CHECK-IN IS EASIER IF YOU ARE PRE-REGISTERED!!!

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

BOAT NAME: _____

SKIPPER INFORMATION:

Skipper: _____

Skipper Age: _____ (Teams with one Adult are considered Adult Division)

Skipper Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

FIRST MATE INFORMATION:

First Mate: _____

First Mate Age: _____ (Teams with one Adult are considered Adult Division)

First Mate Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail Address: _____



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WAIVER

I fully understand that training for and participating in activities such as the Dutchman's Dinghy Dash (D3) may result in accidents, ill-ness or serious injury. I am voluntarily participating in the Dutchman's Dinghy Dash (hereinafter the "event") sponsored by Oak Island Police Department (hereinafter "P&R") with complete understanding of the risks associated with participation in the event.

I further acknowledge that this event requires participants to be in proper physical condition. By signing this Waiver and Release Form, I declare that I am medically able, properly trained, physically fit, and capable of participating in the event.

In consideration for being allowed to participate in the event, I agree to release and hold harmless the premises owner and the event's sponsors, including the Town of Oak Island / Oak Island Police Department, its affiliates, agents, and employees, from all liability for any injuries and/or illnesses sustained, which may directly or indirectly result from my conduct or from the negligence of other participants in the event, and/or from the negligence of the premises owner or the negligence of the sponsors of the event, including the Town of Oak Island/ Oak Island Police Department, its affiliates, agents, and employees. I also acknowledge full and sole responsibility for any and all medical expenses that I may incur as a result of any injury and/or illness that occurs as a result of my participation in the event. I understand and agree that this Waiver and Release is binding.

I hereby grant my consent and permission to the Town of Oak Island /Oak Island Police Department, its affiliates, agents and employees, to use my name, photograph, videotape, motion picture recording, live stream, voice, or likeness for any purposes, including pre and post event publicity.

I have carefully read this Waiver and Release and fully understand its contents. By my signature below, I consent and agree to the terms of this Waiver and Release.

X _____
Signature of Skipper or Legal Guardian Date

X _____
Signature of First Mate or Legal Guardian Date