



**2025 THE GREAT RAFT REGATTA APPLICATION PART 2
PARENTAL CONSENT FORM**

To be filled out for participants under the age of 18. A parent of guardian must complete the consent form.
Please photocopy this page for additional forms.

Full Name	
Date of Birth	
Medical Conditions	
Emergency Contact Number	

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.

PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE

Do you give permission for Gladstone Festivals and Events to photograph and/or video your children?

YES / NO - Please circle

If YES, I hereby give Gladstone Festivals and Events, its employees, and those acting with its authorisation the right and permission to copyright, use, and/or publish photographs and/or videos of the participant in promotional materials, which include videos, catalogues, magazines, newspaper articles, brochures and GFEA's website and social media platforms. This information will only be accessed by authorised employees within GFEA. Your information will not be given to any other person or agency unless you have given us permission, or we are required by law. I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve the finished videos, photographs, advertising copy, or printed matter that may be used in conjunction therewith or to be eventual use that might be applied. I have read the foregoing photographic release and authorisation, before affixing my signature below, and warrant that I fully understand the contents thereof.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Contact Name: _____



2025 GLADSTONE HARBOUR FESTIVAL GREAT RAFT REGATTA PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT & LAIBILITY WAIVER

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

1. I acknowledge that participation in the Gladstone Harbour Festival 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 regatta 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.
15. I hereby give Gladstone Festival & Events, its employees, and those acting with its authorisation the right and permission to copyright, use, and/or publish photographs and/or video of the participant in promotional materials, which include videos, catalogues, magazines, newspaper articles, brochures, and GFEA's Internet websites. This information will be only accessed by authorised employees within GFEA. Your information will not be given to any other person or agency unless you have given us permission, or we are required by law. I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve the finished videos, photographs, advertising copy, or printed matter that may be used in conjunction therewith or to the eventual use that might be applied. I have read the foregoing photographic release and authorisation, before affixing my signature below, and warrant that I fully understand the contents thereof.

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 7.30 am on raft regatta day**. If you require more spaces, please photocopy this section.



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PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT & LAIBILITY WAIVER**

As per terms and conditions on page 6

Full Name	
Medical Conditions	
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EVENT TIMELINE

7.00am	Raft Race officials will be on duty at the boat ramp
7.30am	Team captains to report and register their team at the team registration desk next to boat ramp
8.00am	Scrutineering will take place anytime by our race officials
8.45am	Final briefing by race officials
9.00am	Raft Race begins when the siren sounds
10.30am	Presentation of prize money and awards
11.00am	Boat ramp will be reponed to the general public



Great Raft Regatta Construction and Equipment FAQ's

Is there a theme for the Great Raft Regatta?

We encourage all crews to come up with their own theme and decorations for their raft. It could be something that is in line with your business, pirates, carnival, zombies – anything goes! But of course, keep in mind that your raft should be suitable for a family-friendly audience.

Are there restrictions about what sort of raft I can build?

Let your imagination run wild with your raft building! There are no size restrictions for your raft, however, please note that commercially produced craft will not be allowed in the Raft Regatta.

What equipment can we use on our rafts to ensure it moves?

No mechanical propulsion or motors are to be used on rafts. Paddles, poles or pedals must not be attached to the raft. Handheld paddles and poles must be the only means of propulsion. A rudder may be used to steer your raft around the course.

Do I need to attach anything to my raft?

You must attach 6 metres of towing line to your raft, and of course any decorations to make your raft stand out as much as possible.

Are there size restrictions for our crew?

Your crew must have a minimum of 2 persons and a maximum of 10 persons per raft.

Can we have participants under the age of 18 on our raft?

Yes, but they must have a completed and signed parental consent form, which is supplied with all application paperwork.

Other than our awesome costumes, do our crew members need to wear anything specific?

All crew members must be wearing life jackets, closed in shoes and safety goggles.

If you have any other questions regarding the construction of your raft, please give our friendly office staff a call on 4972 5111 or email us at events2@gladstonefestival.com