



Caitlin Brown (left) and Tisha Hailey laugh while trying to control their Rush-Copley boat Saturday in the Fox Valley United Way cardboard boat race at Phillips Park in Aurora. | PHOTOS BY MARY BETH NOLAN-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA



Aurora fire chief Hal Carlson and Lt. Glen Hasenhey narrowly avoid a water balloon tossed at them by fellow firefighters Saturday during the race.

Boat race buoys United Way

Nearly two dozen boats of various shapes, sizes and seaworthiness took to Mastodon Lake in Aurora Saturday for the annual "What Floats Your Cardboard Boat Race."

Deborah L. Collins, director of administration for Fox Valley United Way, said 23 boats were signed up for the 10th annual competition in Phillips Park. Contestants ride their boats made of cardboard, navigate around a buoy and head to the finish line. Awards were presented for the fastest time, people's choice, team spirit and best sinking.

The event is a chance to create awareness of Fox Valley United Way and the variety of agencies they support to benefit the community.