

LEWES TO NEWHAVEN RAFT RACE AND REGATTA - SUNDAY 9th JULY 2017

When: Sunday 9th July 2017 – Starts approx 14:15 (subject to tide)

Where: Raft race starts from Malling Rec in Lewes (by Tesco's) and finishes at Newhaven Marina

How: Build and decorate a raft that floats and fits under bridges (max height 6'6" – see detail below).

Why: To have fun and raise money for a good cause of your choice

Theme: Britannia Rules the waves? **No of crew:** Min 3, Max 12 **Entry Fee:** £65 (up to 4 crew); £100 (5 crew and above)

Prizes For: Fastest Time / Most Devious Means / Best Decorated / Best Named / Last One Home

Application Entry deadline: Monday 1st May 2017 Programme Entry deadline: Mon 1st May 2017

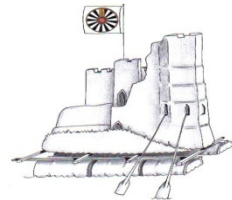
Each year this event is staged between Lewes and Newhaven, the aim being to raise money for local good causes, whilst at the same time providing a fun day for entrants and spectators alike. The event has proved to be a fantastic team building event for both businesses and voluntary organisations.

Entrants are asked to raise money for their chosen charity or organisation, or alternatively donate the money to Lewes & District Round Table, who will distribute funds to nominated good causes in the Lewes district.

This year, we have again teamed up with Lewes Rowing Club who will be staging their Regatta in tandem with the raft race and who will be organising a range of watery events on the river and its banks including an historic flotilla, canoe racing and music. For details of the events that Lewes Rowing Club is staging, including how to enter, please see the event Facebook page www.facebook.com/lewesregattaandraffrace or contact Dougal Fleming - dougalafleming@googlemail.com.

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The raft race will again start from the banks of the Malling recreation ground. Passing through the town and under both Phoenix Causeway and Cliffe Bridge, offers the opportunity for more of the people of Lewes to see and enjoy what is always an enjoyable spectacle. When building rafts please remember that due to the **height restriction at Cliffe Bridge**, the max height of rafts, measured from the base of the hull, **should not exceed 6' 6" (198cm)**.

This Year's chosen theme is "Brittania rules the waves?". Raft entrants should keep this in mind when they are constructing and decorating their crafts and choosing their costumes. Think Rival Naval Vessels, Pirates Green Peace etc etc.

We are again offering a two tier entry fee this year, according to crew size. Rafts carrying five or more crew (recommended for adequate paddling power!) will pay £100 per raft. Rafts carrying up to four crew, will pay £65 per raft. We are limited to 25 rafts, and operate a "first come first served" entry system.

The End of the race will be celebrated on Huggetts Green in Newhaven with an awards ceremony food, drinks and entertainment.

To secure your place in this year's race, **please make sure you return the enclosed entry form, duly completed, along with your payment cheque no later than Monday 1st May 2017**. Cheques should be made payable to "Lewes Round Table" and sent to the address below.

Details of each raft / crew entered will be published in the event guide. Please help us meet our print deadline by supplying a suitable image and the requested information about your entry on time.

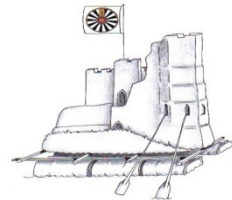
I look forward to receiving your entry.

Yours sincerely

Liam Jackson
Raft Race Co-ordinator 2017

- Enclosed:
- 1) Entry Form
 - 2) Programme Entry Form
 - 3) Rules & regulations of entry
 - 4) Note on recovery of rafts
 - 5) Parent/Guardian consent form

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ENTRY FORM – RETURN BY MONDAY 1st May 2017

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NAME OF ORGANISATION _____

ORGANISER'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

DAYTIME Tel No _____ **EVENING/MOB** _____

E-MAIL: (Please write clearly) _____

NAME OF RAFT _____ **SKIPPER'S NAME** _____

NUMBER OF CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER) _____

Will you be supporting Lewes Round Table local charities? YES / NO

If NO please state which charity you will be supporting _____

How much do you hope to raise? £_____

(We would ask that rafts try to *at least* match their entry fee in sponsorship. NB Official sponsorship forms will be made available once your entry has been confirmed).

I confirm that I have duly brought to the attention of the members of my organisation participating in the 2017 Lewes to Newhaven Raft Race a complete copy of the official Rules and Regulations of Entry including the Special Conditions and that I and my colleagues agree to be bound by the same.

I have enclosed a cheque for £100 / £65 made payable to Lewes Round Table*

I agree to provide a declaration of the amount of sponsorship raised and details of the beneficiary to the organiser within 14 days of the race (inc. nil returns)

Our organisation is interested in being involved as an event sponsor and the associated publicity and media campaign

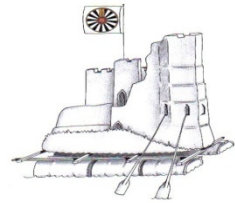
I am interested in learning more about who Lewes Round Table are and what they do

Our organisation would like to be considered for support from Round Table in the future

SIGNED _____

PRINT NAME _____ **DATE** _____

*Delete as appropriate (Crews up to 4 = £65, Crews of 5 and over £100)



PROGRAMME ENTRY FORM – RETURN BY MONDAY 1st MAY 2017

Details of all raft entries will be published in the official event guide, which will be available for sale on or before the day of the Regatta. Please help us to meet our print deadline by supplying the following information by **Monday 1st^h May 2017 at the latest**. Keep it brief but the more humorous / witty the better!

PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS

Name of raft:	
Name of organisation:	
Name of skipper:	
Design / Special Features:	
Raising money for:	
Skipper's comments:	

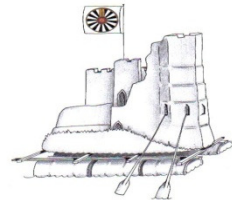
Photo / Diagram of work in progress attached (jpeg format):

Contact details in case of query with the programme entry:

Name:	
Telephone:	
Mobile:	
E-mail:	

Please scan and e-mail this form together with an appropriate image of your raft or "work in progress" to lewesrafttrace@gmail.com by Monday 16th May 2017

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR ENTRY IS SUBMITTED BY THE DEADLINE OR WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO INCLUDE YOUR ENTRY IN THE EVENT GUIDE



OFFICIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF ENTRY

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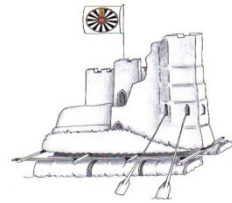
1. THE START: Sunday 9TH JULY 2017 at 14:15 (approx). The launch site will be from Malling Recreation Ground. All rafts should arrive at their designated arrival time and skippers must register at Race HQ at Malling Recreation Ground before 12.00 hrs. Any raft not registered at the Race HQ by 11.00 hrs will not be eligible to take part in the race.
2. THE FINISH: will be opposite a point on Denton Island, Newhaven, just upstream from Newhaven Bridge. The raft exit point is downstream of the finish at Newhaven Marina. Crews must obey instructions from stewards on the slipway.
3. Each raft must have a minimum crew of 3 and a maximum crew of 12 people.
4. No person who shall be under the age of 16 years at the Sunday 9TH JULY 2017 shall be permitted to participate in the race unless his or her parent or proper guardian shall have authorised such participation by signing the attached parent/proper guardian form of authority.
5. An **entry fee** is payable as a condition of entry.
 - For rafts with **5 crew members or more (recommended for adequate paddle power)**, the entrance fee payable is **£100** per raft
 - For rafts with **up to 4 crew members**, the entrance fee payable is **£65** per raft
 - Rafts carrying more crew on the race day than registered will pay a surcharge of £20 per person. Rafts carrying fewer crew on the day than registered, shall not be entitled to a reduction in their entry fee.
6. Sponsorship money collected for charities nominated by Lewes Round Table to be paid to the Raft Race Co-ordinator, Liam Jackson, 2 Arundel Mews, Southdowns Park, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 4SJ. Charity No. 1047335. Where sponsorship money is collected on behalf of a charity nominated by the entrants, the money shall be paid direct to the charity by the entrants **and a declaration of the sum donated provided to Lewes & District Round Table within 14 days of the race date.**
7. Every crew member must wear **AT ALL TIMES** an approved **LIFE JACKET / BOUYANCY AID** which is suitable for the size and weight of the individual crew member, and which is capable of supporting their head above water in the event of being knocked unconscious into the river. **There will be no exceptions to this rule. (LIFE JACKET/ BOUYANCY AIDS WILL NOT BE SUPPLIED BY ROUND TABLE)**
8. Crew members are advised to wear canoe or cycle helmets for the duration of the race and especially when passing under the bridges en-route. Safety spectacles / goggles are a sensible precaution against any eggs / missiles thrown from the bank side and bridges.

RAFT DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

9. Each raft must be home-made and must be foot or hand propelled.
10. Rafts shall have positive buoyancy and not exceed **750 kg** unladen. **Note the raft should be able to be lifted and carried a minimum of 20 metres and launched by the crew / and or their support team.**
11. Rafts should have a minimum of 6 handles mounted strategically inboard of the vessel for ease of carrying rafts into and out of the water.
12. If using polystyrene, expanding foam or any other material potentially liable to disintegration, for buoyancy, these must be contained such that they will not cause a pollution / contamination hazard in the river.



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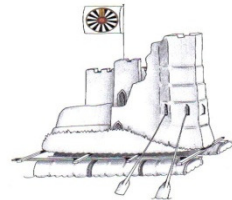
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13. If using oil drums or similar barrels / containers previously used for the storage of potentially hazardous or toxic substances, it is imperative that these are thoroughly rinsed out prior to use.
14. Minimum beam of each raft to be one third of length of main hull.
15. On mono hull rafts with outriggers, the length of the outriggers must exceed two thirds of the overall length of the raft.
16. **IMPORTANT – Due to height restrictions at Cliffe Bridge – the maximum height of the raft from base of hull (including any mast / flag's etc) should not exceed 6ft 6" (198 cm).**
17. Raft crews must be able to escape quickly from a raft which capsizes. No crew member is permitted to be totally enclosed in any structure, net or canopy on a raft.
18. **Each raft must have a strong point to tow from and be equipped with a minimum of 8 metres of strong rope, one end of which is to be attached to the raft, the other end to be buoyed.** Please try to create a 'point' at the front of the raft to improve its mobility in the water – this will help should you need to be towed by the safety boat.
19. Rafts shall arrive ready for launching. No finishing of rafts will be allowed on the launching slipways or in the vicinity of the Lewes launching point.
20. **Each raft must have one red danger flag to be used in emergencies or difficulties.**
21. **All rafts must display their allocated number and be named. Raft numbers shall be clearly displayed and in black figures at least 250mm high on a white background and visible from front, back and sides.**
22. Sponsoring firms will be permitted to advertise on their rafts
23. No raft is to carry or ignite any flammable objects, fireworks or distress flares etc.
24. The Umpire and Scrutineer and their respective deputies shall be appointed by Lewes & District Round Table. All decisions regarding the rafts, the regulations and the interpretation thereof, and all other matters relating to the Raft Race and conduct thereof, shall be made by the Umpire and Scrutineer (or in default by his deputy) in his absolute discretion and his decision shall be final. If a raft is found to be unseaworthy it shall not be allowed to enter the water or take part in the race. Whilst every precaution is taken to ensure the safety and good conduct of the Raft Race event, the organisers accept no liability in respect of injury or damage howsoever caused and this is a condition of entry into this event.
25. Only rafts participating in the race and having duly followed the entry criteria will be permitted onto the Lewes start.
26. On arrival at the Lewes launching site rafts must be offloaded and vehicles removed to the special lorry park at Newhaven. Drivers must be with their vehicles when rafts are recovered.
27. At the finish, all rafts must be removed from the Newhaven Marina Slipway and loaded onto their transporting vehicles without delay. Stewards and/or Police instructions must be adhered to.
28. On no account shall any participant in the race throw any water, eggs or missile of any sort at spectators or boats, whether or not the latter are involved in the event. This includes the safety boat.

PLEASE SEE SPECIAL CONDITIONS

HAVE FUN BUT AT ALL TIMES CONSIDER THE SAFETY OF YOURSELVES AND OTHERS

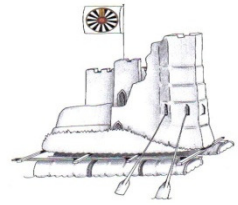
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SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Persons and organisations entering a raft in the Raft Race ("Entrants") do so entirely at their own risk and the organisers of the Raft Race and/or their sponsors and/or agents do not accept any liability for any injury or loss (howsoever occasioned), sustained by any Entrant, or by any other person, or to any property owned by any Entrant, or by any other person, whether in the course of, in preparation for, or any other way connected with the Raft Race. For the avoidance of doubt, any liability for any injury, loss or damage sustained by, or caused by, an Entrant, either to the Entrant him or herself, to any other person, or to any property owned by the Entrant or any other person, shall be the sole responsibility of the Entrant.
2. Entrants will at all times indemnify Lewes Round Table, their sponsors and/or agents from and against:-
 - a) all costs claims proceedings and demands arising from damage caused by their rafts whether before, during or after the Raft Race to any person or property howsoever occasioned; and
 - b) all costs incurred by or charged to Lewes Round Table, its sponsors and/or agents in respect of the removal and/or disposal of any raft abandoned by the Entrants. For this purpose a raft shall be deemed to be abandoned if it is not removed from the river or slipway (or the environs thereof) within a reasonable time of conclusion of the Raft Race as directed.
3. **AT THE END OF THE RAFT RACE**, Lewes Round Table marshals will be located by the water's edge at the slipway; Entrants must adhere to directions and instructions given to them by the marshals. Please Do not alight onto pontoons unless directed to do so.

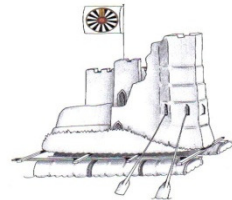


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ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECOVERY OF RAFTS

1. All rafts shall be recovered on race day and removed from the area. It will not be possible to store rafts on land overnight at Newhaven.
2. To assist all crews it is estimated that rafts should be able to complete the course within about 2½ hours. Any rafts which are deemed unlikely to reach Newhaven slipway in time for a safe recovery from the water will be towed by the safety boat to the slipway at Newhaven or in extreme circumstances directed to exit the river via the slipway at Southease.
3. The Harbourmaster at Newhaven will decide when the state of the tide has reached too low a level to safely recover craft (and crews) - his decision on the day will be final.
4. The slipway at Newhaven will also be in use by Simpson Marine Boat Yard to launch and recover private leisure craft. Please give consideration to this operation and follow directions from stewards or Simpson Marine staff. For safety reasons spectators coming to meet rafts are not permitted on the exit slipway. Any children in the welcoming party need to be accompanied and supervised at all times.
5. Collection vehicles are to remain in the designated lorry park with the drivers nearby until directed (via mobile phone) to proceed to the slipway to collect his team's raft. Due to the limited space in the vicinity of the slipway please do not arrive to the collection point until told to do so. Load your raft as quickly as possible and return to the lorry park.
6. The results presentation will take place once all the rafts have arrived and been collected.

We hope very much that you will enjoy your day and appreciate the reasons why we need to ensure the safety of all people taking part in the day's event.



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PARENT'S/PROPER GUARDIAN'S FORM OF AUTHORITY

Re: _____(Crew Member's Name)

In accordance with the Official Rules and Regulations of Entry, I confirm that I permit and authorise my above named child to participate as a raft crew member in the Lewes to Newhaven Raft Race on the date stated above and confirm that my child does so entirely at *his/her** own risk, for which I take full responsibility.

Signed _____

by _____ (parent's/guardian's* name)

on: _____(date)

N.B. TO BE COMPLETED AND HANDED TO RAFT SKIPPER PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE RACE.

* Delete as appropriate