

WINTON FOOTBALL CLUB'S RAFT RACE

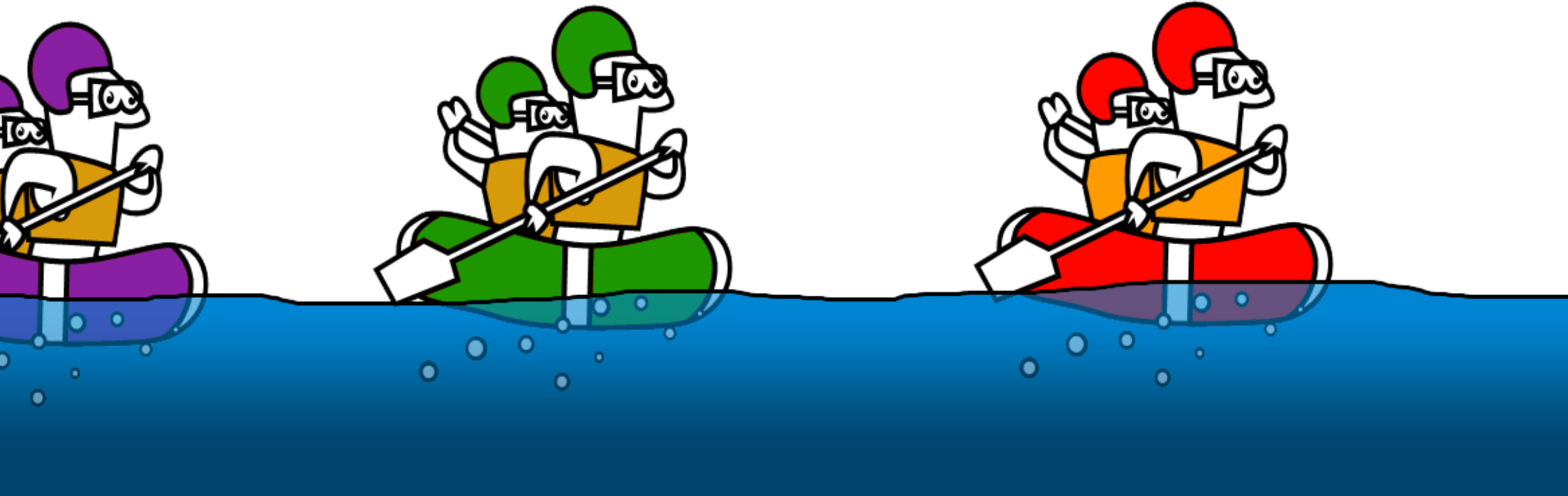
SATURDAY MARCH 3rd 2012



TIME: 10.30 Rafts on site for inspection
11.30 Brief on race and course

VENUE: START - Smalley's Farm
1130 Dipton Winton Highway, Benmore
(follow sign from the road)

FINISH - Winton – first bridge on Wrey's
Bush Road, turn left just north of Winton
(it will be signposted)



FOOTBALL IN WINTON 2012

MENS AND WOMENS

After a successful 2011 season we are looking for new players to fill vacant spots in our 2012 teams with the possibility of forming a second men's team if numbers are sufficient. Players willing to learn a new sport are most welcome with training sessions due to start in late February 2012.

Please let us know you're interested by contacting:

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RAFT RACE 2012

CHECK LIST

- Read and meet all raft specifications
- Captain signed that the crew will abide by the rules
- Allocated raft number must be visible at all times
- Safety rules read and to be abided by
- 4 metre rope attached to the rear of the raft
- All debris lost from the raft is to be collected and not left in the river - we are obliged to respect other boaties
- Please observe raft briefing prior to the commencement of the race.
- If your raft doesn't meet Raft specification, entry will be refused.

RAFT SPECIFICATION

- The rafts must consist of a minimum of 2 hulls held in place by a platform or struts. The use of tyre inner tubes is allowed. Boat type hulls are not permitted.
- To prevent overturning and to help stability the distance between the hulls should be a minimum of 1 metre and the length of the raft should be no shorter than 3 metres.
- Crew members should not be restricted in any way and must be able to escape from the raft in the event of an emergency.
- The raft must be designed in such a way that there is no protruding sharp objects that could compromise the safety of the crew or other raft users
- The raft must be made of non-toxic materials, any barrels or containers used must be completely clean inside and out
- If outriggers are used they must at all times be in contact with the water
- Due to low water spots on the river the weight of the raft will need to be addressed as at times it may need to be moved to deeper water.
- The raft must only be propelled by paddles or poles. The use of oars/rowlocks is not allowed. Paddles must be homemade and single blade design. Commercial paddles are not permitted.
- For safety reasons paddles must not be attached to crew members.
- There must be a 4 metre long thick rope securely attached to the rear of the raft for use by the safety crew in any emergency.
- For safety and time keeping records your allocated raft number must be visible at all times.



SAFETY RULES

- Entries open to 15 years and over.
- Minimum of 4 to a raft
- The race is lengthy and could take up to several hours to complete, so you need to feel that you are fit enough to do so. Tiredness, hypothermia, heat exhaustion, blisters and injuries from paddles are all potential problems that you may encounter along the way.
- Suitable clothing must be worn depending on the weather conditions on the day (Hot or cold) and you must be able to swim in that clothing in the event that you fall off your raft.
- You must provide and wear a suitable and fitting PFD/Life jacket/buoyancy aid, properly tied and capable of supporting an unconscious person at ALL TIMES on the river.
- You must not carry any form of missiles on the raft such as food, water bombs/buckets or spraying devices – remember we need to leave the river how we found it!!
- You must not take glass bottles of any kind onto the raft.
- You must not indulge in behaviour that is likely to endanger yourself, other rafters, other river craft or wildlife.
- You must not jump or dive off your raft or the river bank, the river in a lot of places is shallow and you could injure yourself severely as a result.
- No substitution of crew members during the race



- Your raft number must at all times be seen clearly from the riverbank. This is to ensure your safety.
- You must inform a marshal immediately if one of your team members has to leave the raft and the race.
- You must abide by any instructions given to you by a marshal, safety crew/boat drivers at any time during the race.
- For safety during the race each raft must be fitted with a 4 metre rope of about half an inch thickness attached only to the rear of the raft and by only 1 end, the free end must be able to be reached by the safety crew
- No animals on rafts
- The attached raft specification must be adhered to and is designed for safety. Failure to comply could result in you raft being disqualified. The organisers have the right to refuse a raft racing if it is considered dangerous.
- It is the responsibility of the raft crew Captain to ensure that all crew members comply with the race rules and conditions of entry.
- Raft crews are responsible for the recovery of their raft to their home base if they pull out of the race at any time, and are responsible for removing their rafts at the end of the race day.
- Disregard for the rules on the day could lead to disqualification of the whole team from the race. Any crew members who are refused entry or if the raft is disqualified on the day will forfeit their entry fees.

RAFT RACING CAN BE GREAT FUN BUT HAVING FUN ON THE WATER OR ITS BANKS CAN ALSO BE EXTREMELY DANGEROUS AND COULD END IN TRAGEDY IF INSUFFICIENT CARE IS TAKEN. SAFETY CREWS AND MARSHALS WILL BE ON THE WATER AND AT CHECK POINTS ALONG THE WAY TO ENSURE YOUR SAFETY, SO YOU MUST DO YOUR PART AND ABIDE BY THE RULES – THEY ARE IN PLACE FOR YOU!!!

PLEASE LOOK AFTER OUR RIVER