



## The Great Kiwi Can Raft Race

### Rules, Regulations & Safety Requirements

#### REGISTRATION & START TIMES

1. School division raft registration is at 9 am. Each school will have an allocated area to set up rafts and prepare contestants. Please follow signs to registration area on the day of the event.
2. Open division raft registration is at 10 am. There will be a general area for Open Division entrants to prepare their rafts and participants. Please follow signs to registration area on the day of the event.
3. The event organisers will advise of the course on the day. Exact course length is to be confirmed, but could be up to 300m, so make sure your raft will hold up.
4. Marshals and flags will be on the course to direct you. You must obey their instructions.
5. In the interests of safety and security the start and finish areas are restricted to raft participants only. Supporters have plenty of opportunity to support teams from the sideline.
6. The race director's decision on all race matters is final.
7. By participating, entrants grant the Whangaroa Kiwi Can Trust exclusive permission to use their names, characters, photographs, voices and likeness in connection with the event and for future promotion and marketing purposes and waive any claims to royalty, right or remuneration for such use.

#### RAFTS

8. All rafts must be homemade.
9. No commercially manufactured hulls.
10. No polystyrene as this breaks up and pollutes the Harbour.
11. All rafts must be self propelled i.e. poles, oars, paddlewheels, sails etc or any combination thereof.
12. The rafts must not use fixed oars, motors or other mechanical means of propulsion. Man power peddle propulsion is permitted.
13. Every raft must have a 4m rope firmly attached to its front for towing purposes.
14. No Glass containers allowed.
15. All raft entries must pass a safety and regulation inspection before being allowed to race
16. No solid objects, water balloons, un-biodegradable products that will pollute our harbour, dyes or dangerous objects (including eggs, meat products or animal by products, and hard fruits) are to be used as ammunition.
17. On finishing the event it is your responsibility to remove and dispose of your raft sensibly.

#### SAFETY, WEATHER & CLOTHING:

18. This is a water-based activity, it is understood that all participants respect general water safety practice and will be [Water Wize](#)
19. In adverse weather conditions the event may be cancelled. The decision will be announced on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March, the day before the event.
20. **Maximum 5 people per raft**
21. **All Open teams must consist of at least one adult (18 yrs or over)**
22. **All School teams must consist of one Adult and four students.**
23. **All raft members must wear approved life jackets**
24. **All raft members must be able to swim**

25. The water temperature may be cooling down, entrants should consider wetsuits and be sure to have warm, dry clothes available for after the race
26. St Johns Ambulance, the Whangaroa Fire Brigade and Western Ward Coast Guard will be available on the day
27. Parking is limited so we encourage car pooling where possible. For the safety of all participants, vehicle access at the registration may be restricted to raft drop off, so please obey parking instructions. Please be patient and factor this into your schedule
28. No alcohol to be consumed before or during the race
29. The organiser of the event cannot be held responsible for any damage caused or injuries incurred

## **PRIZES:**

### **Prizes will be awarded for:**

First across the line - Schools

First across the line - Open

Best overall Team Spirit – Schools/Open

Best Water Safety – schools/Open

Most Creative/Innovative raft – Schools/Open

First, Second, Third and Fourth across the line - Pre-school Miniature Raft/Rubber Ducky Race

30. Prize giving will be held at the Whangaroa Sport Fishing club after the miniature Raft/Rubber Ducky Race
31. Prizes are kindly donated by local businesses
32. Judges decisions are final