

THE LAKE UNION CHALLENGE CUP 2017

QUICK & DARING BOATBUILDING CONTEST

The LAKE UNION CHALLENGE CUP will be held as a tribute to Dick Wagner, with Dick's son, Mike, serving as one of the judges. Boat plans and questions should be directed to Judie Romeo, Dick's assistant, at jromeo@cwbo.org; cell phone 206-465-1798. If you intend to enter the contest, please contact her by June 1.

The contest is a stretching exercise for the boatbuilder's 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.

Any design may be submitted. The design 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. The size of the build may be limited by the available space in the Festival footprint in Lake Union Park. Materials can be new, 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. No pre-cutting of materials is allowed; everything should be off-the-shelf when the contest begins. Patterns are allowed but they cannot be actual pieces that are installed on the boat. There are no limits on fastenings; anything goes. Contestants will supply all tools; CWB will provide two sawhorses per boat. Two persons must build each boat.

Each boat must be built within one day. Both builders must be aboard the boat during the race. Boats may be painted (artistic embellishments are not required but they are appreciated by the crowd). Builders must supply their own paint and brushes. Painting time will not be counted in computing the winner's building time. Each team will receive up to \$150 for the cost of materials.

All design entries must be received at The Center for Wooden Boats no later than June 12. A panel of judges will select six designs and one alternate for the contest. Entrants will be notified by June 18. The criteria for selection will be sound design, originality, ingenuity and whimsy. The contestants will retain the boats. The plans will be available to view at the Festival and to purchase from the contestants.

Three teams will build each day Saturday, July 1, and Sunday, July 2, starting at noon. On Tuesday, July 4, scheduled now to begin at 1 pm (subject to change), the resulting boats will race a triangular course, one leg to be rowed, one sailed and one freestyle. If a boat does not complete the course, it will be disqualified.

All boats must be removed from both CWB and Parks property by 5 pm Wednesday, July 5, 2017. Boats can be disassembled and disposed of in the Festival dumpster as long as this time frame is met. Arrangements to recycle materials at CWB must be approved in advance. Reimbursement checks will be held until boats have been removed from CWB and Parks property. If this deadline is not met, the cost for CWB to remove the boat will be deducted from the reimbursement check.

The winner will be determined by the following point formula (lowest number of points wins):

Speed of building	Minutes/3
Cost of materials	\$/2
Showmanship	1-6 x 10
Originality	1-6 x 10
Aesthetics	1-6 x 10
Speed (sail & row)	1-6 x 10
Design Worth Keeping	0-200
Tool weight	pounds x 2

Ties will be decided by a coin toss. Awards will be presented at the Music Stage 30 minutes after all boats are in. The winners' names will be inscribed on the perpetual Lake Union Challenge Cup. There also will be cash prizes: \$250 for first place, \$100 for second and \$50 for third. All contestants will receive CWB T-shirts. There also will be a "People's Choice" award.

Please call or email if you have questions.