

Nordelph Raft Race Rules 2010

Nordelph Raft Race Committee
RAFT RACE AND FUN DAY
Sunday 22nd August 2010

RULES, REGULATIONS & ENTRY FORM

1. Aims

The Nordelph Raft Race is the Village day, its specific aim is to raise money for charity and village hall funds so that future events can be staged. The biggest aim is to get the village community together and have fun.

2. Eligibility

The Nordelph Raft Race is open to all individuals and all groups, businesses, associations and clubs in the local area.

3. Registration

There is no formal registration prior to the day of the race. The entry form attached to these rules should be completed and brought to the organisers at Nordelph village staithe together with the entry fee of £2 per crew member between 1245 and 1315 on the day of the race.

4. Races and course

There will be (at least) a separate race for adults and juniors (16 or under). Depending on the number of entries, there may be further division of the races by number in the crew. All races will be from the staithe to the Village Hall. Ample time will be allowed for adult and junior teams sharing the same raft to return their craft to the start before any subsequent race.

5. Raft Construction

Rafts should preferably be able to stay afloat for the length of the race, but this condition is not insisted on. Rafts which closely resemble boats or canoes will be disqualified. The spirit of the event is that the craft should be home-made and specially formed commercial structures are not allowed. Propulsion is to be achieved via man made paddles, or sails made from domestic materials.

6. Crew Composition

Each crew must consist of 1 - 4 persons. A team captain, who is to be nominated for each raft, will be responsible for both the raft and the crew for the duration of the race. Any team where all the crew are under 17 years of age must be supervised by a parent, guardian or adult at all times; this responsible person must identify themselves on the entry form and must also attend the safety briefing

7. Safety

Safety must have the highest priority – we have no desire for the pleasure of the day to be spoiled by avoidable accidents. There will be a safety briefing for all contestants at the conclusion of registration, at the staithe.

For their own safety, all involved are to abide by the following:

- a.** Anyone who, in the opinion of the organisers, is under the influence of alcohol prior to the start of the race will be barred from competing.
- b.** We recommend that all race participants wear their own buoyancy aids.
- c.** Well Creek may contain obstructions that could cause cuts and abrasions. Crews should wear foot protection and are advised to wear hand protection.
- d.** All crews must obey the instructions of the organisers, stewards and the safety boat.
- e.** Sharp or angled parts of the raft or associated equipment should be suitably covered with protective padding.
- f.** No clothing is to be worn that could prove hazardous if the raft should overturn or sink

8. Prizes

Trophies will be presented at an awards ceremony in the Village Hall shortly after the conclusion of the last race. Prizes will be awarded for rafts finishing in first, second and third place in each of the adult and junior categories. Where a category is split into separate races because of the number of entries, the finishing order will be determined on time. The judges reserve the right to award any other prizes that take their fancy on the day.

9. Assembly

Crews are to assemble with their rafts by the village staithe between 1245 and 1315. The rafts will be inspected to ensure their construction complies with the race rules and regulations. This will be followed by the safety briefing.

10. Traditions

Two facets of the Nordelph Raft Race have become traditional. Competitors (and spectators) are encouraged to wear fancy dress and there will be a fancy dress parade from the staithe to the Village Hall and back at 1330. Spectators pelt the contestants during the race with various missiles. Please ensure that these are soft – e.g. flour bombs or water balloons – and that no eggs are used.

9. The legal niceties

All participants take part in the race voluntarily. The Nordelph Raft Race Committee and Parish Council will not accept any liability for loss, damage, injury or death caused during the race or any activities connected with the race.

Good Luck & ENJOY THE Raft Race and Fun Day!

Raft Race entry form 2010

Nordelph Well Creek Raft Race 22nd August 2010

ENTRY FORM

Please take this to the registration desk at the village staithe, together with your raft, all the crew and the entry fee of £2 per crew member between 1245 and 1315 on race day. Please complete the following in block capitals, writing clearly. It is these details of names that may appear in the press or on the Internet.

Team Name: _____

Team Captain Details:

Team Captain (Name) : _____ Age if under 21: _____

Address: _____

Contact Tel No: _____ (Home) _____ (Mobile)

I have read, understood and accept, without reservation, the rules for the 2009 Nordelph Raft Race.

Signature _____

Crew Details:

Name:

Age if under 21

If all crew members are under 16 years of age, adult authorisation and consent details must be completed overleaf.

Responsible adult non crew Member

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Tel No: _____ (Home) _____ (Mobile)

I hereby allow and take full responsibility for the team entered above.

Signature: _____

Official Use:

Entry fee paid.