

# O.H.F. RAFT RACE 2010

SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2010  
1 P.M. START TIME



... our very own **RIVER REGATTA** ...

*Photo by: Michael Henderson*

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

**LOCATION:** Rafts will launch at 1 p.m. SHARP from Henry's Bend, just outside of Oil City.

**PRIZES:** All registered participants will receive a t-shirt! 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

Awards will also be given for the:

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

**REGISTRATION:** The entry fee is \$8.00 per person. Checks should be made payable to VACC, with a memo of O.H.F Raft Race. Pre-registrations are appreciated, but teams may also register on Race Day.

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 Co-Chairpersons Ed Resler, (814) 677-3022 (W), (814) 676-6811 (H) or Mike Henderson (814) 677-3152 (W).

# 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.

# 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.**

**OIL HERITAGE FESTIVAL RAFT RACE REGISTRATION FORM**

TEAM NAME \_\_\_\_\_ TEAM CAPTAIN \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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) \_\_\_\_\_

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	AGE	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (IF UNDER 18)
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2. _____	_____	_____
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**PLEASE RETURN FORM WITH PAYMENT (\$8.00 PER PERSON) TO THE VENANGO AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

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