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Sheffield City Kayak Club Raft Race

Entry application form for entering your own raft and equipment.

ALL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD RECOGNISE AND ACCEPT THAT THE EVENT IS A RISK ACTIVITY AND THAT THEY WILL UNDERTAKE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES STATED BELOW AND ANY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY EVENT OFFICIALS. THEY ARE TO TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO INSURE THE SAFETY OF THEMSELVES AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS AND SPECTATORS.

Please print clearly

Raft Leader: or company

Address:

.....Post code

E-Mail Address:

Contact phone numbers Land line Mobile

Raft Name

A Raft Registration ID will be issued on return of your application.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED WISH TO ENTER THE SCKC RAFT RACE. WE HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE INSTRUCTIONS AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES AND ENTER THE EVENT ENTIRELY AT OUR OWN RISK. WE HAVE READ THE RISK ASSESSMENT AND UNDERSTAND THAT THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED TO AN EVENT DIRECTOR BEFORE WE ARE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE EVENT.

Please get your entry form and money in before 25th August to avoided disappointment.

Crew size you can be up to (4)

Raft construction.

Maximum raft length is 9ft and width 5ft any larger and you will not be allowed to take part.

Polystyrene or granular materials are not allowed in the construction of the craft or the decoration of the top.

You must have a rope to tie up your craft if a marshal asks you to do so. Make sure your Raft has nothing sharp on it. Make sure that nothing is fixed to the raft that someone can get caught on if the raft turns over.

Don't forget you need to make 4 Paddles.

Friday 29th at 4.00 pm until 7 pm you can bring your craft to the raft start.

All self-made rafts will be inspected the night before the race at the river by the race officials make sure they are satisfied with the craft. You will have time on Friday night for final amendments.

No self-made rafts can be brought on Saturday morning before the race we will have no time to administrate on Saturday so please do not turn up with a craft after Friday evening as you will not be able to part.

Decorating the raft

It's up to you how you choose to decorate the top. It can be an advert for your business. If you wish to have people sponsor your raft for a Sheffield based charity that is not a problem. **However no collecting on the day will be allowed.** But you a very welcome to collect sponsorship pledges prior to and up to the day before the race. Please inform the organisers of any sponsorship of your raft and we will endeavour to include the name in the program.

Minimum age of anyone taking part is 18 years of age. This is a very important part of your agreement. Please do not ask us to change this as it is vital element for us to be able to run the race. Anyone under 20 years of age will need ID we cannot take the risk. Please be aware the race marshal will refuse entry if they feel someone is not 18, bring the ID and then there is no problem.

Your minimum safety kit is a buoyancy aid. Self-build crews need to supply their own buoyancy aids. This is also has to be inspected by the marshal on Friday night. All self-supply buoyancy aids will be tested on Friday. If it fails you can hire one or produce another one. The test is an HSE definitive dunk test for a minimum 50 N. No vest - no entry.

Crewmembers: The minimum age is 18 years. As part of the rules of this event, every one taking part we will run through some simple lifting and carrying rules and a water safety talk before you set off.

There is a limit on crew numbers 4 max on each Raft, Any crew dropping out on the day that needs to be changed must inform the course director before the safety talk. After that point no one, not even late comers, can join the race. (So please be on time: no safety talk - no entry) - Even if they have paid. There has to be a cut-off point and this is it. After this point everyone is under the control of the race starter.

There is a chance that you will fall in the water and you probably would enjoy this especially if it's a warm day. Parts of the course are only 2ft deep but there are several other areas upto 10ft. So here are some tips on clothing, denim clothing is not a good thing to put on, as you will not be able to swim.

All Cotton is heavy on you in deep water. Anything padded or with a lining is also not recommended.

Nylon clothing thin layers are recommended. Wet suit if you have one.

No one will be allowed to take part bare-chested. Short-sleeved clothing is fine but you need protection under your buoyancy aid. Buoyancy aids, head and eye protection are all strongly recommended as personal protection. The Kayak club will hire you buoyancy aids. If required you must request this with your application.

All the borrowed equipment is to be signed for and returned in good order. Any missing safety equipment will be charged to your group. So please keep it on then not only will you be safe, you will not lose it. At the end of the event please take time to rinse through your equipment, in the river, to remove all flour residue before handing it back. In previous year buoyancy aids were not returned at a cost of £80, so when you sign in your vest will be register to you and you will be given a number corresponding to your vest.

On race day the only people allowed past the floodgate will be registered raft crew and SCKC officials.

There is a viewing area above the start line.

Decoration.

My crew and I agree to abide by the Rules and Conditions of Entry to Sheffield Raft Race and confirm that we compete entirely at our own risk. We hereby release the event organisers, their sponsors, agents, staff and officials from any claim for loss, damage, death or personal injury however caused as a result of participating in this event. I confirm that we are all able to swim a minimum of 50 metres in light clothing and that I have the crew's authority to enter them into this event. I undertake to ensure that all persons on the entry form are made aware of the Rules and Conditions of Entry.

Crew member details Please complete all details

Name Signature Contact No

Please circle age group. **18 – 30** **31 – 40** **41 – 60** **Over 60**

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Raft Event Rules

Start: Any team raft wishing to enter with company sponsorship can do so, they can also display that company logo if they wish. On the Friday afternoon before the race you have an opportunity to bring down the materials to dress the top of your raft. Between 4pm and 7.00 this time slot allows you access with your vehicle to the museum grounds. The museum will not be accessible on Saturday with vehicles, you can bring you materials down on Friday leave them on site overnight your display must be done on Friday there is no time on Saturday . You only have access on foot to the museum on Saturday as it is closed all day to vehicles.

The event organisers recommend that all raft crew are at the museum at the end of the Island for 9.30am or before on Saturday, for last minute tweaks.

The start time will be 11.00 am for all Rafts. Be there for 9.30 min

Registration: : All participants must register their intent ASAP to take part, and have their money in with the correct form. Last date for registration is Monday the 25th August. Any moneys sent later than that date will be sent back. We will not be able to deal with late entry's so please do not ask

You will be sent an email with your payment of entry showing the journey down the river and you raft numbers

All competitors must be able to swim at least 50m in light clothing.

Although safety cover is provided, all competitors enter at their own risk.

The entry fee needs to be sent with your registration. You will receive a **Receipt by e-mail please print your E-mail clearly.**

Raft race entrance fee

The self-build raft race entrance fee: **£25.00**

Entrance fee £..... How many Buoyancy aids needed Amount for hire Total

Hire of buoyancy aids, please include your hire charge here per item, and a cheque for £20.00 returnable deposit when your buoyancy aid is returned un-damaged. £5.00 hire charge per buoyancy aid with a £20.00 returnable deposit.

We need a returnable deposit for each item, no lump sum deposits. Each one is a separate hire.

It is being hired to the wearer not the team.

No equipment is supplied with this entry but you must comply with the rules, otherwise you will not be allowed to compete. All moneys are none refundable, except for refundable deposits on un-damaged equipment.

Participants: All participants in the event must sign and complete the application form, to register the number of crewmembers entering the river. This number must be displayed and checked off at the finish line making sure that no one is missing and that all are safely accounted for.

All crewmembers must make themselves aware of the Risk Assessment prepared by the SCKC organisers.

Enclosure: Would all crews please note: No raft will be allowed onto the river until it has been passed fit to do so by the marshal at the enclosure entrance on the river bank. Make sure you have your issued Raft Number displayed;

Raft Leader: A 'nominated leader' shall report to the event marshal at the 'Start' and at the 'Finish' giving details of the number of crewmembers on the Raft.

In the event of a missing person the leader must raise the alarm to the nearest riverside marshal in order that a fully co-ordinated search can be instigated.

All 'leaders' must act as 'on water co-ordinators' in the event of any accident involving either Rafter's or members of the general public falling into the water.

Missiles: you thought there wasn't going to be any FUN.

The only things that can be thrown from your raft are small paper bags filled with flour. Squirting water from your craft is ok.

The organisers are concerned that should any thing be thrown at the spectators, causing them to step backwards to avoid being hit, they could step into the path of a moving vehicle and become involved in a serious road accident. So race officials will remind you of this around the bridge areas.

Unfortunately for you they will be allowed to throw flour bombs at you- so bat them away with your paddle.

Flour or water only are acceptable to be thrown at other rafts or rafters on the water.

No pyrotechnics or (flares) of any kind are to be carried on the rafts, as these can kill or seriously maim.

Remember not to include the safety boats in your revelry as they are vulnerable to capsize and they are there to make it safe for you to have fun.

All other craft on the water except rafts will be safety boats. No one is allowed down the river other than people registered to take part in this event.

Access to the river is private and only accessed by agreement with the riparian owners.

Recognition of Risks: All crewmembers should recognise and accept that this event is by nature a 'Risk Activity' and will undertake to abide by the rules and instructions given by the Raft Event Officials.

You must take all appropriate steps to make sure that the safety of yourself, your crew and other participants including the general public (spectators), will be respected at all times.

Parking:

There is no parking at the 'Start' on race day. Drop off is anywhere near the Fat Cat pub and walk to the start.

Removal of rafts from the water.

We, along with your crew, will remove the rafts on to Nursery Street.

You will be responsible for removing any decorative materials you have applied to the raft and taking it away.

If you wish for the event organisers to take away your raft top, please add a further £15.00 for its removal.

Practice: There are no practice facilities available; access to the river is only given for this event.

Raft Construction: All hired Raft flotation to be constructed by SCKC.

To keep the environment clean we do not allow polystyrene or granular material to make up your display.

We do not allow any raft to be powered by any type of engine of any sort.

Wreckage: All raft wreckage must be removed from the river and done safely. Do not abandon your creation after the event. We will move the rafts to Nursery Street after the prizes then the river access will be closed.

Failure to do so may well result in not being invited to take part in the future events.

Explanatory Notes:

The success of this event depends on the entrants following the guidelines and applying the rules laid down by the organisers; SCKC:

Try to take extra care when building your raft top not to build in hazards. If you wish you can always send in a drawing of your raft to make sure it ok.

The more spectacular or outrageous your craft top is, the more it will increase your chances of getting the prize for best raft.

Please take on board following points:

Keep yourself safe.

Beware of the effects of 'Hypothermia', it can be extremely dangerous even on a summer's day if it rains and you are immersed in the cold water.

The effects of 'alcohol' can play a major role in causing problems swimming and can lead to drowning.

So, until the race is over alcohol is not allowed anywhere at the start or on the race until it's finished.

The organisers reserve the right to cancel this event and refuse admission if conditions on the river are considered hazardous.

These rules have been drawn up by the organisers of the event (SCKC) and are strictly 'non negotiable' under any circumstances.

All participants entering the event will be subject to these rules and all are expected to obey them.

Please be aware that all rivers have some levels of Weil's disease present. Please take care not to ingest river water and do not handle food once you have been in the river without first washing your hands or cleaning them with an anti-bacterial wipe.

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Race fees

Cheques to be made payable to Sheffield City Kayak Club.

If you have everything required your Race entry fee is £25.00

Money contact e-mail

Debra Canning secretary@sheffieldcitykayakclub.co.uk

Address

277 Dykes lane

Wisewood

Sheffield

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Judging and Prizes

Prizes will be presented just after the photo call while we still have everyone together.

Prize Juggling committee will be members of the pocket park committee.

1st Prize Shield & Plaque. Third over the line that are singing a song. If you cross the line third and don't sing, the next team to cross Third and sing wins the prize. Pick a song.

2nd Prize Plaque Best decorated intact raft

3rd prize Plaque **Driest and most flour covered crew**

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So you must have the gist by now, this is more about having fun than winning.

First over the line will only win applause - unless they meet the prize criteria.

There could be a battle over third place.

The winners will keep their plaques.

The Shield remains the property of SCKC and must be returned for the next years race, the winners must clean and have their name engraved on the plaque and in time for the presentation at next years race.