



The Small print, please make sure that all persons on the raft have a life preserver and they have read, and full, understand the rules. The River can be a dangerous place, you should have respect for the river and those who are advising you and keeping you safe while on it.
(There must be at least on adult per under 16 person on the raft.)

Life Jackets must be worn and can be hired on the day for a £5 deposit.

Entry For the Strata Raft Race.

Category : FAST RACE / FUN RACE (please note, if you win the Fun race you will be invited to enter the final of the fast race)

Skippers Name :

Address:

TEAM NAME :

Email address :

Telephone:

Mobile Contact :

Signed :

Print Name :

Please send the £50 entry fee made payable to 'Maidstone River Festival Events' with the above for filled out to:
Martin Cox / 5 Mangravet Ave. Maidstone Kent ME15 9BQ. Thank you for your support and have a fun time on the River.

Rafts will be split into two categories - Fast Raft and Fun Raft. Everybody will race at least once; finalists will race twice.

Subject to the number of rafts entered in each category, the schedule of races will be as follows:

- 12:00 Fast Raft Race, high-level bridge to old bridge. Fastest 3 entrants from any heat to remain and await Final (Max time 30 minutes for each heat ; others may return to LA Fitness)
- 14:00 Fun Raft Race, high-level bridge to old bridge. Two fastest entrants to remain and await Final; (Max time 30 minutes for each heat, others may return to LA Fitness)
- 16:00 Grand Final, old bridge to high-level bridge.

There will be prizes for the winner of each race, and the best-dressed raft.

Prize giving will be at 18:00 at the VIP reception. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RAISE MONEY – ST JOHN Ambulance is our chosen charity this year.

Rules

1. Rafts must be hand made and have no sharp or protruding objects.
2. Any team that uses oil drums as part of their raft design, must ensure that drums are clean and sealed.
3. At the scrutineers' discretion, any "raft" that appears too much like a "real boat", e.g. with purpose-built hull or hulls, will be transferred to the Fast Raft category.
4. Rafts must be propelled by paddles only, no mechanical means of propulsion are allowed.
5. No engines or pumps powered by fuel or electricity will be allowed on rafts, for any purpose.
6. All rafts shall be fitted with a towing line.
7. All crew must wear life jackets or buoyancy aids (available for hire on the day £5 deposit each – must be returned clean!).
8. Team Names shall be clearly displayed on the raft.
9. Rafts shall have a minimum of four and maximum of eight rowers;
10. Rafters under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult;
11. Rafters that enter the water without registering their attendance will be disqualified;
12. Entrants are responsible for safely transporting and disposing of rafts;
13. The Scrutineers' and Judges' decisions are final.

Notes

Teams should meet at LA Fitness Centre, St Peters Street, Maidstone ME16 0SX (where parking for vehicles transporting rafts is available).

Registration will open at 10:00. All teams must register before 11:00.

Rafts will then be scrutinised prior to launching.

For the first two races, there will be a competitors' briefing at the registration tent 30 minutes before the start, following which rafts will launch and must all be on the water 10 minutes before the start.

At the end of each race, all teams must wait at the finish line until the winners are announced. Those not taking part in the Final may then return downstream to LA Fitness, towed or under their own power.

Rafters will be able to use the showering facilities at LA fitness centre and should collect changing tokens upon registration;

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