

# *Selsey RNLI RAFT RACE 2018*

## **Revised Rules and Details for the Raft Construction and Race**

### Construction

- 1a) The size of the raft and crew is completely open, so long as it complies with the following points, 1b & 1c.
- 1b) The raft must be light enough to be launched and re-beached by it's crew.
- 1c) Each crew member must be a competent swimmer, wearing a life jacket, and be a minimum of 10 years old.
  
- 2a) The raft's buoyancy must not use marine methods or materials. Therefore, a raft is a floating platform made of materials that were manufacture for purposes other than a boat.
- 2b) Materials that are acceptable and recommended are, Barrels, Drums, Containers, Large Pipes, Planks, and Polystyrene
  
- 3) Fixings are to be Lashings and Ties, using either; Rope, cord, cable ties or wire, sticky tape, expanding foam and paper mache. **But no bands, banding, fibreglass, welding, screws, bolts, nails, glue etc.** Please note that if you're using pre-made non marine items such as pallets, the nails already in the items are allowable.
  
- 4) The only item that doesn't have to be home-made is the paddles or oars. However, if you want to make them, screws and bolts etc. are allowable for this item only.
  
- 5) If on the day it is noticed that a raft is not in accordance with these rules, the raft may still enter the race but not be eligible for any prizes. To avoid this dilemma; if you're in any doubt please contact me.

### Race

Important to note that due to the tidal flow the race is in the opposite directions to previous years.

For the course and start location, see the document '2018 Selsey RNLI Raft Race Course'  
All the raft race entrants line up along the water's edge on the beach, to the West of the Raft Race Banner.

***But if we have a large entry we will allow any raft teams that have at least 50% of their team 17 yr's and under, to start on the beach the near side (East) of the Banner at a position agreed by the RNLI Raft Race organiser.***

On the sound of the Air Horn at 13.00 hrs, **all the crews / teams** carry their rafts into the sea, climb aboard and race toward the designated finishing beach, 10 groyne to the East. Having rounded the flag on the 10<sup>th</sup> groyne, paddle into the adjacent shore / beach. To finish, the entire raft and crew must be out of the water, back on the beach.

For safety reasons the RNLI have insisted that if a raft team is requested to abandon their raft and get into the rescue boat, they must do so as part of the rules. Also, the raft race crosses the Lifeboat launch and recovery zone, so if there is an emergency launch at the time of the race, we will postpone the race till the lifeboat is away from the beach.

Please note that the raft race is free to enter up until 18.00 hrs on the Saturday prior to the race day, but there is a late entry fee after this time of £20.00 per raft. All monies to Selsey RNLI.

## Prizes

Many thanks to Highhouse Insurance Services Ltd for donating £350.00 prize money.

Prizes will be awarded as follows,

Winner of Raft Race	£100 and trophy		
Second place	£30	“	“
Third place	£20	“	“
Fourth place	£10	“	“
Best Dressed Raft and Crew	£50	“	“
“ “ “ 2 <sup>nd</sup> place	£30	“	“
“ “ “ 3 <sup>rd</sup> place	£20	“	“
“ “ “ 4 <sup>th</sup> place	£10	“	“

## Further Information

Judging for the Best Dressed Raft and Crew will initially take place at about 1230, and also the appearance of the Team and Raft at the end of the race will be taken into account before the final decision is made.

Please note that the start time of the race is usually 1300 but can vary a bit from year to year. Once we have something more definite the entrants will be informed.

There will be a member of the RNLI to officiate proceedings.

They will be available on the start beach between 1230 and 1300 to confirm the race course, and the start and finish procedure.

They will also check everyone is wearing lifejackets / buoyancy aids prior to the start.

We also request everyone involved in the raft race wears appropriate protective footwear on the beach as there can be unexpected sharp or unhygienic items amongst the pebbles etc.

At 13.30 hrs the prize giving will take place on the beach in the designated area just below the scaffold gantry. Once your raft and crew is safely ashore with the raft above the high water mark, please make your way along to this area.

After the race, it is important that all the parts of your raft are gathered together in readiness to be cleared off the beach that same day after the crowds have dispersed: (approximately 4pm).

Please note, the promenade and beach access roads are very congested with crowds of people by the end of the raft race and stay for the subsequent RNLI activities.

Our risk assessment prohibits attempts to manhandle rafts through these crowds of spectators.

**So only enter the raft race if you're able to clear your raft later in the afternoon when the crowds have dispersed.**

The organisers accept no responsibility or liability whatsoever for injury or damage to any person or property caused in the participation or spectators of the raft race.

**All entrants therefore take part at their own risk.**

**Please fill in the application form and email it to me if you wish to enter.**

**Best wishes, Alistair Ghinn**

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# **SELSEY RNLi RAFT RACE**

**Sunday 5th August 2018**

## **APPLICATION FORM**

*Thank you for your interest in this year's raft race; should you require any further details please get in touch.*

*Please ensure you are happy to comply with our rules and guidelines before entering a raft team.*

**RAFT TEAM NAME...**

**RAFT SKIPPER'S NAME...**

**CONTACT NAME IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE...**

**NUMBER OF CREW INC. SKIPPER...**

**Please specify the names and age of all crew members under 18**

**CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS...**

**CONTACT ADDRESS...**

**EMAIL...**

*Once I have received your application form I will issue you a raft number which we ask you to clearly display on the port side of your raft.*

*Please ensure you use the latest construction rules in making your raft.*

*Any queries please phone me (Alistair) 07780 875837*

*Please send this completed form to, Mr A.K.Ghinn, 1 Danefield Road, Selsey, West Sussex, PO20 9DA.*

*Or you can email all the details to [akghinn@gmail.com](mailto:akghinn@gmail.com)*