

## THE FIFTH ANNUAL CONNECTICUT RIVER RAFT RACE

From: Deep River Town Landing  
To: Knotts Island, Essex, CT

Date: August 4th 1979  
Time: Starting cannon at 11:00 AM

*Raft Ponkew # 17 First Line*

### RULES:

- I. Construction
  1. Homemade rafts only. No commercially manufactured hulls.
  2. Manufactured fasteners acceptable, i.e. screws, bolts nails etc.
- II. Flotation
  1. Styrofoam, wood, barrels, metal or fiberglass
  2. No rubber inner tube flotation allowed.
  3. Any other device must be cleared by the Race Committee
- III. Rigging
  1. All rigging to be secured. Homemade rigging only.
  2. Manufactured fastenings acceptable, i.e. turnbuckles, oarlocks, etc
  3. All rafts will be inspected.
- IV. Propulsion
  1. Any propelling device acceptable, i.e. paddlewheels, oars, sails, etc. (sails to be handmade)
  2. Bicycle driven wheels acceptable.
  3. No propellers or internal combustion engines or electric motors or contained pressurized cylinders allowed.
- V. Total Overall Dimensions
  1. Minimum - 4 x 8 Maximum - 12 x 36
  2. All Rafts must have the minimum of a 4 x 8 Center Deck and measure at least 4 x 8 at the water line in overall flotation.
- VI. The Safety Committee has the authority to disqualify any raft on the basis of safety.
  1. All rafts to have an anchor and at least 50' of line.
  2. One Coast Guard Personal Flotation Device per crew member which must be worn throughout the race.
  3. All Coast Guard regulations to be followed by each crew
  4. All Captains and Crews are responsible for themselves and their equipment: see attached document. This document to be filled out and returned at the Captain's Meeting.
  5. Any minor (under age 18) must be accompanied by legal guardian
  6. All Rafts will be inspected prior to the Starting Cannon
- VII. Crew
  1. The minimum is three persons, there is no maximum unless the Safety Committee determines your Raft unsafe to float so large a Crew.
- VIII. Entry Procedure: Deadline - July 14th 1979 250 Raft limit
  1. Applications must be sent to Committee and accepted by means of return mail. PO Box 110 Old Saybrook, CT 06475
  2. Captains will be notified of the time and place of the Captain's Meeting.

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3. Costs: all to be paid in full at Captains' Meeting
  - a. \$20.00 Raft fee - *check # 874 7/12/79 AS REQUESTED*
  - b. \$5.00 per crew member *x 12 \$60*
  - c. All receipts are non-refundable
  - d. All spectators and guests on the Island to pay \$2.00

IX Starting Procedure

1. No participant vehicles will be left in Deep River
2. Rafts to be launched according to schedule given at Captains' Meeting.
3. Starting positions to be established at Captains' Meeting
4. Anchored start by cannon to be enforced.
5. All anchors to be hauled at the start and carried throughout the race. Any derelict anchors will cause disqualification

X Race Day Activities

1. Pre-start Ceremonies
2. Race 11:00AM start to approximately 3:00  
Prize ceremonies at approximately 4:00
3. Food and Grog available, or bring your own. NO GLASS ALLOWED
4. Bands to perform throughout the day
5. No camping on the Island
6. No parking or ferrying or any logistical operation to be allowed in or from Essex downtown

NO DOGS ALLOWED

- XI All rafts to be removed from the finishing area by 12:00 noon, Sunday August 5th 1979 or will become the property of C.R.R.R Inc and will cause future exclusion from racing.

- XII No spectator groups to display colors or group affiliations or insignias

This is a raft race, not a boat race. It is for fun, but everyone should remember that the current is very strong and the River demands and deserves respect.

BE SAFE AND ENJOY!!

Sponsored by,

CONNECTICUT RIVER RAFT RACE INC

Proceeds go to local charities that deal with children

Please leave the Island cleaner than you found it.

Information: PO Box 110 Old Saybrook 06475

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