

OHF Raft Race 2017

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2017
11:00 AM START TIME



Photo by: Ryan Wenner

Please join us for this unique tradition of the Oil Heritage Festival!

LOCATION: Rafts will launch at 11 a.m. SHARP from Henry's Bend, just outside of Oil City.

PRIZES: All registered participants will receive a t-shirt! T-shirt size requests will be honored first by order of registration. No size guaranteed. Rafts must finish through the yellow and black buoys near the Veteran's Bridge boat ramp (in Justus Park) to be awarded prizes. Awards will be distributed at the finishing line.

Champions in the following classes will receive an award:

- FIXED OAR
- HIGH SPEED MECHANICAL
- STANDARD
- LEISURE
- POLE PUSHERS
- RUBBER DUCKY

Awards will also be given to home-built rafts for the:

- MOST SPECTACULAR RAFT
- RAFT WITH THE MOST RIDERS
- FIRST ALL WOMAN RAFT
- RAFT WITH OLDEST RIDERS
- MOST HISTORIC RAFT

REGISTRATION: The entry fee is \$8.00 per person. Checks should be made payable to VACC, with a memo of OHF Raft Race. Pre-registrations are appreciated, but teams may also register on race day. Those who pre-register get first choice of t-shirt sizes. Mailed payment with the entry form to:

Venango Area Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 376
Oil City, PA 16301

QUESTIONS: May be directed to Chairperson Mike Henderson (814) 437-3190.

RULES

(yes, ugh, we have rules we ask you to obey!)

- RAFTS MAY CONTAIN NO BOAT PARTS OTHER THAN OARS AND LOCKS, RUDDER AND/OR SAIL.
- ENGINES AND MOTORS ARE NOT PERMITTED.
- A RAFTING TEAM WILL BE DISQUALIFIED IF ITS RAFT IS TOWED BY ANOTHER WATERCRAFT DURING THE RACE.
- THERE WILL BE A MINIMUM OF TWO RIDERS IN EACH RAFT.
- EACH RIDER MUST WEAR A LIFE JACKET AT ALL TIMES AFTER THE START OF THE EVENT.
- NO PARTICIPANT MAY BE YOUNGER THAN 10 YEARS OF AGE UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS/HER PARENT OR GUARDIAN DURING THE RACE.
- THE RAFT RACE OFFICIALS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRY TO ANY CRAFT JUDGED TOO FRAGILE TO COMPLETE THE RACE SAFELY.
- DURING THE RACE, ANY ENTRANT MAY NOT CONSUME ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.
- NO USE OF VULGAR LANGUAGE PLEASE.
- EACH RAFT MUST PASS BETWEEN THE BLACK AND YELLOW MARKERS IN THE RIVER AT THE FINISH LINE NEAR THE VETERAN'S BRIDGE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE RIVER NEAR THE RAMP.
- AWARDS WILL BE HANDED OUT AT THE FINISH RAMP AREA BY THE VETERAN'S BRIDGE.
- **ALL TROPHIES ON DAY OF RACE MUST BE PICKED UP WITHIN 30 DAYS AT THE CHAMBER OFFICE**
- **PLEASE DO NOT STOP AT ANY PROPERTY ALONG THE RIVER, (EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY). ALL RIVERFRONT PROPERTY IS PRIVATE AND SHOULD NOT BE TRESPASSED.**

SUGGESTIONS

(please keep a copy of this paper for your reference on race day!)

IT IS STRONGLY URGED THAT THE RAFT RACE ENTRANTS AVOID A NEAR APPROACH TO THE WYE RAILROAD BRIDGE PIERS (ABOUT A MILE FROM THE FINISH LINE) AND THE ICE BOOM (ABOUT A HALF MILE FROM THE FINISH LINE). THESE HAZARDS PRODUCE UNPREDICTABLE WATER CURRENTS NEAR THEM.

ALSO, PLEASE WEAR HAT, SHIRT, AND SUNSCREEN FOR PROTECTION FROM THE SUN. CARRY DRINKING WATER. TEAMS ARE URGED TO FINISH BY 5 P.M.

ALL RAFTS MUST BE OFF THE RIVER BY SUNSET. ALL RAFTS AND PARTS MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE RIVER.

**IN THE EVENT OF UNSAFE CONDITIONS ON THE RIVER
(DEBRIS IN WATER OR HIGH WATER), THE RACE WILL BE CANCELLED.
THE RACE WILL NOT START IN UNSAFE WEATHER CONDITIONS.**

2017 OIL HERITAGE FESTIVAL RAFT RACE REGISTRATION FORM

TEAM NAME _____ TEAM CAPTAIN _____ PHONE _____

EMAIL _____ CELL PHONE # TO REACH IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DURING THE RACE _____

TEAM CAPTAIN'S ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SPEED CLASS: FIXED OAR _____ HIGH SPEED MECHANICAL _____ POLE PUSHERS _____
STANDARD (FAST) _____ LEISURE (SLOW) _____ RUBBER DUCKY _____

I HEREBY FOR MYSELF, MY HEIRS AND EXECUTORS, WAIVE AND RELEASE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE CITY OF OIL CITY, VENANGO AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, OIL HERITAGE FESTIVAL SPONSORS AND DIRECTORS, AND ANY OTHERS WHO MAY BE AFFILIATED WITH THIS RACE FOR DAMAGES AND INJURIES SUFFERED BY ME IN CONNECTION WITH THIS RACE. I ATTEST AND VERIFY THAT I AM PHYSICALLY FIT AND HAVE SUFFICIENTLY TRAINED FOR THIS EVENT. I HAVE READ THE ENTRY FORM INFORMATION PROVIDED AND CERTIFY MY COMPLIANCE BY MY SIGNATURE BELOW. (IF ANY OF THE ENTRANTS IS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE ON THE DATE OF THE RACE, HIS/HER PARENT/GUARDIAN MUST ALSO CO-SIGN THIS FORM.) I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE ENTRY FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE.

ENTRANT NAME (PRINT)	AGE	SHIRT SIZE	SIGNATURE
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
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12. _____	_____	_____	_____
13. _____	_____	_____	_____
14. _____	_____	_____	_____
15. _____	_____	_____	_____

PLEASE RETURN FORM WITH PAYMENT (\$8.00 PER PERSON) TO THE VENANGO AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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