

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All events:

- Sanctioned Level 1
- Sanctioned Level 2
- Approved

MUST:

- Comply with Waka Ama New Zealand Race Rules
- Provide a safety back up course as contingency for weather
- Use our Support Boat Calculator to determine the number of support boats required at your event. – This is a minimum, you can provide more if you wish. The online support boat calculator can be found here: <http://www.wakaama.co.nz/supportboatcalculator>
- Complete and fulfil the Event Operations and Safety Management plan
- Ensure a Waiver is explained to and signed by all individuals participating in the event (a template is provided for you)
- Ensure on Waiver that all competitors confirm that they can swim
- Comply with all regional or local waterway safety bylaws
- Adhere to Maritime Safety Bylaws, rules and restrictions
- Ensure trained first aiders are onsite (at least 1)
- Provide an incident report (in the event of an incident) no more than 24 hours after an incident has taken place.
- In races other than sprint regattas - Should the wind conditions exceed or be forecast to exceed 15 knots (27km+) (according to local official marine weather radio or Met Service website <http://www.metservice.com/national/home>) Spray Skirts must be used on W6
- In races other than sprint regattas - Should wind conditions exceed or be forecast to exceed 25 Knots (46km+) MSA approved PFD's must be worn by all participants AND:
 - All participants, coaches and officials must be made aware of the conditions
 - Paddling may only occur after all the risks have been assessed; the zone and local maritime rules have been considered, and the potential risks are deemed to be minimal.

In all races and events, should there be extreme wind warning or gale force marine warnings in place OR should the wind conditions exceed or be forecast to exceed 34 Knots (62km+) the event shall be cancelled, postponed or moved to a course/venue where these conditions do not exist.