

## 2024 Milk Carton Boat Race an udder success

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The 2024 Royal Rosarian Milk Carton Boat Race was held on Sunday, June 23, 2024.



Dogamaron 2 (Photo provided by The Royal Rosarians)

The classic family event has been a treasured summer tradition since 1973. Participants spend weeks assembling home-built boats using milk cartons and jugs as the sole base for buoyancy. Engineering excellence is a must. One gallon jug will hold eight pounds. Boats must be no longer than ten feet. Final products must be handmade and human powered watercraft.



Boat 7 assembling (Photo provided by The Royal Rosarians)

The Royal Rosarians, Portland's official greeters and goodwill ambassadors, have been organizing this event since 2016. This year's race was the final event for the 2024 Portland Rose Festival.



Over fifty Royal Rosarians and spouses volunteered to run the event. (Photo provided by The Royal Rosarians/Rosarians)

Alpenrose Dairy is the official presenting sponsor. At the end of the race, Alpenrose calculates the amount of milk equivalent to the number of milk cartons used to create the competition's boats. They then donate that amount of milk to the Sunshine Division, a local non-profit that provides food relief to Portlanders in need.



Swedish Fishers (Photo provided by The Royal Rosarians)

Hundreds of spectators brought their picnic blankets and lined up along the Westmoreland Casting Pond to watch the event. Twenty-five boats competed for prizes and bragging rights in ten different contests.



Staging area at Westmoreland Casting Pond (Photo provided by The Royal Rosarians)

2024 Winners

**Adult Single Rider**

Re-moo-ing Our Vows

Bill Walters

**Child 7-13 Single Rider**

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Jonathan Graham

**Adult (19+) Two Riders**

Re-moo-ing Our Vows

## Bill and Cass Walters



All-Ages Milk Carton Boat Race (Photo provided by The Royal Rosarians/Royal Rosarians)

### **Child (7-13) Two Riders**

Minecrafters

Nathaniel Sittler and Micah Palmer

### **Young Adults (14-18) Two Riders**

Boba Barrage

Team Brawl

### **Mixed Ages (Child and adult riders) 2-4 Riders**

Mer-Cheetah II

Chris Tongue, Josephine Tongue, Sean Worl and Evelyn Worl



Mecheetah II (Photo provided by The Royal Rosarians)

**Child (7-13) 3-4 Riders**

Swamp Pony 2.0

Iris Zemp, Evan Barrett, Genevieve Dewey, and Ella Canty



3-4 person children race (Photo provided by The Royal Rosarians)

**Young Adults (ages 14-18) 3-4 Riders**

Bob's Boat Renee

Caroline and Savanah





Bob's Boat (Photo provided by The Royal Rosarians)

**People's Choice**

Tie for First Place

Bob's Boat and Mercheeta II



People's Choice Award winners (Photo provided by The Royal Rosarians/Royal Rosarian)