

SWANAGE LIFEBOAT WEEK – Saturday 19th August 2017

RESCUE THE DAMSEL - RAFT RACE RULES

While the idea of the race is for everyone to enjoy themselves as much as possible it is however necessary to have some basic rules for your team's safety and the safety of the others taking part with you.

Please ensure your team is aware of and adhere to these rules.

1. Please arrive by vehicle at the Mowlem from 14:00 (no entries can be accepted after 17:00). Due to congestion please unload and remove your vehicle immediately. The race will start promptly at 17:30 with judging starting from 17:00.
2. All craft should be constructed to withstand the elements of the sea for the safety of your crew. On arrival at the starting area your raft will be inspected by the race organiser to ensure that it is seaworthy (it may be prudent to bring extra lashings/buoyancy as alterations could be made on site if required)
3. All competitors on the raft **MUST** wear buoyancy aids/lifejackets whilst the raft is in the water, you will be required to provide these. You will be disqualified if your crew are not wearing these when aboard the raft.
4. No alcohol to be carried on board during the race
5. Safety craft will be on scene during the race.
6. The race marshal's decision is final.
7. The organisers of this event cannot be held responsible for any damage caused or any injury received or given. Your team should ensure that they are covered by their own insurance.
8. £10.00 entrance fee to accompany registration form. Each raft to have a maximum of six to a raft and one damsel to be rescued from the stone quay. The winner will be the first team to complete the course and seat their damsel on the winner's podium. The raft and damsel are to display their registration number at all times.
9. The race organiser will advise you of the course on the day, please keep to the course to ensure fairness to all teams.
10. On finishing the course you will be asked to beach your raft in a specific location, it is your responsibility to clear your raft as there is a charge from the council for removal of any debris left.

The aim of the raft race is to paddle (NO ENGINES) around a course from the Start area to the Stone Quay, there you will rescue your damsel and transport her back to the start area. The winning team will be the first team to seat their damsel on the podium.

We would like to thank you for your support in Swanage Lifeboat's raft race. Money raised will go towards lifeboat funds.

Prize money and trophies will be awarded on the day. We're very grateful to MKL who sponsor the prize money.

- 1st prize, £100.00
- 2nd prize, £50.00
- 3rd prize, £30.00
- £20.00 for the best dressed raft and crew.
- £10.00 for the best dressed damsel.



Please sign and return the form below A.S.A.P. this acts as your agreement to the rules and as your official entry.

Many thanks,

Dave Turnbull - Coxswain.
Swanage Lifeboat Station

YOUR TEAM NAME:

CONTACT ADDRESS:

SKIPPER'S NAME:

SKIPPER'S SIGNATURE:

Please return the completed form and your £10 entrance fee (cheques payable to – RNLI Fundraising Branches) to:

Lifeboat Raft Race
c/o Corben & Son
Station Road
Swanage
Dorset
BH19 1AD