

# Heads to Harbour

Ōhope - Whakatāne



## Waka and Ski Race - 21km

This event is for single or double waka and ocean ski paddlers who are keen for the challenge to race 21km on the ocean along the coast of Ōhope and Whakatāne.

We can't predict the weather but we can predict a great day of paddling along side great friends. We hope the weather gods will put on the goods to make the day more enjoyable and the ride out on the ocean worthy of one to remember. This event is in its 2nd year and we hope to see it grow and develop to be an event everyone looks forward to.



### ENTRY FEE

\$50 per paddler  
Must be paid 1 week  
out from race day



### CASH & SPOT PRIZES

Cross the finish line and  
be in to win!



### LOCATION

Start will be Ōhope or  
Whakatāne depending  
on the weather



**30th April 2022**

2nd annual Heads  
to Harbour paddle  
festival is here!



### Covid-19 Traffic Lights

The paddle festival  
will proceed  
through all levels of  
the covid-19 traffic  
light framework.

Please do not  
attend the event if  
you are unwell.



### Race Registration

Yacht Club - 28  
Kakahoroa Drive,  
Whakatāne.

## ...RACE DAY...

On race day we will all meet in Whakatāne. Once registered, you'll be informed where the race will start and finish. The race briefing will happen at the start location. Shuttle of your canoe and car is up to the paddler to arrange.

**Whakatāne** : Yacht Club - Kakahoroa Drive **Ōhope** : East End Boat Ramp - 547 Harbour Road

7:00 - 8:00 AM	<b>Registration</b>	Please complete and bring along your race waiver. You will be issued with a race number for your canoe.
8:15 AM	<b>Shuttle</b>	Head to the start line (if needed). Arrange your vehicle to be at the finish line (if required). Paddlers are to arrange their <u>own shuttle</u> .
8:30 - 9:00 AM	<b>Safety Checks</b>	Get your canoe checked and signed off.
9:15 AM	<b>Race Briefing</b>	Announcements, safety, weather, race course, important notices. All paddlers <b>MUST</b> attend!
9:45 AM	<b>Pre Race</b>	Head to the start line.
10:00 AM	<b>Waka Race Start</b>	All waka paddlers to start together.
10:15 AM	<b>Ski Race Start</b>	All ski paddlers to start together.
1:30 PM	<b>Prizes &amp; Catch Up</b>	Grab yourself a feed to refuel and head back to the finish line venue where we will all catch up and hand out some prizes.

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## RACE CONTACTS

### RACE CO-ORDINATOR

Bevan Roozendaal 027 223 5931 bevanroo@gmail.com

### HOW TO ENTER:

<https://enternowonline.com/4498/events>

### ENTRY FEE :

**\$50.00 entry fee per paddler**

**Pay to:** B Roozendaal, 01-0349-0066934-84

Reference: Name & Division

## SPONSORED EVENT

Turkish restaurant/cafe in the heart of Whakatāne.  
113 The Strand.



## ...SAFETY...

You must have all safety equipment during the race. A safety check will be required before you enter the water. You **MUST** have the following items...

### **Leash**

*Waka & Ski*

Even the best paddlers can get into a situation. Your leg leash **MUST** be attached to you and your canoe. No leash. No race!

### **VHF or Cell Phone**

*Waka & Ski*

Make sure your device is charged and waterproof or in a waterproof case. Get the race channel for the safety boat and/or land safety mobile number.

### **Life Vest**

*Waka & Ski*

This is be worn or easily accessible.

### **Hydration/Food**

*Waka & Ski*

Hydration is important. Energy snacks may be needed.

### **Spare Paddle**

*Waka*

A vital piece of equipment to attach to your canoe and be easy to release.

### **Bailer/Foot Pump**

*Waka*

This one is for waka with a cockpit.



## Race Updates

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Heads to Harbour Waka and Surf Ski Racing  
**LIKE our facebook page** to keep up with any and all race  
announcements, notices and updates.

## ...Racing during covid...

If you are unwell or have cold and flu like symptoms, please do not attend this event

- ▶ No vaccine passes or masks are required for this event.
- ▶ All paddlers must be entered via the online entry system for the race.
- ▶ There will be no late entries accepted on race day.