

RAFT RACE

THURSDAY 21st JULY 19:30 THE LIDO

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR 2016

Raft racing can be great fun but having fun in the bay and marina of Peterhead can result in tragedy if insufficient care is taken. Marshals and safety crew will be on the water and at checkpoints along the course to ensure your safety but you must do your part by agreeing to abide by the rules.

- Each crew member must be aged 16 years old and over.
- Use of the sailing club facilities such as showers is **NOT** permitted by those entering the Raft Race.
- Rafts must be man-powered and have no engine or motor to assist in powering along.
- There must be **NO RUDDERS** attached the raft. Any such device will result in disqualification.
- An actual boat or dinghy cannot be entered; the raft must be built rather than purchased.
- Teams must provide their own life jackets and paddles.
- There must be **SIX** persons on a raft, with a mix of both males & females within the team.
- The race is a short one of and could take you anything from 10 minutes to half an hour to complete. You need to feel that you are fit enough to do so. Hypothermia, heat exhaustion, tiredness, blistered hands and injuries from paddles are all potential problems along the way.
- Depending on the conditions on the day (e.g. hot, cold etc.) you need to wear suitable clothing.
- You need to be capable of swimming in that clothing in the event that you fall off the raft.
- You must provide and wear a lifejacket properly tied, capable of supporting an unconscious person, at all times while in the bay and marina.
- You must not take glass bottles of any kind onto the raft. Sharp objects like knives, scissors etc. are not allowed on board the raft or on the person of any member of the crew.
- You must not carry any form of missiles on the raft such as food or flour bags. Water balloons have been banned from this year's event.
- You must not indulge in behaviour likely to endanger yourself, other rafters, spectators, other bay-craft and their passengers or wildlife.
- Entrants must not consume alcohol or partake in drug use whilst taking part in the event. Any person found to be under the influence will not be able to take part and the team disqualified from the event.
- You must not jump or dive off the raft on purpose. The bay and marina is quite shallow in parts and you could injure yourself severely as a result.
- You must not venture your raft off course. It should be capable of being seen from the Lido beach. This is to ensure that marshals can track your safe progress through the race.
- You must inform a marshal as soon as possible if one of your crew has to leave the raft and the race.
- You must not substitute crew during the race.
- You must abide by any instructions given to you by event organisers at the start or during the race.
- You must follow the instructions given to you by safety crew / divers in and on the water.
- It is the responsibility of the raft crew captain to ensure that all crew members comply with the race rules and conditions of entry. If a crew member has not sign to declare they have understood the rules then they will not be permitted to enter the event. Disregard of any of these rules could lead to disqualification.
- Crews are responsible for the recovery of their raft to their home base. If they pull out of the race at any point they are responsible for removing their rafts from the finish area by 9:00pm on the race day.
- No animals are allowed on rafts.
- You are representing your company / employer and therefore should be respectful to organisers and other teams.
- In addition to the event winner's trophy, there is additional prize for 'Best Fancy Dressed Crew'. Do your best to entertain those spectating and cheering you on, by dressing up for the occasion!

The race starts at 8:00pm but due to Health & Safety, ALL teams must be in place by 7:30pm as there is limited access that evening at the Lido due to the Air Display.