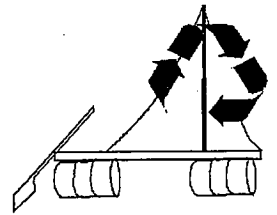


Melbourne Beach's First Annual Raft Race



Captain Rufus' Recycle Regatta At Founders Day

Saturday May 02, 2009 at the Melbourne Beach Pier

Harken back to the days of Captain Rufus BeauJean as he ferries tourists across the river. Build your raft to celebrate the heritage of Melbourne Beach. Use recycleable and recycled materials- basically anything that wasn't produced specifically to float or for marine use. Gather your crew! Choose a theme for your raft and decorate it as you wish. Provide your muscle or let the wind carry you along as you wind through the course toward the finish line. Prizes will be awarded based on individuality, ingenuity and of course humor and originality. Help save the planet by showing new and creative uses for recycled materials!

**Entry forms can be picked up and turned in at
Melbourne Beach Town Hall**

Classes

The Puddle-Jumpers

Rafts with crews of 3 to 5 persons

The Cruisers

Rafts with crews of over 5 people

AWARDS

The Rufus Cup

The Rufus Cup is a traveling trophy presented to the raft with the best synthesis of creativity, engineering, and speed and will be chosen from the top two finishers of each class!

The Tom Sawyer

The Tom Sawyer award is presented to the raft with the most unorthodox and exaggerated form of locomotion!

The Crazy Joe

The Crazy Joe award is presented to the most outlandish raft with the craziest crew!

The Casino

The Casino award goes to the raft whose most valiant effort ends with the most spectacularly impressive failure!

First Place

\$100 to the fastest raft in each class finishing the course without penalty

Second Place

\$50 to the second fastest raft in each class finishing the course without penalty

Rules and Entry Form on the backside of this flyer



Captain Rufus's General Rules and Regulations/Safety Requirements

- ~ All rafts must be homemade.
- ~ Commercial manufactured paddles are prohibited
- ~ All participants must wear a USCG approved bouyancy aid/lifejacket during the race.
- ~ Rafts must have a completed and signed registration form on file with the event organizers before check in time.
- ~ On arrival at the start site your raft will be inspected by the safety inspector to ensure it is safe and seaworthy (ok somewhat seaworthy)
- ~ Each raft must be named and have its own flag or pennant.
- ~ Each raft must be equipped with a minimum of 25 feet of towline affixed securely so that the raft may be towed (if necessary.)
- ~ Each raft must have a red hand flag (12" x 12" min) on board to use as a "vessel in distress" signal.
- ~ Minimum size of the crew is three (a Captain and two mates).
- ~ Sun sensitive members should wear appropriate sunscreen.
- ~ Each member must be able to swim. Any crewmember under the age of 16 must be teamed with a parent or designated guardian. All rafts must have at least one responsible adult (over 18) on board.
- ~ Anyone acting without regard for the safety of others, or themselves, will be disqualified and required to leave the race area.
- ~ All crew members -including Randy Roper - must wear shoes during the race.
- ~ The race marshal's decision is final
- ~ There will be no throwing of objects which may cause harm such as eggs, fish, water balloons or deserters. Water balloons are prohibited but super soakers are allowed and encouraged!
- ~ The race course will be explained the day of the race. Please keep to the course and navigate the bouys in the proper direction to ensure fairness and safety to all teams.
- ~ It is your responsibility to remove and dispose of your raft sensibly. Please leave no debris whatsoever in the lagoon. Each team should bring their own trash bags for such debris.
- ~ Team captains will be charged (professional towing service) for the removal of abandoned rafts.
- ~ All rafts must be self propelled, (i.e., poles, oars, paddle wheels, sails, etc) or any combination thereof.
- ~ Minimum raft size is 4 feet by 8 feet. (the deck must measure at least 4'x8' at the waterline)
- ~ The deck must be securely fastened to the frame and the frame securely fastened to the hulls/flotation devices.
- ~ All sheet metal and "raw edges" need to be folded and taped (duct tape).
- ~ All protruding bolts need to be sawed off, filed, and the taped.
- ~ No Glass Containers.
- ~ No Diving -- Some areas of the course are extremely shallow

Captain Rufus' Recycle Regatta Entry Form

This must be signed by all those participating in the event and returned to the raft race officials before the day of the race. Minors must also have signature of parents or guardian.

In consideration of the acceptance of my application/entry form for the Melbourne Beach Recycle Regatta, I hereby release The Town of Melbourne Beach, the organizers and any person officially or unofficially connected with this competition, from all liability for any injuries or damages whatsoever arising from this competition event.

Entry Fee

Puddle-Jumpers	\$15 Per Raft
Cruisers	\$20 Per Raft

Raft Name _____

Captains Contact Name _____ Phone# _____

Participant #1 _____ Participant #2 _____

Gaurdian # 1 _____ Guardian #2 _____

Participant #3 _____ Participant #4 _____

Gaurdian #3 _____ Guardian #4 _____

Participant #5 _____ Guardian #5 _____

Dated _____ Approved _____