

# 2014 “The Yard” Competition Rules

There will be two categories this year: “The YARD” and “The YARD Force”. The rules and competition times are the same for all teams, only the highest scoring team in either the Ship Yard or Ship Repairer/Sub-Contractor Category will receive an award.

1. One team per Yard or VSRA Member Company (we will have two awards, one for "The Yard" and one for "The Yard's Force" so ship repairers and sub-contractors may participate.
2. Teams will be supplied with Two (2) 72" x 48" sheets of corrugated cardboard, Three (3) box cutters and Three (3) rolls of duct tape provided by Distribution International. Two mystery items will be provided on-site, one of which MUST be used or there will be a 5 point deduction if not used, and one which is OPTIONAL for a chance to score 5 extra points if it is used. (This replaces the "person on the vessel" bonus points option of previous years)
3. Teams may use Three (3) supply items of their choosing excluding: Polybased paint products, sealants, adhesives, taping of any kind, wood, flotation devices, buoyant materials or cardboard.

Judging Criteria:

The highest amount of points wins.

\* 1-5 points for resemblance to non-submersible U.S. Naval vessels.

\* -5 points if the *mandatory* mystery item isn't used.

\* +5 points if the *optional* mystery item is used.

\*1-5 points for level of exposed cardboard. (The more tape used, the lower the score)

\* Buoyancy: Vessel floats for 5 seconds unsupported - 5 points. Additional points awarded by total weight. Team Captain may direct the divers where to place the weights. Once each 20 lb. increment is added, the vessel must float, unsupported for five seconds before more weights are added. Highest weight total 20 points; 2nd = 18pts.; 3rd = 16pts.; 4th = 14pts.; 5th = 12pts.; 6th = 10pts.; 7th = 8pts.; 8th = 6pts.