

PORT ERIN BRANCH FUN RAFT RACE

The Races will take place at approximately 2.30pm at Port Erin Bay, on a course to be decided by the Organisers. All Competitors should assemble on the beach from 2.00pm onwards, below the Bay Hotel on the race day for scrutiny of pre-constructed rafts and final registering of entry.

Entries will be divided into two races – **ENTERPRISE and BLUE RIBBON**

ENTERPRISE RACE

Corporate - Entry by companies, clubs etc., by minimum donation of £25 per raft and who will be required to design a raft to the following rules below. Advertising permitted both on the raft and on the beach.

Individual - Entry by private individuals by minimum donation of £10 per raft and who will be required to design a raft to the following rules. No advertising permitted.

Raft Construction Rules:

1. Each raft should have a clear identification mark, teams may like to wear logo T-shirts for identification or themed dress.
2. No rowlocks or substitutes will be accepted. Any form of rowing will not be permitted.
3. No type of engine propulsion allowed, however, rafts can be paddled, pushed, sailed, swim towed or driven by human mechanical power. Flippers may be used but must be worn at start line!
4. Rafts must not be modified from normal marine craft or other waterborne marine equipment
5. Paddles are allowed.
6. A raft may have any number of crew with a minimum age of 16.
7. Rafts should be strongly constructed and capable of withstanding sea conditions, rafts should be constructed to sit upon rather than to be sat inside off.
8. Ideas on how to build your raft or where to obtain some of the essential construction items can be obtained from Port Erin Lifeboat station.

BLUE RIBBON RACE

Rafts will be supplied by the Lifeboat Station, which competitors will then race around a course decided by the Organisers.

WORKS TEAMS - Entry by companies, clubs etc., by minimum donation of £25 per raft . Advertising permitted both on the raft and on the beach.

PRIVATEERS - Entry by private individuals by minimum donation of £10 per raft .

The following rules will apply;

1. Entrants must be 16 years and over.
2. The raft may be manned by up to 4 crewmembers. Minimum of 2 crewmembers to be on Raft at all times.
3. To make your team identifiable to the commentary team it would be helpful if the team could wear T-shirts with the team name or company participating on the back.
4. Rafts must complete the course and obtain a blue ribbon before returning to the beach to cross the finishing line.

The Winners of the BLUE RIBBON RACE will receive the Central Software Cup

GENERAL AND SAFETY RULES:

1. Crew members must not receive assistance from the shore or any other vessel.
2. All rafts/debris must be removed from the water and surroundings at the end of the race.
3. Start and finishing instructions will be issued to raft Captains when registering entries at start control.
4. In all matters, the Committee's decision is final.
5. Competitors are recommended to wear either a lifejacket or buoyancy aid, *and be able to swim.*

PRIZES

The following prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organisers.

Most Original Crew Dress Runner Up Raft First Mixed Raft

First All Ladies Raft Most Heroic Failure

All entrants will receive a finishers medal

Entry Forms, together with donations payable to **R.N.L.I. Port Erin Branch**, should be sent to:

RAFT RACE ENTRY
PORT ERIN LIFEBOAT
BREAKWATER ROAD
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