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### MEDIA RELEASE

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For Immediate Release:

## Ivy Club Hosting First Annual Cardboard Boat Race to Benefit Families Dealing with Alzheimer's Disease

The Illinois Valley Yacht and Canoe Club (IVY Club) is holding its first annual **Cardboard Boat Race Invitational on Monday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>** and is donating its proceeds toward care and support of families affected by Alzheimer's disease.

Festivities will begin with a presentation from 1:00 – 1:50 p.m. followed by the cardboard boat racing from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. The North Harbor will be closed during the race.

Entry fee is \$10 per boat, along with a \$50 deposit. After the boat race, \$40 will be returned to the participant, and \$10 will be donated the Alzheimer's Association – Central Illinois Chapter.

### Rules for Cardboard Boat Race 2011

- The entire boat must be built of cardboard.
- Cardboard may be as thick as you want and may be layered together
- Cardboard carpet tubes or similar tubes may be used. "Sono-tubes" or any other type if pre-treated or coated cardboard that has been processed in such a way as to waterproof the cardboard may **NOT** be used.
- Duct tape, masking tape, wood glue, or contact cement may be used. Metal or plastic staples, clamps, nails, screws, etc, may **NOT** be used.
- Boats may be painted with a water based paint or water sealer, like Thompson's Water Seal Stain. All paint and stain must be dry before the boat enters the water. Tar, wax, silicone, fiberglass resins, epoxy glues, or Styrofoam are prohibited.
- Raft style designs may be used, but surfboard-style designs may **NOT!!** The distinguishing features of a raft design over that of a surfboard is the use of connected cardboard logs. 100% of crew members must be inside or on top of your boat. Where the crew sits may not be enclosed. The boat crew must be able to get IN and out of the boat easily.
- The propulsion system may **NOT** be motor power, or "kick power. Any oars or paddles may be made out of any material..

- No electrical power sources will be allowed on any boat once in contact with the water.
- If there is any doubt about the construction, the judges reserve the right to use a probe, such as an ice pick, to test and verify that only cardboard has been used. Construction violations discovered during any part of the day shall be cause for elimination.
- Life Jackets must be worn during the race.
- Each team is responsible for disposing of their boat after the race.

For more information, contact the Ivy Club, 5102 Galena Road, Peoria Heights, at 682-5419.

The Alzheimer's Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care, support and research. Its mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. For more information visit **[www.alz.org/illinoiscentral](http://www.alz.org/illinoiscentral)**.

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