

Abersoch Raft Race

RULES & ENTRY FORM

RULES

PRE-RACE

Raft Race day,

1. Entry forms will be available before event and on beach location on day of event
2. Raft captains are to check in with beach event officer
3. After registration, complete rafts must be taken to the beach for placement, judging etc.
4. **£10 per raft entry fee.** Late arrivals to sign forms on beach if necessary

GENERAL RULES

1. No minimum number of crew. The raft must have all crew on board when finishing
2. Crew members must not receive assistance from the shore or any other vessel,. e.g. No towing.
3. Competitors are requested to use suitable dress/protective clothing so as to conserve body heat.
4. Start and finishing instructions will be issued to raft captains when registering entries at the registration station.
5. Minimum age of entrants, 15 years. At the time of registration every crewmember will be required to sign a declaration absolving the organisers from any responsibility. Under 18 year olds must have the signed permission of a parent or guardian and they must be accompanied on the raft by an adult.
6. In all matters relating to the Raft Race the Committee's decision is final

RAFT CONSTRUCTION RULES

1. Rafts should be strongly constructed and capable of withstanding sea conditions.
2. A raft must be capable of being carried by the crew of the raft.
3. Rafts must not be modified from normal marine craft or other waterborne craft.
4. Paddles are permitted.
5. No form of rowing will be permitted.
6. No type of engine propulsion is allowed. However, rafts can be paddled, sailed, swim towed, or driven by human mechanical power. Rafts can not be pushed by wading in the water.
7. Construction of rafts and equipment should be safe, e.g. No protruding nails or screws, sharp metal edges etc.

SAFETY RULES

The decision on whether to go ahead with this event, and how it is to be run, lies entirely with the Abersoch RNLI Station. Sea conditions, wind strength and direction, wind chill, pollution etc. will all be taken into account before any decisions are made.

1. Any craft, because of its construction is considered to be a danger to other competitors will be held back at the start of the race.
2. Competitors are reminded that the ramp-way on to the beach at the SCYC end is steep and crews carrying a raft should exercise due care if accessing the beach in this way.
3. Recognised life preserving devices or approved buoyancy aids must be worn by all competitors – there will be no exception to this rule. The wearing of a canoe helmet is also recommended.
4. No physical interference between rafts will be permitted and offending crews may be disqualified.
5. Safety craft will be provided. It is, however, the responsibility of each raft captain to ensure the safety of his/her crew, so to satisfy themselves that all crewmembers are proficient swimmers. Raft captains will be required to sign a declaration to that effect. Raft captains will also be responsible for drawing to the attention of the organisers, any crewmember with a medical condition, disability or special needs.
6. Competitors must follow the instructions of the safety officials on the beach and in safety boats. Safety officials are permitted to withdraw from the race any crewmembers who they consider to be unfit to participate or to continue.
7. In the interests of safety, all rafts/debris must be removed from the water and surrounding areas at the end of the race. Non-compliance with this rule will disqualify from future races.
8. All the land around Abersoch Harbour is designated as an “Alcohol Free” zone.

GENERAL DECLARATION TO BE SIGNED BY ENTRANTS

All participants will be required to sign a declaration to keep the organisers and their respective estates indemnified from and against all claims and demands by the participant or any person claiming on their behalf whatsoever in respect of the said raft race or anything relating thereto and absolve the organisers of any responsibility whatsoever in respect of the above.

RACE RULES

COURSE

1. The race will start at approx 19.00 hrs from the SCYC end of Abersoch Main Beach
2. Prior to the start rafts shall be placed next to the water's edge. Crews shall retire from the water and start 'Le Mans' style on hearing the klaxon.
3. Finish line is by outer harbour jetty.

DATE and TIME

Thursday 11th August at 19:00 hrs

TIDAL INFORMATION

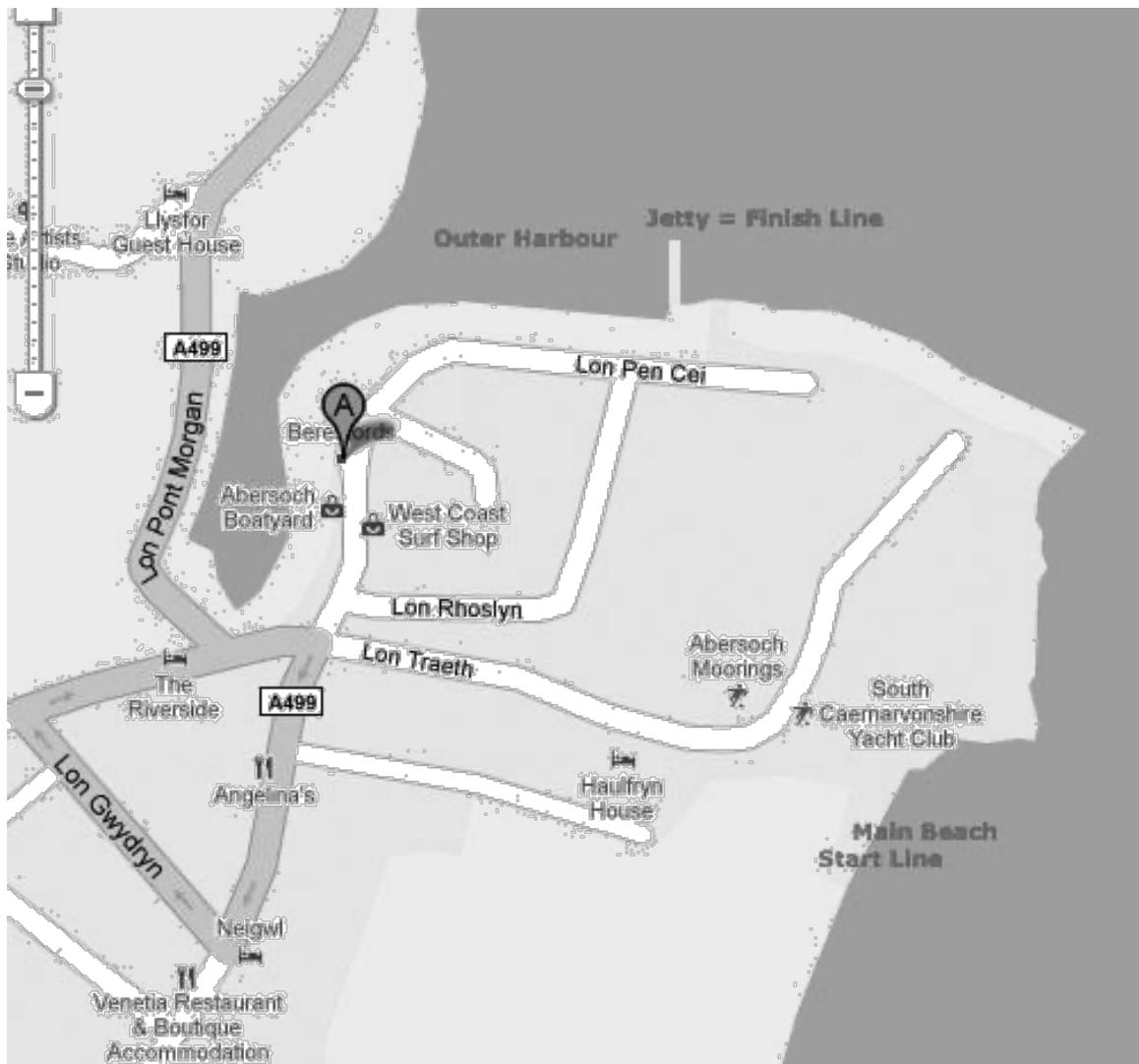
High water 19.27 hrs approximately.

VENUE

Abersoch Main Beach - Abersoch Harbour.
Choice of course is **weather dependant**.

MAP

Map showing expected course from Abersoch Main Beach to Abersoch Outer Harbour. Expected duration of race between 10 and 20 minutes.



EVENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. In these terms and conditions references to an activity includes all types of fundraising events and activities.

2. In relation to events organised by the RNLI:

- 2.1. To secure your place you must pay the registration fee by the date specified unless the event is free;
- 2.2. All participants must act responsibly and take care for their own safety and that of those around them;
- 2.3. You must not participate in the event whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs nor consume alcohol or drugs during the event;
- 2.4. Photographs and films may be taken throughout each Event by the RNLI or its affiliated companies, contractors and agents. The RNLI rely upon legitimate interest as a lawful basis to use photographs and films featuring event participants for marketing, publicity and fundraising purposes by means of print, broadcast, social media or any other media now or in the future.
- 2.5. The RNLI may request consent from a participant to feature in a specific media for marketing, publicity or fundraising purposes. In the event the RNLI makes such a request it will seek the consent from the Participant (or the Participant's parent or guardian in the event the Participant is under 18) on a separate consent form. The Participant may at its sole discretion choose to grant the RNLI consent. It is not a condition of the Event that such consent is granted.
- 2.6. All Participants and the parents or guardians of any under 18's acknowledge and agree that no payment will be made to any Participant for the use of any photographs, images or films in which they may feature.
- 2.7. The RNLI's use of the Participant's photograph and/or personal information contained in a marketing feature will be in accordance with the RNLI's privacy and cookies policy which can be found at <https://rnli.org/footer/privacy-and-security>.
- 2.8. Please note that participating in certain RNLI events may involve a real risk of serious injury or even death from over exertion, dehydration, accidents with other participants, spectators or road or sea users and other causes.

The following provisions apply to all activities (whether organised by you, the RNLI or someone else):

3. You:

- 3.1. Agree to ensure that you are eligible to take part in the activity in accordance with any criteria published by the activity organiser (e.g. minimum age, height/weight or health restrictions etc.) and agree to comply with any safety guidelines or other activity rules;
- 3.2. Accept that the onus is on you to ascertain whether there are any risks associated with you taking part in the activity and confirm that you are not aware of, or have disclosed when prompted, any medical condition or impairment that may be detrimental to your health if you participate in the activity. If you become aware of any such medical condition or impairment you will withdraw from the activity. If you are in any doubt as to your physical ability to take part in the activity you must consult your doctor before arranging to take part;
- 3.3. Accept that you are taking part in and/or organising the activity on your own initiative and agree to participate in the activity entirely at your own risk; and
- 3.4. Agree that you will not hold the RNLI, its officers, employees, volunteers or agents liable for any loss, injury, damage or costs that may result from the activity or your participation in it caused in any way, save death or personal injury due to the negligence of the RNLI or fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation by the RNLI. We recommend that you obtain personal accident insurance cover for any activity involving risk of injury.
4. If a claim is made against the RNLI in relation to the activity (except where the activity has been organised by the RNLI) or arising out of any breach by you of these terms and conditions, you agree to reimburse the RNLI for any sums which the RNLI pays as a result of that claim including, but not limited to, any associated legal or other costs and expenses.
5. You agree to make clear that you are raising funds in aid of the RNLI and will not indicate or imply that you represent the RNLI.
6. Any entry fees paid are non-refundable. If an activity organised by the RNLI is cancelled for any reason, the RNLI will, at your request, endeavour to refund any fee paid by you to the RNLI or to offer you a place for an alternative activity. Any refund will be made via the original method of payment and will be processed within 30 days of request by you for a refund. Where an activity organised by a third party is cancelled for any reason, the RNLI is unable to offer a refund or alternative activity.
7. You must only use any sponsorship forms, posters, banners, leaflets, badges or other RNLI materials provided to you by the RNLI (whether in hard copy or electronic form) ("RNLI Materials") in connection with the specific activities which you have notified the RNLI of and in connection with which the RNLI has authorised you to raise money in aid of the RNLI ("Notified Activities"). You must not use any RNLI Materials in connection with any other activities without first obtaining the RNLI's written approval.
8. The RNLI provides pre-designed fundraising materials for you to fill in with your activity details and use to promote your activity. You must not use the RNLI name or logo nor any other RNLI trade marks ("RNLI Trade Marks") nor any images of the RNLI's lifeboats, lifeboat crews, lifeboat stations, beach lifeguards or beach lifeguard units ("RNLI Images") on materials created by you without the RNLI's prior approval (see - Request to use RNLI Trade Marks or RNLI Images in fundraising materials).
9. You agree:
 - 9.1. To comply with any guidance issued to you by the RNLI or made available on its website;
 - 9.2. Not to take any costs relating to your activity out of funds raised unless:
 - 9.2.1. This has been agreed with the RNLI; and
 - 9.2.2. You have made this clear to sponsors and other donors before asking them to sponsor you/make a donation/buy a ticket etc.
10. If you send us any photos or video of your activity you agree that the RNLI may (free of charge) publish or broadcast them to publicise the work of the RNLI and to promote fundraising in aid of the RNLI.
11. You agree that you will not do anything to harm the RNLI's good name and reputation.
12. You must not use the RNLI Trade Marks nor any RNLI Images to promote your business (nor that of anyone else) without separate approval from the RNLI. In particular, you must not use the RNLI Trade Marks, RNLI Materials nor RNLI Images on or in relation to any of your products or services or on the packaging, advertising or promotional materials for your business, products or services nor as part of any domain name.
13. If requested to do so by the RNLI, you agree to immediately stop fundraising in aid of the RNLI and to then immediately:
 - 13.1. Return any funds you have raised in aid of the RNLI to your sponsors or to any persons who have paid to take part in your planned activity (if the activity has not yet happened) and then immediately pay any money (not returned in this way) to the RNLI; and
 - 13.2. Stop using any RNLI Materials you still have and return them to the RNLI (or destroy them if asked to do so by the RNLI) and delete any electronic copies you have of the RNLI Materials.
14. Please remember that for the majority of event types, you are not registered for the event you have applied for and not authorised to fundraise in aid of the RNLI, until we have emailed or written to you to say that your application has been accepted. In some cases, we may first have to request further information before your application can be assessed.
15. These terms and conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of England and Wales and the parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.