Rules:

- Must pre-register to be eligible to be eligible to win a prize.
- Entry number must be clearly visible on the boat as you pass the judges
- Judges rate each boat independently and scores are tallied after the last boat has gone by
- Each category has a winner for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize
- Highest number of points determines the standing
- Judges will have no ties to an entry/family
- In the event of a tie, the tie stands and two or more boats win

Judging Criteria:

Execution of theme:

- How easy it is to identify the theme?
- Is the theme visible and apparent?
- How well does the entry portray the theme selected?

Originality / Creativity:

- Does the entry make an impact with its overall creativity and uniqueness in appearance and presentation?
- Is it a refreshing new idea?
- Is there something about it that makes it special or specific to Jack Lake?

Effort and Workmanship

- Does the entry demonstrate considerable thought, time, and effort in design?
- Are there details, decorations, and difficulty of construction?
- Is it homemade or store bought?
- Is it decorated on all sides?

Crew and Special Effects

- Are the crew and passengers enthusiastic and involved in portraying the overall theme?
- Does the entry involve family members of all ages, with an emphasis on kids
- Are costumes, animation, music, props and acting employed to present the full scope of the theme?
- Is there colour, movement, sound?

Overall Effect / Execution in Presentation

- How well does the entry present itself?
- Is the execution creative and eye-catching?
- How well does it entertain spectators?
- Does the overall presentation appeal to all ages: theme, originality, effort and appearance?

Each category to be rated on a scale of 1-4

4 pts = Excellent

3 pts = Good

2 pts = Ok

1 pts = Not Quite