

# Chestertown Tea Party Raft Race General Information

## The Event

Sunday, May 29, 2016

Participants Arrive: 1:30 PM Note: Don't be late- we won't wait!

Starting Gun: 2:30 PM – SHARP!

Location: Wilmer Park, Chestertown, Maryland

## The Awards

***The Tea Cup:*** awarded to the raft with the best synthesis of creativity, engineering, and speed – chosen from the first five 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 (entire crews 15 years of age or younger). Those in the Junior Division are not excluded from winning in the Adult Division.

***The Congressional:*** presented to the raft with the Best Bribe.

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**IMPORTANT: Rafts and any of their debris must be removed from the premises before or immediately following the awards presentation.**

It is recommended that you test the buoyancy of your raft prior to the race. It is not required, but it may save you some embarrassment.

## **Competition**

1. **"BOATS" ARE PROHIBITED.** ALL RAFTS SHOULD BE MADE BY HAND OR MODIFIED FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS RACE.
2. EACH RAFT MUST CARRY A MINIMUM OF FOUR PASSENGERS. THERE IS NO MAXIMUM LIMIT, BUT MUST FOLLOW RULE # 6.
3. NON-HUMAN POWERED ENGINES ARE PROHIBITED.
4. PARTS AND MATERIALS COMMERCIALY MANUFACTURED SPECIFICALLY FOR NAUTICAL PURPOSES ARE PROHIBITED.
5. COMMERCIALY MANUFACTURED PADDLES ARE PROHIBITED.
6. EACH COMPETITOR MUST HAVE AT LEAST HALF OF THEIR BODY ABOVE THE WATER WHILE PROPELLING THE RAFT.

## **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.

## **Course**

1. RAFTS MUST ENTER AND EXIT AT THE BASE OF THE PAVILION LAUNCH RAMP.
2. ALL RAFTS MUST ROUND THE OUTSIDE OF COURSE MARKERS IN THE DIRECTION PRESCRIBED BY THE RACE COMMITTEE ON THE DAY OF THE RACE.
3. RAFTS AND THEIR CREWS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO ENTER THE WATER WITHOUT REGISTERING.



**In order for a raft team to participate, the team 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 this form, and agree to the following Waiver of Responsibility.

**WAIVER OF ALL RESPONSIBILITY:**

FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE, I AGREE AS FOLLOWS: I AGREE AND UNDERSTAND THAT ORGANIZERS OF THE RACE HAVE LAID OUT THE RACE COURSE AND MADE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING EQUIPMENT, RACE VEHICLES, ETC., AND THAT THEY DO NOT, IN ANY WAY, GUARANTEE OR WARRANT THE SAFETY OR CONDITION OF THE COURSE OR OF ANY RACE VEHICLE OR PARTICIPANTS WHATSOEVER.

I ASSUME FULL AND COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MYSELF, FOR THE COURSE COVERED BY ME AND/OR MY VEHICLE DURING THE RACE AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING, AND CONDITION OF MY VEHICLE WITH WHICH I PARTICIPATE.

I SPECIFICALLY WAIVE THE ORGANIZERS OF SAID RACE, THE SPONSORS OF THE RACE, AND OWNERS OF THE FACILITY (WASHINGTON COLLEGE) OF ALL COMPLAINTS AND CAUSE OF ACTION OF ANY KIND, WHETHER FROM NEGLIGENCE, CONTRACT, WARRANTY, OR WHATEVER CAUSE.

Raft Captain Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_