

UP-HELLY-AA 2012

INSTRUCTIONS TO GUIZERS

MUSTER

- 1) SQUADS MUST REPORT TO ISLESBURGH COMMUNITY CENTRE AT THE TIME STATED TO RECEIVE TORCHES. **No Smoking permitted within Islesburgh Grounds.** The number of TORCHES issued to each SQUAD will correspond to the number handed to the Hon. Secretary. SQUADS SHOULD ENTER BY THE UNION STREET CAR PARK ACCESS AND QUEUE FROM THE SOUTH GATE (GIRLS GATE) NORTH ALONG THE FRONT OF ISLESBURGH COMMUNITY CENTRE FROM THE FIRST CHECKER, PROCEED TO COLLECT TORCH AND LEAVE BY THE SOUTH DRIVE WAY.

Please use bins and skips provided to dispose of cans and bottles.

No Smoking within Islesburgh Grounds when Collecting Torches

- 2) Squads will then be mustered into position by the Marshal. Each **squad leader MUST** report to the checker at the top of Union Street between the old Museum and the Library
- 3) Torches should only be rested on the road **right next to the kerb** to avoid the paraffin creating a slippery surface along the route. However, the HEAD SHOULD NOT BE SET ON THE DAMP ROAD, as it will impair the lighting of the torch.
- 4) At 7:15 pm the GUIZER JARL AND HIS SQUAD, accompanied by the BRASS BAND will pass up the ranks to receive TORCHES at the TOP OF SCALLOWAY ROAD.
- 5) At 7:30 pm a MAROON will be fired for the LIGHT UP.
- 6) PLACE OF MUSTER WILL BE AT LOWER HILLHEAD.

PROCESSION

- 1) On completion of the LIGHT UP, the GALLEY, JARL'S SQUAD and the BRASS BAND will pass down the ranks, when the Up-Helly-Aa song will be **sung** and the procession will then MOVE OFF. The PIPE BAND will also play in the procession.
- 2) ROUTE – LOWER HILLHEAD, TOWN HALL BRAE, ST.OLAF STREET, PRINCE ALFRED STREET, KING HARALD STREET (turning movement), HARBOUR STREET, ST.OLAF STREET, TOWN HALL BRAE, BURNING SITE. **Guizers will then march around the burning site while the Galley is being positioned for final rites.**

- 3) Torches should be carried with **HEAD OUTWARDS** on the right or left hip and should every few minutes be turned a quarter turn in order to ensure that the flame will burn evenly over the head of the torch.
- 4) **BURNING SITE** - Take care when throwing torches into the Galley, they should land in the main body of the galley. **NO TORCHES** should be thrown at the **GALLEY HEAD**.
- 5) The success or the failure of the festival depends to a very large extent on the Guizers themselves; therefore it is the duty of each Guizer to conduct himself at all times in accordance with the “Spirit of Up-Helly-Aa” with goodwill and strict adherence to accepted customs. The festival should be as good, if not better than its predecessors.
- 6) Fire is a **DANGEROUS ELEMENT** unless kept under **STRICT CONTROL**. The committee will, therefore, **NOT ISSUE A TORCH** to any Guizer unless assured that the Guizer is in a fit state to handle it without risk of damage to others taking part in the Procession, or to spectators or to property in the Town.
- 7) The Committee, in order to preserve and foster the Festival, will take severe measures against those whose conduct might tend to bring the Festival into disrepute.
- 8) **A FIRST AID ROOM** will be provided in the Town Hall. In addition, there will be First Aid foot patrols within the procession.
- 9) In the event of the **EMERGENCY SERVICES** requiring access to a point along the route or within the extents of the procession, Guizers are asked to move across to that side of whatever road they are in, **NEAREST to the TOWN HALL**.
- 10) Third Party Public Liability Insurance taken out by the Committee is for the protection of the spectating public and does not cover the individual guizer, who takes part in the festival at his own risk.

No Smoking in ALL the Halls

AFTERMATH

The Committee will meet on Sunday 26th February to evaluate the success of the Festival. Comments and suggestions are welcomed from Squads on any aspect of Up-Helly-Aa but must be communicated to the Secretary before the 25th February 2012.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE UP-HELLY-AA COMMITTEE.

(SIGNED) D NICOLSON
(SIGNED) L SUMMERS
(SIGNED) R MOAR

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