

# ODIHAM RAFT RACE ENTRY FORM

Name of Team \_\_\_\_\_

Captain \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

By completing the following form you are certifying that you agree to abide by the rules of the competition. Completed Forms can be handed in at The Frame Gallery in Odiham High Street or Galleon Marine Boatyard in Colt Hill.

Entry is Free

Skipper Name: .....Age if Under 16: .....

Signature:.....

First Mate: .....Age if Under 16: .....

Signature:.....

Chief Stoker: .....Age if Under 16: .....

Signature:.....

Navigator: .....Age if Under 16: .....

Signature:.....

Purser: .....Age if Under 16: .....

Signature:.....

Cabin Boy/Girl: .....Age if Under 16: .....

Signature:.....

## **ODIHAM RAFT RACE RULES – KEEP THESE RULES**

The following rules are for the safety of all competitors and to ensure that the canal and its wildlife are not damaged.

1. The minimum age for competitors in the main race is 11. A minimum of one adult (18+) must be part of any team containing youth members.
  2. Each raft will be crewed by a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 6 competitors.
  3. All competitors must be capable of swimming 25 metres fully clothed and unaided. Any competitors under the age of 16 must wear approved buoyancy aids. Life jackets will be available courtesy of the Canoe Club for a refundable deposit of £20. All competitors must wear suitable footwear to help prevent injury from hidden underwater hazards.
  4. The raft must be a maximum of 2 metres wide. It must not be constructed of any materials likely to be toxic to the environment. No polystyrene foam is to be used unless fully encased in plastic. No nails are to be used below the waterline. No commercially manufactured hulls are to be used.
  5. Rafts must be propelled without any mechanical advantage such as a motor or geared paddle-wheel. No rowlocks! Competitors may not propel the raft by pushing against the sides or bottom of the canal (punting). You are allowed to use commercially available canoe or kayak paddles.
  6. Rafts must be capable of being launched and recovered by the crew alone.
  7. When boats have turned around at the midway point and are heading home, they have priority so outward bound teams must give way to them by moving to the right bank.
  8. Rafts must be available in the assembly area for inspection by the organisers by 1pm on the day of the race. The organisers' decision about the safety and fitness of the raft to take part is final. Teams may contact the organisers prior to the race for advice and a progress check.
  9. If you enter the tug-o-war competition the following must be noted. Teams of equal crews will pull against each other. If you have a team of say 6 people and the only available team is of 4 people you will need to lose 2 crew to make it fair. This can continue as the heats progress down to teams of 2 crew. We advise that you make a plan who will be in your reduced crew for the heats. Once decided, the same crew members must progress through the heats, no substitutions are allowed due to tiredness etc.
- A pulling eye, bar or hook must be provided to hook up rafts to each other.