

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Every participant agrees to the terms and conditions by signing the form overleaf. These are:

- 1 By signing this, we enter the Rye Raft Race entirely at our own risk and we indemnify the organisers of the Rye Festival of the Sea and assistants against any claim for damage to ourselves or any third party caused by our raft or crew in this event. We also confirm that we have read and understood the rules concerning the construction of rafts and the safety precautions.
- 2 Vessel must be newly constructed for 2019
- 3 Every participant will wear a working life jacket for the duration of their time in the water, including raft preparation, race and clearing up.
- 4 Every participant is encouraged to wear a cycling helmet or protective head gear.
- 5 Absolutely no hard object may be thrown (no plastic to be used for flour and water bombs, only biodegradable material to be used.). Any other missiles or unsuitable objects found on crew members will be confiscated and may jeopardise the entire crew to take part.
- 6 Rafts for the race must be constructed as outlined overleaf.
- 7 Entrants must be over 18.
- 8 No alcohol to be consumed before or during the race. Entrants suspected to be under the influence of drink or drugs will be removed from the race.
- 9 Every entrant must adhere to advice from the race organiser, safety boats, Harbour Master and others in charge. Failure to do so will result in removal from the race for all participants on that raft. Absolutely NO missiles to be thrown at safety vessels.
- 10 Decision to cancel the race will be made by the Harbour Master following consultation with the organisers.
- 11 All rafts and debris must be removed from the field by 16.00.



RYE RAFT RACE

1st September 2019

ENTRY FORM AND RULES

Welcome to the Rye Raft Race 2019 and thank you for entering a vessel this year. The Rye Raft Race is intended to be a fun, light-hearted, family day, about taking part above winning.

Here is some information to help you as an entrant, which we ask you to consider carefully.

ALL SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WILL BE OBSERVED AND VIGEROUSLY ENFORCED IN ORDER FOR THIS EVENT TO CONTINUE IN FUTURE YEARS. IT IS PARAMOUNT THAT ENTRANTS AND SPECTATORS TAKE NOTE OF SAFETY. ANY INCIDENT COULD INVALIDATE INSURANCE AND MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO RUN AGAIN. WE WANT EVERYONE TO ENJOY THE DAY, BUT BE SENSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN SAFETY AND THAT OF OTHERS.

**PLAY SAFE, ENJOY THE DAY, AND LET OTHERS ENJOY THEIRS —
MAKE YOUR CHARITY OR SPECIAL CAUSE PROUD OF YOU.**

VESSELS

- 1 Vessel must be newly constructed for 2019.
Rafts should be constructed from commonly available materials (eg. drain pipes, barrels, tubes, tyres, canvas, timber, ropes etc).
- 2 Absolutely no pre-formed or purpose built hulls will be allowed.
- 3 Hand paddles are the only means of propulsion allowed.
- 4 Rafts should be constructed in a light-hearted fashion – not as racing craft.
- 5 The raft name should be clearly displayed to aid spectators.
- 6 Rafts must have adequate buoyancy to enable floatation and 20m of strong rope to facilitate towing and act as a mooring line.
- 7 There can be a maximum of eight crew on a raft.
- 8 Maximum height 1.5m above the water line (to clear bridges).
- 9 All raft material including wreckage must be cleared away and the area left as found.

PERSONAL SAFETY

- 1 Every entrant **must** wear a working life jacket.
- 2 Every entrant is advised to wear head gear (such as a cycle helmet).
- 3 Entrants are encouraged to dress up and decorate their raft.
- 4 Absolutely no objects to be thrown other than flour and water bombs. Any other objects found on participants (rafts and crew will be inspected before the race) or spectators will be confiscated and entrants will be removed from the race.
- 5 No alcohol to be consumed before or during the race. Entrants suspected to be under the influence of drink or drugs will be removed from the race.
- 6 Every entrant **must** adhere to advice from the race organiser, safety boats, harbour master and others in charge. Failure to do so will result in removal from the race for all participants on that raft. Absolutely NO missiles to be thrown at safety vessels.
- 7 Decision to cancel the race will be made by the Harbour Master following consultation with the organisers.
- 8 Do bring a change of warm clothes for after the race.
- 9 If you wish to launch your raft before the race you **must** seek permission from the Harbour Master 01797 225225.

TIMINGS

- 1 12:00: Rafts to be prepared and enter the water.
- 2 13:15: The race will start on the sounding of the maroon.
- 3 Rafts will do two laps of the course (as marked by buoys).
- 4 The finish will be defined by flags.
- 5 The race is expected to be finished by 14:00. All crews are invited to the Salts for the presentation of prizes.
- 6 Prizes will be given at The Salts at 15.00.
- 7 Everything must be taken from the Salts site by 16:00, no rubbish or debris to be left.

PRIZES

- 1 Fastest raft over the finish line (must be a new vessel from previous years - Maximum 8 people) **£100** - sponsored by **Rock Channel Marine** and **The Reg Emerson Trophy**.
- 2 Most original/entertaining raft **£50** - sponsored by **Rye Shoes** and awarded by **The Right Worshipful Mayor of Rye**
- 3 Best smallest raft (maximum 2 people) **£50** - sponsored by **The Pipemakers Arms** and awarded by **The Right Worshipful Mayor of Rye**

RAFT ENTRY DETAILS

Name of Raft

Sponsoring Company

Company address

Contact person

Email

Telephone

Entry fee included £50

(£20 entry fee, £10 donation to RNLI, £20 Refundable deposit*)

*do you wish to donate this to the RNLI RFOS Please Refund

Please make cheques payable to **Rye Festival Account**

Names of participants	Signature	Email	Mobile	Age
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Please sign and complete this form and return by **Friday 16th August** to **R Gilbert, Rock Channel Marine, Rock Channel, Rye, East Sussex, TN31 7HJ**. A maximum of 10/12 rafts can participate for safety reasons. If there are more than 10/12 applications, lots will be drawn and those not selected will be given priority next year.