

Children's Workshop 2006: Ahoy Mates!

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Several children participated in the workshop this year in Portland.

The Children's Workshop held during the 2006 IEEE International Symposium on EMC was once again a big success. Each child received a boat kit that they had to put together using a 1.5 volt battery power pack. This year the children used their incredible talent and imagination once again to precisely build their boats that not only had to float, but also had to withstand the forces of the waves. They also had to learn the technique of troubleshooting so the propeller had to rotate the right way to go forward to win the boat race that was held the last day of the workshop on, where else? Lake EMC! It was almost as much fun to watch the excitement of parents as of the children while they raced their boats with expectations to win.

The kits were designed and the man made lake, Lake EMC, was built and donated by Captain Duane Bagdons, from International Certification Services. It was rewarding to see these future engineer's faces as they raced their boats successfully on Lake EMC. The children's talent was above and beyond my expectations! They asked many questions on building and decorating their boats and were quite diligent in their efforts. To all of my little and big enthusiastic captains that were in my workshop, I hope to see each and everyone of you at the 2007 IEEE International Symposium on EMC in Hawaii. And I promise a new and exciting project to build in 2007. Aloha!!

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The children eagerly line up for the start of the boat race.

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And they're off! Boats race towards the finish line!

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Captain hats were provided for all boating enthusiasts at the children's workshop.

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Conditions were perfect on Lake EMC the day of the boat race, no wind and great visibility!

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Kids marched through the exhibit floor in Portland on their way to the race.