

Raft Building is great teamwork exercise and will help participants improve their communication, problem solving and decision-making skills. The Challenge is to design and build a strong working raft. All necessary components will be provided, including large plastic barrels, ropes and poles. Our instructors will give as much support as required but the emphasis is on encouraging participants to use their initiative. Once the rafts are built and ready to launch, the fun can begin on the water!

The aims of this activity are to...

- Ensure participants work together supporting and encouraging each other.
- Increase confidence, self-awareness and general social skills.
- Develop communication, problem-solving, leadership and teamwork skills.
- Provide an opportunity for participants to discuss what they have accomplished.

Learning Outcomes...

Upon completion of the activity, participants will have:

- Demonstrated the ability to listen to, understand and act on instructions received.
- Developed the skills to work in small groups and communicate effectively.
- Collaborated with others in a group to solve a problem
- Helped the group make a decision in choosing strategies appropriate to the task.
- Effectively worked in small teams supporting their peers throughout the activity
- Recognised and encouraged the achievements of the others in the group
- Contributed to performance review led by the instructor identifying what they did well and suggesting ways to improve.

Progression...

Some participants may also:

- Be able to devise and put into practice a range of solutions to a problem.
- Take a leading role when working with others.
- Identify and respond to weaknesses in their group by planning improvements.
- Take the initiative in evaluating their performance and that of the group.
- Discover links to science e.g. levers, forces, buoyancy