# 2018 GREAT RAFT REGATTA APPLICATION FORM

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018, 9am Auckland Creek (Yacht Club), Gladstone, Queensland, 4680. Tel. 07 4972 5111

#### **Great Raft Regatta**

Each year Auckland Creek is lined with a flurry of spectators, colourful rafts and their crazy crews for the Harbour Festival Great Raft Regatta.

The competition is fierce and the rivalry is intense in this annual regatta, 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 also use the regatta 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.

Visit the Gladstone Festivals and Events website for further information on the prize money up for grabs.

### **Event Obligations**

- Nominations are to be received no later than Monday 26<sup>TH</sup> March 2018.
- Your team will receive a race safety notes prior to the Raft Regatta. It is recommended that all participants on board your raft view the video and familiarize themselves with the safety briefing notes. Should you have any questions that are not covered in the safety material please contact the festival organisers.

#### More than just a Raft Regatta!

Don't just show off your raft-like floatation device at Gladstone Harbour Festival's Great Raft Regatta! You can also enter it into the Gladstone Harbour Festival Street Parade on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Load your raft onto the back of a trailer, Ute or horse and showcase your team's fantastic workmanship and go in the running to **WIN** even more prizes and free publicity. Head to <a href="https://www.gladstonefestival.com">www.gladstonefestival.com</a> to download the application form.



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OFFICE USE ONLY	FORM:			
CONTACT DETAILS				
Team Name:				
Contact Name:				
Email Address:				
Contact Phone:				
DAFT DETAILS				
RAFT DETAILS Name of Raft:				
Name of Ratt.				
Entry Category:  Large Business (20+ employees) Small Business (up to 20 employees)	Juvenile Entry			
Backyard (Privateer) Raft Media Organisation/Club (sporting, serv	vice, recreation, cultural)			
Description of Raft:				
Number of Pax on Raft:				
Applications close Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2018. Entry is FREE! Waiver's and Pa sent in separately at a later date to application form.	rental Consent forms may be			
Submit your completed application form to:				
VIA POST: PO Box 169, Gladstone, Qld, 4680				
VIA EMAIL: events2@gladstonefestival.com				
<b>VIA FAX:</b> 07 4972 4238				

IN PERSON: Gladstone Festivals & Events – Gladstone Marina, Bryan Jordan Drive

## **Great Raft Regatta Rules**

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 at the Registration Desk of your arrival. Please ensure all rafters have completed the indemnity forms and your raft is ready for inspection by race scrutineers and judges.

**Note:** Raft Scrutineers will have the final word of eligibility – any items which are deemed illegal or dangerous will be removed from the raft.

- All rafts must be at the boat ramp by 8am. Rafts may not be accepted if arriving after 8am
- All team members must be at the boat ramp by 8:30am for the regatta briefing all competitors must attend. Presentation of prizes will be held at the boat ramp at the conclusion of the race

## **Specifications**

The emphasis will be on creativity with the major prize going to the most original, colourful and creative raft, regardless of performance.

- There are no size restrictions
- Commercially produced craft will not be allowed
- No mechanical propulsion or motors to be used
- Raft crew members must paddle their craft, either by standing, straddling, kneeling or sitting on rop of their craft's platform
- Paddles, poles or pedals must not be attached to the raft. Hand held raddles and poles must be the only means of propulsion. A rudder may be used to steer your raft around the course
- Six metres of towing line must be attached to the raft
- 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 from 8am.

#### Conditions

- Contestants under 18 years must have parental consent
- Minimum of 2 persons, maximum of 10 persons per raft
- All crew members must supply life jackets, which must be work at all times whilst on raft
- Vehicles transporting craft must be removed from start area and parked in appropriate areas
- All rafts must be seaworthy
- Race officials must be obeyed at all times
- All participants must read and sign the enclosed indemnity form
- It is imperative that you ensure that no bystanders are hit by missiles or water spouts from your raft

#### Safety Notes

- Raft Regatta competitors are not allowed to board any other raft, ram or try to sink another competitors raft
- 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, wet flour bombs, water bombs). It is the responsibility of the team skipper to ensure that all crew members are fully aware of the rules and regulations of the regatta.
- No missiles are to be thrown until the Regatta starter gun has been fire

- 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.
- Make sure your craft stays well clear of any boats moored along Auckland Creek.
- If the safety boats give instructions during the Regatta please abide by those instructions.
- On completion of the Regatta, remove your craft from the boat ramp as soon as possible as other mariners use this ramp for loading and unloading of vessels.
- All competitors must wear safety glasses or goggles. All raft crew members must wear enclosed footwear (e.g. training or running shoes) while participating in the Raft Regatta.
- All crew members must supply life jackets, which must be worn at all times whilst on the raft.

#### ANY PARTICIPANT NOT ABIDING BY THESE RULES WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.

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

Thank you for your cooperation! Good luck to you all ©

# 2018 GLADSTONE HARBOUR FESTIVAL GREAT RAFT REGATTA 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, it's employees, and those acting with its authorisation the right and permission to copyright, use, and/or publish photograhs 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 printer 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:



# **2018 GLADSTONE HARBOUR FESTIVAL GREAT RAFT REGATTA**

# PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT & LAIBILITY WAIVER

As per terms and conditions on page 7

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## PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT & LAIBILITY WAIVER

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

- 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 8am on raft regatta day.** If you require more spaces, please photocopy this section.