

2012 NRG Great Raft Race

Good Friday 6 April 2012 at 10am

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OVER \$6,000 WORTH OF PRIZE MONEY UP FOR GRABS!!!

Each year Auckland Creek is lined with a flurry of spectators, colourful rafts and their crazy crews for the Gladstone Harbour Festival's NRG's Great Raft Race!

The competition is fierce and the rivalry is intense in this annual race, as competitors float, splash and paddle their way to the finish line for the fantastic cash prizes and not to mention bragging rights for the entire year.

Many local businesses, clubs and organisations already committed to participating in the event, utilise this fantastic event as opportunity to not only promote their involvement and association with the Gladstone Harbour Festival, but use the event as a team building exercise to improve morale and comradery within the workplace.

Even though it might sound cliché, the saying "it's the taking part that counts" is absolutely true! Whether your raft places first or last, there are many different awards and cash prizes still up for grabs. You may be sporting the wackiest fancy dress, have the most creative raft or simply sink straight to the bottom of Auckland Creek – all of which gives you the chance to win some great prize money.

Here is a list of judging categories PLUS the prize money up for grabs!

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| • Pride of the NRG Raft Race (best creative raft) - | \$1,500.00 |
| • 2 nd Best Creative Raft - | \$1,000.00 |
| • 3 rd Best Creative Raft - | \$750.00 |
| • Best Backyard (privateer) Raft - | \$500.00 |
| • Best Dressed Team - | \$500.00 |
| • Most Entertaining Team - | \$500.00 |
| • Best Juvenile Entry - | \$500.00 |
| • Endurance Award - | \$400.00 |
| • Titanic Award (raft most in need of a refit) - | \$400.00 |
| • Perpetual Trophy (overall best in all categories) - | Trophy Only |
| • Line Honours (commentators choice) - | \$50.00 |
| • Media Trophy (awarded by festival committee) - | Trophy Only |

Event Obligations:

- Nominations are to be received no later than **Monday 26 March 2012**.
- **It is mandatory for a representative from your team to attend a 'one-off' race safety meeting on Wednesday 28 March 2012 at 5.30pm at the Gladstone City Library to discuss race instructions, course layout and a full safety briefing. Failure to have a representative attend this meeting will result in your team forfeiting the right to participate in the 2012 NRG Great Raft Race.**

More than just a raft race!

Don't just wait until Good Friday to show off your raft-like floatation device, enter it into the Rio Tinto Alcan Street Parade, which opens the 50th Gladstone Harbour Festival on Sunday 1 April 2012! Load your raft onto the back of a trailer, ute or horse and dray and showcase your teams fantastic workmanship and go in the running to **WIN** even more prizes and free publicity.

Entry forms can be found at www.gladstonefestival.com.

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APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS

Team Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Postal Address: _____

Suburb & Post Code: _____

Contact Numbers: (M) _____

(H) _____

(W) _____

NAME OF RAFT: _____

ENTRY CATEGORY (Please tick appropriate box):

Large Business (over 20 employees)

Backyard (Privateer) Raft

Small Business (up to 20 employees)

Organisation/Club (sporting, service, recreation, cultural)

Juvenile Entry

Media

DESCRIPTION OF RAFT: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Submit your entry form by either:

- **POST:** Gladstone Festivals & Events
PO Box 169
Gladstone Q 4680

- **FAX:** (07) 4972 4238
- **EMAIL:** ashleigh@gladstonefestival.com

- Entry is FREE.
- 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.

ENTRIES CLOSE: Monday 26 March 2012

Office Use Only			
Date received:	Date evaluated:	Raft Number:	No. of Pax on Raft:
Entry form signed:		Waiver Completed: Yes / No	

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Race Rules

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 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. Please ensure **all** rafters have completed the indemnity forms and your raft is ready for inspection by race scrutineers and judges.

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

Please provide a description of your raft to 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 8.30am for the race briefing – all competitors must attend.

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

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. A rudder may be used to steer your raft around the course.
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.**

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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.**

ANY PARTICIPANT NOT ABIDING BY THESE RULES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

Now you have read all the rules and regulations, build a great raft and have a great time!

Thank you for your cooperation – Good Luck to you all!!

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Parental Consent Form

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

RAFT RACE ENTRY 2012 – 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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Participant Agreement & Liability Waiver

**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 2012 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 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.

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Participant Agreement & 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 8.30am on race day**. If you require more spaces, please photocopy this section.

1. PRINT NAME IN FULL: _____
MEDICAL CONDITIONS: _____
SIGNATURE: _____
2. PRINT NAME IN FULL: _____
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