



Bay of Islands Waka Ama Festival 2023
1st and 2nd April
Ti Tii Bay Beach – Waitangi Bay of Islands
Blah Blah Marketing
Pānui 1

EVENT SUMMARY

Bay of Islands Waka Ama Festival welcome you to the WANZ Fun Race to be held at Ti Tii Beach, Waitangi 1st and 2nd April 2022. This is an annual event that has been running for 3 years and is intended to be a fun event, that offers something to all levels of waka ama paddlers. The event is 1 ½ days of fun racing, spot prizes, and prize giving. We welcome you and your whānau to join us for this event.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday April 1st

8.00am	Registration, waka drop off & safety checks
9.00am	Karakia
9.15am	Managers meeting / Race & safety briefings all races
9.30am	RACE 1 - Racing starts
11am completed By	Registrations / safety checks RACE 2
11.30am	RACE 2 - Racing starts
Completed by 1.30pm	Registrations / safety checks RACE 3
2pm	Race 3a and 3b Starts
3.30pm	Racing finishes
4pm	Prizegiving
4.30 pm	Closing Karakia

Sunday April 2nd

8.00am	Registration, waka drop off & safety checks
8.30 am	Karakia - Managers meeting / Race & safety briefings
9 am – RACE 4	Kris Kjeldsen Memorial Race - Te Taiawhio o Ipipiri. W6 25.4 km J19 & Opens
11.30 ish	Prizegiving
Midday ish	Closing Karakia



RACE SCHEDULE

Saturday April 1st

Time	Race
9.15 am	Race Briefing - all races
9.30 onwards RACE 1 a/b/c start in categories	Race 1a – W6 1km Taitamariki
	Race 1b – W6 1.5 km Intermediates
	Race 1c – W6 2 km - J16
11.30 am - RACE 2 start all together	Race 2 - Team and Solo W1 and W2 Opens, J19 and J16's Team Race W1 and W2 divisions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • teams of 4 for the W2 • teams of 2 for W1. • There will be W1 rudder and rudderless divisions. • The waka will complete 4 x 5km triangle circuits changing team members after a beach run up a chute on completion of each circuit. • Winner fastest time overall after handicap taken off.
2 pm - Race 3 a/b – start altogether	W6 5km Intermediates & W6 10km J16, J19, Open Novice

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RACE DAY INFORMATION

Car Parking: Parking is available over the bridge close to Waitangi boat ramp.

Trailer parking: Trailer parking as above. Due to restrictions, Te Tii Beach front will only be available for trailer drop off – you will need to park your car over the Waitangi Bridge for the day.

Food: We encourage you to bring your own healthy kai, there maybe some fundraising food stalls available

Toilets: Toilets are located at the far end of the beach, past the main registration tent.

First Aid: First Aid will be available at the registration tent, on the beach.

Rubbish/Recycling: We encourage you to please take what you bring. However, the main rubbish and recycling station is located on the beach in bins.

Alcohol/Smokefree: Alcohol, smoking, vaping and any other substance use is not permitted at this event, including all premises of the event.



WAKA DROP OFF & SAFETY CHECKS

Waka Drop off:

- Waka drop off will be available from 6.00am on the event day
- Waka drop off will be on the beach front
- Trailer parking is over the Waitangi Bridge please be aware of your surroundings through this process

Safety Checks:

- All waka will have to pass a safety check and be marked before racing. Any boats not marked will not be permitted to race.

RACE RULES

All sanctioned events must adhere to Waka Ama NZ race rules. Include any other rules relevant to your event.

All entrants must be familiar with the Waka Ama New Zealand race and safety rules.

Refer to the following link for more information: [Waka Ama NZ Race Rules](https://www.wakaama.co.nz/racecalendar/lookup/2053)

AGE DIVISIONS & RACE EVENTS

WAKA	Race #	DISTANCE	DIVISIONS	GENDER
W1	2	20km relay	J19, Open	Men & Women
W2	2	20km relay	J19, Open	Men, Women, Mixed
W6	1	1km 1.5km 2km	Taitamariki Intermediate J16	Boys, Girls, Mixed
W6	3	5km	Intermediate (10yrs – 13yrs)	Boys, Girls, Mixed
W6	3	10km	J16, J19, Open	Men, Women, Mixed
W6	4	25kms	J19, Open (minimum age 16yrs)	Men, Women, Mixed

FEES

Fees: Fees for this event are *per person per race*

PER PERSON BY Event (charged <u>each event</u>)	
Event	Cost
Race 1	\$5.00
Race 2	\$10.00
Race 3	\$10.00
Race 4	\$10.00

ONLINE ENTRIES & PAYMENT

- Online entries are to be completed using the Waka Ama NZ online entry system.
<https://www.wakaama.co.nz/racecalendar/lookup/2053>
- All entries to be completed through your club admin – contact your club admin to process your entry



- No entries on the day, no exceptions
- Entries close on **28th March**
- Rosters close on **29th March**, rosters must be completed by close date, no exceptions
- Once entered, payment can be made online to:
 - Blah Blah Marketing Ltd
 - 12-3091-0167618-51
 - Use your club, team name and division, race number - as your reference and code

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- All waka must be Safety Checked
- All taitamariki and intermediate age divisions must wear life jackets
- All Junior (J16 & J19) and Senior (Open and above) must have the following safety equipment for their races:
 - PFD - Personal Floatation Device (per person)
 - Bailers
 - Flare or cellphone in waterproof case
 - Spare Paddle - 2 for a W6, 1 for W1/2
 - Spray Skirt (W6)
 - Tow Rope (W6)
 - Leg leash (for sit on top W1)

INDIVIDUAL & TEAM WAIVERS

- Individual and Team waivers must be completed by all paddlers/teams
- All paddlers U18 must have their waiver signed by their parent/guardian
- Waivers can be sent to info@blahblahmarketing.co.nz or handed in at the managers meeting on the day
- Individual & Team waivers can be found here:
<https://www.wakaama.co.nz/racecalendar/lookup/2053>

CONTACT INFORMATION

- All enquiries please email: info@blahblahmarketing.co.nz
- All urgent matters please call: **0211240382**
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BOIwaka>

COURSE MAPS

- High tide: Saturday 5.12am/5.32pm Sunday 5.07am – 5.31pm
- Low tide: 11.22 am and 11.18 am

NOTES

- Adult steerers are allowed in the Taitamariki race (race 1) – steering only, no paddling – just as for Nationals. Please note adult steerers cannot be entered in the system with the taitamariki team due to age restriction in system. Please send through steerer name to Anika at info@blahblahmarketing.co.nz
- Kids BYO Water pistols lets have a bit of fun!
- Relay race – only start and finish times no splits
- All on beach finishes but if too rough this will change for the kids races and if unable to run they can have a designated runner



- They maybe food served after the prizegiving on Saturday we will send communication out about this once it is finalised.
- Please with those Junior teams in Race 1 can we have supporters and crew from the teams down on the beach to help make sure we keep our tamariki safe and waka don't clash when they arrive at the beach.
- Volunteers to help the crew on the day welcome – introduce yourself to the HQ tent on the day! Or email info@blahblahmarketing.co.nz