



SOURDOUGH RAFT RACE ASSOCIATION

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Rules & Regulations

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL RAFTS:

1. Each participant must be 18 years or older.
2. All participants **MUST** sign a waiver form (included in the entry application) and this **MUST** be handed in to the Sourdough raft Race Association prior to race day.
3. Each participant **MUST** wear an M.O.T. approved flotation device throughout the race.
4. All entries are responsible for their own raft construction, crew and transportation to and from race sites.
5. The removal of the raft rubbish and the raft itself are the rafter's responsibility.
6. It is an offense to carry or consume alcoholic beverages in the City Parks and on the river. The Edmonton police or RCMP will ticket violators. PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT TERWILLEGAR PARK, RAFTER'S LANDING AND THE RIVER ARE PATROLLED ALL DAY SUNDAY.
7. Every raft **MUST HAVE** a red emergency "flag." This flag (provided by SRRA at the Captains' Meeting) shall only be used if said raft needs immediate assistance. If the emergency flag is used frivolously, the offending raft will be **IMMEDIATELY DISQUALIFIED**.
8. Numbers will be issued on Raft Day and **MUST** be attached on both sides of the raft. If you wish to paint your number on ahead of time, please contact our office.

RAFT EVENT

In addition to the above rules and regulations the following also apply:

1. Due to safety concerns, **water balloons, slingshots, cannons, catapults, high pressure pumps and hoses are prohibited**. Any such equipment found on the person or raft will be confiscated. Squirt guns and other such "toys" are more than welcome.
2. **Pumps that are acceptable:**

Start with one 2" pump available from retailers such as Princess Auto at a reasonable cost; driven by a 6.5 hp Honda motor.

Off of this, manifold the 2" down to garden hose size and have 6 outlets for hoses. That way more people are armed and ready!

If you need any assistance, please contact us at 406-0235 and we'll put you in touch with our "pump patrol".



3. For lift and placement at Terwillegar and removal at Rafter's Landing, eyehooks are required. There shall be an eyehook fastened at each corner of the raft so that they will support the weight of the completed raft. Please remember that your raft will take on a significant amount of water weight. The eyehooks should have a minimum 1" hole. (Round rod or equivalent mechanisms may be considered acceptable at the discretion of the raft Inspection Committee). Without adequate eyehooks you WILL NOT RECEIVE CRANE SERVICE.
4. Bailers (ie. a bucket) are suggested for each raft.
5. The maximum size permitted is 12' wide by 24' long. Any oversized rafts that were entered in previous years will be allowed. Please know the weight of your raft as this will assist in the speed and safety of crane service. DON'T FORGET TO CHECK WITH THE EDMONTON TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE PILOT VEHICLE!
6. For docking as well as safety purposes, each raft must have an attached 50' rope of sufficient strength to hold said raft.
7. Motors are permitted and we HIGHLY SUGGEST one be used.

Boat Operators License

Over the past 10 years, Transport Canada has been phasing in a program designed to raise overall boating safety awareness. The requirement to carry proof of competency applies to Operators of pleasure craft fitted with a motor and used for recreational purposes. This includes both gas engines and electric motors. Proof of competency can be in one of three forms:

1. A Pleasure Craft Operator Card;
2. Proof of having successfully completed a boating safety course in Canada prior to April 1, 1999; or
3. A completed rental-boat safety checklist

The test is relatively easy; i.e. multiple choice done online. The website for taking the exam: <http://www.boaterexam.com>. More information is available from Transport Canada www.tc.gc.ca Pleasure Craft Operators section.