

# THE SHELLY RIVER BOAT RACE

On 3rd of July at 7.30pm The Cairde Festival will hold a model boat race on the Garavogue River to mark the launch of the festival.

The festival would like to invite schools in the Sligo area to create boats and enter the race. This handout is designed to give teachers practical guidelines on how to make the basic structure of a boat, using recycled materials, with their classes.

## Introducing boats...

1. Brainstorm with the class 'What type of boats are there?' eg. sailing, steamships, barges, fishing etc.
2. Show pictures of different types of boats eg. from different countries, throughout history such as tall ships etc.
3. Talk with the class about where you can see boats in Sligo, local stories, children's own experiences eg. fishing, trips on the lake etc.
4. Brainstorm and list up all the different parts that make up a boat eg. bow, stern, masts, portholes, cabins, deck, flags, ropes, fenders etc....

## Materials you will need...

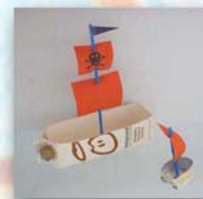
Tetra pak milk cartons (any size)  
Cardboard tubes eg. paper towels  
Small boxes/cartons eg. cream cartons, matchboxes  
Masking tape  
PVA glue

## Optional extras...

String or wool  
Pipecleaners  
Cocktail sticks/kebab sticks  
Lollipop sticks  
Coloured paper

## Make your boat...

1. Decide on the design eg. a sailing boat, canoe, ship etc.
2. Decide how best to arrange the cartons to build your boat. You can adapt the cartons to suit your boat design, even cutting them if you want to make row boats or canoes.
3. Seal up the opening of the milk carton with masking tape. Use the tape to join everything together and then cover the whole thing with tape.
4. Use whatever you have and the children's imagination, to add any extras such as masts (use a blob of blu tac and a kebab stick), sails, rigging (string or wool), portholes (cut from white paper or card and stuck on)
5. Encourage the students to decorate, paint and think of a name for their boat.
6. Seal the boat by painting the whole thing with a coat of PVA glue.



You don't have to restrict yourself to the design on this handout... If you have your own ideas for boatmaking with your class go ahead and be as creative as you like!

For more information on Cairde Festival and for details of the boat race and how to register visit...

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