

Chestertown Tea Party Raft Race

Date: Sunday May 25, 2008

Starting Gun: 2:30 p.m. Sharp! - Arrive: 1:30 p.m.

Don't be late, we won't wait.

Location: Wilmer Park, Chestertown

Awards

Overall Winner

The Tea Cup: presented to the raft with the best synthesis of creativity, engineering, and speed - chosen from the first three finishers of the race.

The Fabulous Flotsam Award: presented to the raft more likely to cause a spectacle than win the race.

The DaVinci Award: presented to the raft with the most unorthodox form of locomotion.

The Van Gogh Award: presented to the most artistic raft.

The Flop Award: presented to the raft with the most impressive failure.

The Junior Cup Award: presented to the raft with the best synthesis of creativity, engineering, and speed - chosen from the first three finishers of the Junior Division. Rafts with entire crews 15 years or less in age can compete in the Junior Division, but are not excluded from winning in the Adult Division.

Questions: call Jenny at 410-778-5292

RULES

Important: Rafts must be removed from the premises before or immediately following the awards presentation.

SAFETY

1. All participants **must** wear shoes or sandals at all times before, during, and after the race. This includes support crew as well as racers. Those who do not comply will be disqualified.
2. All rafters **must** wear lifejackets during the race.
3. Anyone acting without regard for the safety of others, or themselves, will be disqualified and required to leave the race area.

4. All rafters must always have multiple options for easily exiting the vessel, regardless of its orientation in the water.

COMPETITION

5. Boats are prohibited.
6. Each raft must carry a minimum of four passengers.
7. Non-human powered engines are prohibited.
8. Parts and materials commercially manufactured specifically for nautical purposes are prohibited.
9. Commercially manufactured paddles are prohibited.
10. Rafts must round the outside of course markers in the direction prescribed by the race committee the day of the race.
11. Each competitor must have at least half of their body above the water while propelling a raft.

**Chestertown Tea Party Festival
Raft Race Registration**

Name of Raft: _____

Raft Captain: _____

Address: _____ (Street)

(Town) _____ **(Zip)** _____

Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Team Members

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

In order for a raft team to participate, its captain's signature is required below.

I _____ hereby state that all members of my raft team understand and will abide by the rules of safety and competition stated on the other side of this form.

**Rafts and their crews will not be permitted to enter the water without registering.
Mail registration before May 20, 2008 to:**

**Raft Race, 311 High Street, Chestertown, MD 21620 or email it to
info@finishingtouchshop.com.**