

QUICK & DARING BOATBUILDING CONTEST – HOME EDITION!

SEPTEMBER 27TH, 2020

The Quick & Daring contest is a stretching exercise for boatbuilders' creativity, planning and construction skills, but its special purpose is to provide an exciting and enjoyable experience for contestants and spectators. It also is a new frontier of boat designs for all aspiring designer-builders.

Boat designs must be original. There are no limits on materials, except that only cellulose-based products may be used for the main structure of the boat. Materials can be new or salvaged, recycled or from a garage sale. Sail(s) and lines may be of petrochemical-based products. Everything on the boat, such as oars and rowlocks, must be made during the contest (line may be purchased). No pre-cutting of materials is allowed; everything should be off-the-shelf when the contest begins. Patterns are allowed but they cannot be the actual pieces that are installed on the boat. There are no limits on fastenings; anything goes. Each boat must be built and raced by the same two people.

The special 2020 Home Edition of Quick & Daring will be a socially distanced competition. Contestants will build their boats at home or the off-site location of their choosing, document their work digitally, and launch their boats at Lake Union on the day of the race. Competitors' household members may assist in launching and recovering boats. In lieu of in-person viewing, the competitors will share their building progress via social media posts. These posts should be thorough enough for an amateur builder to reproduce the boat. Competitors' social media posts may be reshared by The Center for Wooden Boats via Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

All design entries must be received at The Center for Wooden Boats no later than Friday, September 18. Submissions should include, at a minimum, basic drawings and lists of materials to show that the cellulose-based design requirements are met. Additionally, for the special 2020 Home Edition, submissions should include a description of the competitors' plans for sharing their work on social media. A panel of judges will review each entry and provide feedback as necessary to ensure that all designs are safe and meet the contest requirements. All entries that meet the contest requirements will be allowed to compete. Contestants will receive an email of confirmation for acceptance of their entry. Boat plans and questions should be directed to Sandy Lam, CWB Community Engagement Director, at slam@cwbo.org.

On Sunday, September 27 (start time to be determined), the contestants will bring their boats to Lake Union Park to be inspected by the judging panel prior to racing. No assistance will be available for launching boats. Contestants will be required to make arrangements to have their boats launched. The contestants will race a triangular course, one leg under human power alone, one under sail alone, and one freestyle. If a boat does not complete the course, it will be disqualified. The contestants will retain their boats and all boats must be removed from both CWB and Parks property following the race. Arrangements to recycle materials at CWB must be approved in advance.

Contestants will be scored by the judges based on the categories below. Lowest point total wins, with ties decided by a coin toss. Winners will be announced via social media and all builders will receive CWB T-shirts.

Category	Points	Criteria
Originality	0-100	Designs that are unusual or whimsical will score low, while designs that are very similar to existing boats will score high.
Ease of Building	0-200	Ease of building will be determined by the duration of work on each boat, complexity of building techniques, number and expense of tools, and expense of materials. Bulky equipment like table saws will also receive a high score.
Ease of Reproduction	0-200	Thorough documentation that allows an amateur builder to easily reproduce the boat design will receive a low score.
Aesthetics/Quality	0-100	Aesthetics touches like paint and decorations, as well as overall quality and craftsmanship of each build, will be evaluated in this category.
Speed	1-10 x 30	Determined by finishing place in the race on Sunday, September 27.
Design Worth Keeping	0-200	Designs will be considered worth keeping if they appear likely to be long-lasting, easy to store and launch, and enjoyable to use recreationally.