**6th ANNUAL SAVAGE MEMORIAL CARDBOARD BOAT RACE RESULTS 2020!**

The sixth annual Savage Memorial Cardboard Boat Regatta launched Aug. 8 from the Yacht Club shore with a decorative dozen of potentially lake-worthy vessels and spirited crews. With regulation construction of only cardboard and duct tape, some crafts didn't quite take to water as expected, some submerged but still managed to hold a crew, and some proved to be float-astic with a strong finish.

This year's competition boasted 11 junior boats and one senior boat, all creatively crafted with crew members in costume to carry out the theme. Per regulations, three fleets of vessels are considered legal: Minnow: holding 1 crew member; Perch: holding 2-3 crew members; and Carp: 4+ crew members. This year boats were entered in the Minnow and Perch fleets.

The race was judged according to the following categories: Most Creative use of cardboard/duct tape; Originality; Application of theme; Use of costumes; Enthusiasm/Showmanship; and Fastest time (per fleet). Regatta rules stipulate that the race must begin and end with the same crew intact, with both vessel and crew starting and finishing on the shoreline. Additionally,  Crew must remain in vessel for the duration of the race. Vessels propelled by swimmers are not judged.

The Savage Memorial Cardboard Boat Regatta was created to honor former commodore and creator of many a questionable watercraft, William Savage, who delighted in pomp and circumstance provided there was plenty of tomfoolery as well, as a way to bring people together. As race director Heather Savage stated, "if he were here, you better believe that he would heartedly compete in the most spirited boat with the most ridiculous costume of all."

Although this year's race was marked with masks and physical distancing, enthusiasm and social connections were strong.

In preparation for next year's Savage Memorial Cardboard Boat Regatta, potential participants should keep in mind that boats must be made ONLY of cardboard and duct tape. Corrugated cardboard, cardboard rolls and tubes, and waxed cardboard boxes are all legal. The amount of duct tape is unlimited, but all duct tape must be taped directly to cardboard. Cardboard cannot be secured with any paint or sealants. Paint and varnish are intended to be used for decorative purposes only and must be cured prior to the race. The race director strongly encourages more adult participants next year, noting that ADULT PARTICIPANTS "need to step up their game and enter."

Race Results:

Minnow:

4th- Tropical Flamingo

3rd- Freedom

2nd- Name

1st- Blowdart

Perch:

3rd- Aaaaaaaaargh

2nd- Correct Craft

1st- Ladybug

Senior Division:

1st- Fantastic Voyage

Titanic Award (Most epic failure): Aaaaaaaaargh

Most Creative: Ladybug

Failure to Launch: Water Shredder

Fastest Overall: Blowdart

Most Spirited Tomfoolery (New this year)- Bella, from Tropical Flamingo