



Anything that Floats Raft Race

August 12th, 2023

- 10:30 AM – Sign in starts at Vets Park on east side of lake. (The parade starts at 10 so you might need to get in earlier)
- 11:00 AM – Race Registration ends
- 11:15 – 11:30 AM – Anything That Floats Raft Race will begin!!!

Raft Race is the first team to get 2 team members to the finish line wins!

THIS IS A FREE EVENT! Pre-Registration is appreciated but sign up the day of is great too!

A Captains' meeting will be held at the boat ramp on east side of lake at 11:15am the day of the race! Attendance is mandatory for all team Captains. Crew members are also encouraged to attend.

The Captains' meeting is used to present the specific details of the event. The items to be covered will include but are not limited to; safety requirements & equipment, race rules, raft inspection, launching procedures, parking arrangements, the starting location and line up, racecourse description, finish line location, navigation, support boats, anticipated race duration, awards, amenities, and any last-minute developments and/or instructions. The race committee will also clarify any concerns and take any questions.

RACE RULES & SAFETY ADVICE

The Anything That Floats Raft Race promotes a safe, family-oriented event. We encourage all participants to act in a responsible sportsman-like manner, obey all safety requirements and raft race rules, assist their fellow rafters when necessary, and above all, enjoy the event. Remember, safety comes first! Watch out for fellow rafters, lend assistance when needed, and have fun.

Raft Rules for "Classic" Anything That Floats Rafts (NO COMMERCIALY MANUFACTURED BOAT HULLS)

- All rafts must be of homemade construction.
- No commercially manufactured hulls allowed on any raft.

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Raft Rules for ALL Anything That Floats Raft Race Entries (Hull or No Hull)

"Hull" is the main body of a ship or other vessel, including the bottom, sides, and deck but not the masts, superstructure, rigging, engines, and other fittings. Canoes and Kayaks are considered "hulled" crafts.

- All entries must be solely human powered and self-propelled and make use of poles, oars, paddles, paddlewheels, sails, propellers, flippers, etc. or any combination thereof.
- All raft entries must have a minimum crew size of 2 and maximum size of 6
- The use of nails below the water line is prohibited.
- Inner tubes or inflatable devices are not allowed as is, you MUST add to it and get creative to have them as part of your ship.
- Minimum raft size must be able to support the weight of the crew.
- A raft's deck must be securely fastened to a frame and the frame securely fastened to the hulls and or flotation devices.

- Rafts that have open hulls with no bulkheads shall have Styrofoam flotation fastened to the underside of the raft deck.
- Marine rigging such as cleats & rope are acceptable.
- All sheet metal raw edges to be turned over and taped.
- Any protruding long bolts to be sawed off, filed, and taped.
- All rafts should be inspected prior to launching and may be subject to modification at the discretion of the Committee.
- It is strongly encouraged to test your raft, with all entries on the raft, before race day!
- Each participant must have a Coast Guard approved life jacket that must be worn always.
- Any crew members assisting within 15' of the shore, must also wear a Coast Guard approved life jacket.
- Each captain must review protocol for any crew members who may find themselves overboard. This will be covered in the captains' meeting.
- All crew members shall wear sneakers or other appropriate footwear to prevent injuries from submerged sharp objects.
- No animals allowed on any rafts.
- All Captains and their crew must remain aboard their registered vessel for the entire duration of the Race.
- All entries must run the entire course under their own power to be eligible for awards.
- No Glass Containers are allowed at any time!
- No mechanical devices or tubing shall be used to propel water balloons, spaghetti, snowballs, or any other dangerous objects.
- Anyone exhibiting unsafe behavior will be disqualified and could be permanently banned from the event.
- No diving off any vessel or jumping into the water at any time! Sections of the racecourse can be very shallow in spots and may include submerged sharp objects.
- All vessels must be removed from the lake at the end of the day.
- Derelict vessels are subject to police action and/or fines from the DNR or Sheriffs dept. and risk permanent disqualification from the event.
- Rafts should be no taller than 10'
- Remember that sunscreen and appropriate clothing coverage can and will protect you from the sun!

EVENT SAFETY

The racecourse will be monitored & medical support provided by representatives from one or more of the following groups depending on availability: Great Bend Fire/EMS Department & Great Bend Police Department. Assistance may also be available from City employees.

Participants must obey all safety requirements & raft race rules. If there is an emergency and/or you see someone in trouble it is your obligation to make sure you or someone else gets to any raft and/or participants as soon as possible. Lend a hand if possible. Elapsed race times will be adjusted for those providing emergency assistance to fellow competitors. If your vessel is taking on water and is in danger of sinking, immediately head towards the nearest shore and beach your craft. All rafts are required to accept a tow by emergency personnel if found floundering mid-race or if they have not finished the course by 12:30. Safety is the foremost concern throughout the day so please act wisely and provide help if needed. Anyone acting without regard for the safety of others, or themselves, will be disqualified and risk permanent disqualification from the event.

All crew members must be present at the morning check in and all crew members must be accounted for throughout the event.

AWARDS

The Anything That Floats Raft Race has three awards – Grand Prize Winner, 2nd Place, and 3rd Place. The Grand Prize Winner must return the traveling trophy the following year and is encouraged to come and defend the title. Design & Attractiveness will also be voted on by the crowd!

INSPECTION OF RAFTS

Rafts should be inspected prior to launching and may be subject to modification or disqualification at the discretion of the Anything That Floats Raft Race Committee. The main focus of inspection is to ensure that rafts have no obvious mechanical problems, and the construction has been done in a safe manner. Especially important is that all sheet metal raw edges are to be turned over and taped and any protruding long bolts be sawed off, filed, and taped. Issues discovered during inspection must be corrected before the raft can be launched. You should bring along some hand tools, extra fasteners, rope, duct tape, etc.

(Please completely fill out registration AND waiver forms)

2023 City of Great Bend Party in the Park Anything That Floats Race Participant Waiver

In consideration of receiving permission to participate in the 2023 Party in the Park Anything that Floats Race, I hereby and absolutely and forever remise, release, acquit and discharge The City of Great Bend, Great Bend Fire/EMS Dept., Veterans Memorial Park & Lake and any other sponsor / affiliates, the employees, heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the Organizers of the Event from and of all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, dues, sums of money, claims, demands and damages whatsoever, at law or in equity, which I have, had or now have, or may have in the future, for or by reason of any cause, matter or thing whatsoever arising out of my participating in the Event or by my being upon the premises leased, permitted, supervised, or controlled by the Event Organizers and their respective directors, members, trustees, agents representatives, officers, employees and volunteers, whether caused by their negligence, or otherwise . I expressly agree that the release and waiver provisions of this agreement are intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the Laws of the State of Kansas, and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the rest of this agreement shall continue in full force and legal effect.

By signing this WAIVER I acknowledge that I am aware of the risks and hazards inherent in participating in The Party in the Park and in the sport of water racing/competitions and upon entering the park used for the purpose of launching, moving and storing equipment used in the Event and in the Anything that Floats Race. I acknowledge that conditions may be hazardous and dangerous and that obstructions may exist and I hereby voluntarily assume all risk of loss, damage, or injury, including death that may be sustained by me or to any of my property while in or upon said premises or engaged in said Event. I agree to abide by and follow all rules of participation as published and/or expressed and which are attached to this WAIVER. I am over the age of 18 and will wear my life jacket at all times. I also give permission for safety personal or emergency services to perform any life saving measures on me if need be.

I am aware that the Event and in the Anything that Floats Race involves a large measure of physical exertion and so should not be attempted by anyone with health conditions that may be affected by such physical exertion.

By signing this WAIVER, I hereby certify that I do not suffer from any health conditions that may affect my ability to safely participate in the Event. I further agree and give permission to use photographic images, still or otherwise, of me in promotions for the Event without compensation.

In signing the foregoing WAIVER, I hereby acknowledge and represent that I have read the foregoing WAIVER, understand it and agree to it voluntarily, that I am 18 years of age or older and of sound mind.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have signed my name and agree to the Party in the Anything That Floats Race on the 12th day of August 2023, in Great Bend, Kansas.

TEAM NAME

PRINT CAPTAIN FULL NAME

DATE OF BIRTH

MAILING ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON

RELATIONSHIP TO PARTICIPANT

CELL PHONE NUMBER



Races Rules & Conditions:

See Additional Pages - I have read and agree to the Rules and Conditions:

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