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The *D's Delivery* construction crew, from left, are Metro's David Sutton and his sons, Harrison, 6, and David Jr., 17, along with B.J. Presley and his dad, William.



Metro Cardboard Boxes Float to Victory in High School Regatta

By ARLENE LIM

(July 5, 2005) Forty hours of labor and many large cardboard boxes later, the good ship *D's Delivery* cruised into first place at the 13th annual Brethren Christian Senior High School Corrugated Flotilla.

At the competition, held June 17 at Mothers' Beach in Long Beach, *D's Delivery* took top honors among the six boats competing, finishing 10 seconds ahead of the pack.

As part of a physics final, students at Brethren Christian in Huntington Beach were required to build a boat entirely out of cardboard to race a distance of 100 yards.

David Sutton Jr., 17, son of Employer Programs Manager David Sutton, and his friend, B.J. Presley – with the help of their parents – built *D's Delivery* with empty cardboard boxes, some of which came from Metro.



Built as a high school science project, *D's Delivery* was constructed of cardboard boxes, duct tape, carpet tubes and mailing tubes, and finished with blue masonry paint for watertight integrity. Paddles are poles, cardboard and duct tape. The Domino's Pizza boxes symbolize the construction crew's "fuel supply."

A science project

Sutton Sr. found two TV monitor boxes in Bus Operations Control and asked the director, Tom Jasmin, if he could take the boxes for a science project his son was working on.

Jasmin waited to see if the contractor would come back for the boxes and, when he didn't, gave them to Sutton to use for the boat.

"We used those boxes to wrap the entire boat in," explained Sutton. "Then, we painted the boat with masonry paint to make it waterproof."

"Cardboard doesn't come in convenient shapes," said Sutton, "so, it was quite an effort."

In honor of the many boxes of Domino's Pizza eaten throughout the building process and of the boat's captain, Brethren Christian teacher Tom D'Stefano – Mr. D – the boat was christened *D's Delivery*.

After the race, *D's Delivery* was delivered to Sutton's backyard, where his youngest son, Harrison, 6, spends hours playing pirate and having other "seaborne" adventures with his buddies.



Brethren Christian teacher Tom D'Stefano – Mr. D – paddles like crazy to bring *D's Delivery* take first place at the 13th annual Brethren Christian Senior High School Corrugated Flotilla.



A Corrugated Flotilla race official awards the winner's trophy to, from left, B.J. Presley, David Sutton, Jr., and their teacher, Tom D'Stefano.