

## **Raingutter Regatta Rules**

- 1. The race will be double-elimination. Each racer will run at least two 'heats'.
- 2. Each racer will race in each lane at least once per heat.
- 3. The winner of each heat will be the racer who wins first in both lanes.
- 4. Late arrivals will be added to the bracket until the first round is completed.
- 5. The winner of the heat will advance to the next 'bracket' within the 'primary bracket' and continue to do so as long as he/she continues to win their individual heats.
- 6. The racer who does not win in the heat will advance to the 'second chance bracket'. There they will get a second chance to win in a heat. Failing to win in two heats will eliminate that racer from the competition.
- 7. Racers cannot touch their boats in any way (except as noted below) once the race has begun. If a racer does so, that race will be re-run. A repeated offense will be an automatic win for the other racer.
  - NOTE: Racers may use their hands to right a boat that has turned over but may not advance the boat down the raingutter in doing so.
- 8. Racers need to make sure that they do not touch or have anything touching the water while racing. This includes but is not limited to: hair, ears, neckerchiefs, and necklaces.
- 9. Racers cannot interfere with one another in any way. Doing so will be considered unsportsman-like conduct and will cause the other racer to be declared winner of that race. A repeated offense will cause the offender to be disqualified from racing.
- 10. All propulsion for the boats will be from the Cub Scout blowing (no straws). No other form of propulsion for the boats will be allowed. Straws will be provided.
- 11. Boats are to be built using the current Scoutstuff Raingutter Trimaran kit.
- 12. Only boats with dried paint, decorations and glue (adhesives) will be allowed to compete so get an early start!
- 13. Only boats built during the current Scouting year are allowed to race.
- 14. Any needed repairs must be made within 2 minutes. One repair per heat is permitted. Repositioning a sail does not count as a repair.
- 15. All non-Cub Scouts will only compete against each other using the same rules format as the Cub Scouts. They may use a boat that they helped a Cub Scout build to do so or build one of their own.