

THE 2010 NRG GREAT RAFT RACE

***Due to the increasing popularity of this event, please submit your nomination early to secure your spot in the 2010 race
LIMITED PLACES!***

A good idea for you: have your raft built by start of festival, load it onto the back of a trailer – ute – horse & dray – enter it in the Harbour Festival Street Parade and you will have the opportunity to win a prize plus get some great free publicity. Check festival website for entry form (www.gladstonefestival.com)

Please note the following:

Once you have made the terrific decision to enter this event, complete the entry form and email/fax or post it back to the Festival office to secure your place.

Due to the large number of competitors a 'one-off' race meeting will be held at Gladstone Library at 6pm on Tuesday 23rd March 2010 (meeting will not run over 1 hour).

Team organisers/captains are expected to attend as full safety briefing and course layout will be given at this meeting and NOT on Race Day.

Please Note: The raft race course layout changes each year.

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**2010 Gladstone Harbour Festival
presents
The NRG Great Raft Race**



Goondoon St
Boat Ramp
Next to Yacht Club

Good Friday
2 April 2010
at 10am

**Great prize money and lots of awards up
for grabs!**

This extremely popular event has become a major highlight of the festival. Creative rafts with colourful crews wend their way majestically – or not - against the beautiful backdrop of the Gladstone Marina.

There is no better way of promoting your business, club or organisation, with hundreds of spectators lining the banks to watch the contenders sink or swim in the NRG Great Raft Race.

Take to the water at this year's event and your crew could be lucky enough to float away with one of the many cash prizes on offer – without even winning the race!

It sounds a bit of a cliché, but the saying “it's the taking part that counts” is absolutely true so even if you aren't a front runner in the race you may still win an accolade or two. Whether you are first across the line, sporting the wackiest fancy dress, have the most creative raft or simply sink straight to the bottom of Auckland Creek – you could be in with a chance of winning some great prize money. Some of the categories include:

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- 1st 2nd 3rd Most Creative Rafts
 - Most Creatively Dressed Crew
 - First Across the Line
 - Titanic Award
 - Best Juvenile Entry

These are just some of the categories – so even if your raft doesn't make it much further than the start line, you could still win a prize!

What are you waiting for? Start building!

Need some advice? Call Raymond on 4972 2288

RAFT RACE INSTRUCTIONS

Raft Specifications:

The emphasis will be on creativity with the major prizes going to the most original, colourful and creative raft, regardless of performance.

1. There are no size restrictions.
2. Commercially produced craft will not be allowed.
3. No mechanical propulsion or motors to be used.
4. Raft crew members must paddle their craft either by standing, straddling, kneeling or sitting on top of their craft's platform.
5. Paddles, poles or pedals must not be attached to the raft. Hand held paddles and poles must be the only means of propulsion.
6. Six meters of towing line must be attached to the raft.
7. Rafts will leave from the Air Sea Rescue boat ramp next to the Yacht Club. All rafts will be inspected prior to launching. Scrutineering will commence at **9am.**

Conditions:

1. Contestants under 18 years of age must have parental consent.
2. Minimum of 2 persons, maximum of 10 persons per raft.
3. All crew members must supply life jackets, which must be worn at all times whilst on raft.
4. Vehicles transporting craft must be removed from start area and parked in appropriate areas.
5. All rafts must be seaworthy.
6. Race officials must be obeyed at all times.
7. All participants must read and sign the enclosed indemnity form.
8. **It is imperative that you ensure that no bystanders are hit by missiles or water spouts from your raft.**

Important Notice Please Read

ALL RAFTS MUST BE AT THE BOAT RAMP BY 8.30AM
Rafts may not be accepted if arriving after 8.45am

On arrival you must unload your raft and remove your vehicle from the area so that THE LOADING AREA IS KEPT CLEAR FOR OTHER ARRIVING RAFTS.

Once your raft has been unloaded the Team Captain must advise race organisers of your arrival, ensure that all rafters have completed the indemnity forms and then have your raft ready for inspection by race scrutineers and judges.

Note: Race scrutineers will have the final word of eligibility - any items which are deemed illegal or dangerous will be removed from the raft.

A description of your raft is required for the race announcer. If you haven't completed this part on the entry form, it would be appreciated if you could bring a written description of your raft (colours, theme, material raft is made of) along on the race morning and give to the organisers at sign in.

All team members must be at the boat ramp by 9am for the race briefing – all competitors must attend.

As you look out over the creek you will see 4 marker buoys, 2 buoys will be 15m behind the start line. Before the race commences all rafts must be behind the 15m marker buoys. The race starter will then ask all rafters to move forward slowly to the start line. When the starter is satisfied with the lineup a gun will be fired to signal commencement of the race.

Presentation of prizes will be held at the boat ramp at conclusion of race

RAFT RACE SAFETY NOTES

1. Raft competitors are not allowed to board any other raft, ram or try to sink another competitor's raft.
2. The only missiles allowed are **flour bombs in environmentally friendly paper bags** – as balloons are not environmentally friendly, these are not allowed. Any solid or dangerous missiles will be confiscated (e.g. fruit, vegetables, fertilizers, water bombs). Raft Race organisers will confiscate any missiles deemed dangerous to other competitors or not environmentally friendly. It is the responsibility of the team skipper to ensure that all crew members are fully aware of the rules and regulations of the race. No missiles are to be thrown until race starter gun has been fired.
3. Rafts are asked to be aware of their fellow competitors. If you see another rafter in trouble (e.g. a person who has fallen from their raft) do not impede any of the safety boats and if possible, try to assist.
4. Make sure your craft stays well clear of any boats moored along Auckland Creek.
5. If the safety boats give instructions during the race please abide by those instructions.
6. On completion of race, remove your craft from the boat ramp as soon as possible as other mariners use this ramp for loading and unloading of vessels.
7. All competitors must wear safety glasses or goggles. All raft crew members must wear footwear (e.g. training, running shoes) while participating in the Raft Race.
8. **All crew members must supply life jackets, which must be worn at all times whilst on raft.**
9. **ANY PARTICIPANT NOT ABIDING BY THESE RULES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.**
10. Now you have read all the rules and regs, build a great raft and have a great time!

Thank you for your cooperation – good luck to you all!!!

**THE NEXT 2 PAGES ARE FOR PARTICIPANTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 –
A PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST COMPLETE THE CONSENT FORM.**

RAFT RACE ENTRY 2010 - PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

FULL NAME: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

Medical Conditions: _____

**DECLARATION BY PARENT/GUARDIAN OF PARTICIPANT SHOWN
ABOVE**

I agree to the above for myself and on behalf of my child. I indemnify and will keep indemnified all people associated with the conduct of the event on the terms referred in this booklet.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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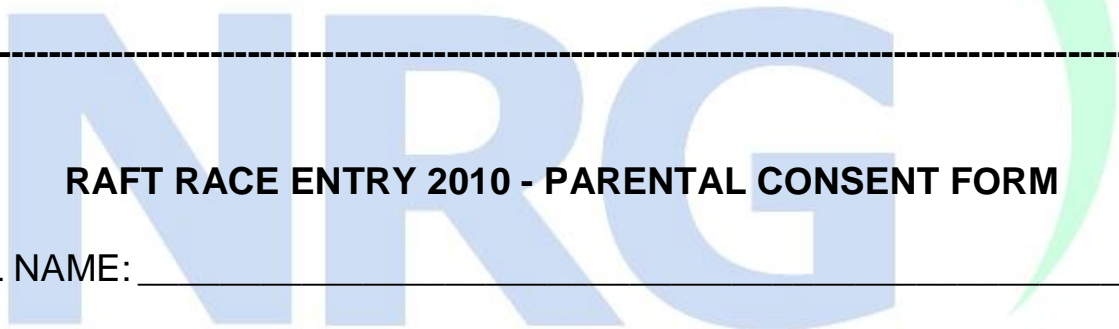
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**GLADSTONE HARBOUR FESTIVAL/NRG GREAT RAFT RACE 2010
PARTICIPANTS AGREEMENT & LIABILITY WAIVER, RELEASE & INDEMNITY**

This section must be signed by all participants. For participants under 18, a parent or guardian must sign.

I agree to participate in this event on the following basis:

1. I acknowledge that participation in the Gladstone Harbour Festival/NRG Great Raft Race 2010 involves the risk of serious injury or even death from various causes including but not limited to drowning, asphyxiation, overexertion, equipment failure, adverse weather conditions, dehydration and accidents involving other participants, spectators or creek users.
2. I understand that I should not participate in this event unless I am physically able, have trained appropriately and my physical condition has been verified by a qualified medical practitioner. This is particularly important if I am over 35 years of age.
3. I do not suffer from any medical or physical condition that may, through my participation in this event, endanger my own life or safety or the life or safety of any other person.
4. I acknowledge that I must not participate unless I wear an appropriate life jacket. I also warrant that I am a competent swimmer.
5. By participating, I accept all risks necessarily flowing from my participation, which could result in loss of life, temporary or permanent injury. Accordingly, I release all people associated with the conduct of the event from, all injury, loss or damage arising out of or connected with my participation in this event. For clarification, the people released include (but are not limited to) Gladstone Festivals & Events Association Inc., Gladstone Ports Corporation, sponsors, event organisers, promoters, managers, and all their respective directors, officers, employees, agent, contractors and volunteers including event medical, paramedical and rescue personnel. This release continues forever and binds my heirs, executors, personal representatives and assigns.
6. I consent to receiving any medical treatment that event organisers think prudent during or at the event.
7. I consent to event organisers using my name, image and likeness before, during or reporting after the event, for event promotional broadcasting or reporting purposes in any media.
8. All participants are solely responsible for the construction, fitness and operation of their rafts.
9. I am responsible for my own safety. Safety precautions undertaken by organisers and their employees or representatives (such as course supervision, water and race safety briefings, equipment checks, attendance by rescue personnel and the provision of raft specifications) are a service to me and other participants but are not a guarantee of safety.
10. I am fully responsible for the security of my personal possessions at the event.
11. My registration is not transferable to other people.
12. I have listed below any medical or physical conditions from which I suffer that might affect my performance or be relevant if medical treatment is needed.
13. I agree to abide by all race rules and directions issued by the event organiser.
14. I certify that I am 18 years of age or older and I have read this document and fully understand it.

List any medical conditions:

Signature

Date



PARTICIPANTS AGREEMENT AND LIABILITY WAIVER

The raft team leader is required to have all his/her team members read and sign this form, which **must** be handed into race organisers **by 9am on race day**. If you require more spaces, please photocopy this section.

1. PRINT NAME IN FULL: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

2. PRINT NAME IN FULL: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

3. PRINT NAME IN FULL: _____

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4. PRINT NAME IN FULL: _____

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10. PRINT NAME IN FULL: _____

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**2010 GLADSTONE HARBOUR FESTIVAL
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NOMINATION FORM**



PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS

COMPANY NAME: _____

COMPANY ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

TEL NO WORK: _____ HOME: _____

MOBILE: _____

EMAIL (WORK): _____

NAME OF RAFT: _____

DESCRIPTION OF RAFT: _____

- ◆ A description of your raft is necessary to enable race judges and commentator to recognise individual rafts during the race
- ◆ It is imperative that you have your raft at the boat ramp by ***8.30am***. Late arrivals may be disqualified from participating.

**Entry is free. Please return this form to
Gladstone Festivals & Events Office
by Monday 22nd March 2010**

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