



# 31<sup>st</sup> Portage Crossing 10<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## Waitemata & Manukau harbour

### Portage Crossing Pānui 1

#### EVENT SUMMARY

*Portage Crossing welcome you to the 31<sup>st</sup> Portage Crossing Regatta, a revival of the historic ancient Māori route, originally used by Hoturoa and the Tainui Waka. This crossing between the Waitemata and Manukau harbour was also utilised by the early settlers of Tamaki Makaurau when transporting their fishing boats between the harbours. This regatta starts at Okahu Bay, Auckland, which travels down the Tamaki estuary to Nga Hau Maiangi waka ama clubrooms. Waka is then placed on trollies or single axis trailers and pushed through Portage Road Otahuhu to Mangere Inlet Manukau Harbour.*

*Waka then races up the harbour to Mangere Bridge waterfront road reserve, where a family festival is in progress. Paddlers are welcomed by Tainui tribe and a Powhiri is held. Then prize giving happens with medals and prize money distributed to the winners and place getters. The day is completed by paddlers after having their hangi and drinks, while enjoying the entertainment on main stage.*

*This is an annual event that has been running for 31 years and is intended to be an event that educates our community about the first crossing achieved by the Tainui waka. With the novice section added recently, it offers something to all levels of waka ama paddlers. It also provides a warmup opportunity before the National long-distance Championship. The event is a full day of fun & competitive racing, spot prizes, live music, food vendors, free children rides and prize giving. We welcome you and your whānau to join us for this event.*

#### EVENT SCHEDULE

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| 6.00am   | Registration, waka drop off Friday or Sat morning, & safety checks         |
| 6.30am   | Karakia by Ngāti Whatua reps   |
| 6.45am   | Managers meeting   |
| 7.00am   | Race & safety briefings  |
| 7.30am   | Racing starts  |
| 10.00 am | Waka arrives at Nga Hau Maiangi Powhiri held in clubrooms by Tainui iwi.   |
| 11.00    | Waka leaves Nga Hau Maiangi waka ama clubrooms for Otahuhu. Mangere Inlet. |
| 12.00    | Waka arrives at Railway Lane Otahuhu                                       |
| 12.30 pm | Re-launch waka and race to finish Mangere bridges                          |
| 1.00pm   | Arrival of all waka at Mangere Bridge                                      |
| 1.30pm   | Powhiri & welcoming from Tainui  |
| 2.00pm   | Prize giving/Hangi & drink. Family festival                                |



## RACE SCHEDULE

| Time   | Race   |
|--------|--|
| 7.00am | Race Briefing - all races <b>Okahu Bay</b>                           |
| 7.30am | Race Start - W1 W2 J19-Snr MW  |
| 7.40am | Race Start - W1 W2 J19-Snr MM  |
| 7.50am | Race Start - W6 J19-Snr MW   |
| 8.00am | Race Start - W6 J19-Snr MM   |
| 8.30am | Lash waka and reg Novice section w12 w6 and J16 <b>Panmure Wharf</b> |
| 9.30am | Race Start – for above section                                       |

## RACE DAY INFORMATION

**Car Parking:** Parking is available by street parking. Please note all parking is under Auckland Council management, you will need to read the signs and park accordingly.

**Trailer parking:** Trailer parking will be in the fields opposite Okahu Bay. Due to restrictions, this will only be available for trailer drop off – you will need to park your car at Mangere Bridge Waterfront Road Reserve for rest of the day.

**Food:** Paddlers will be provided with hangi and drink at festival. We encourage supporters to bring your own healthy kai, we have food vendors will be available onsite to purchase healthy kai.

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

**First Aid:** First Aid will be available in the MUMA signed Campervan following procession.

**Rubbish/Recycling:** We encourage you to please take what you bring. However, the main rubbish and recycling station is located by the main toilet block.

**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 drops off will be available from Friday until 6.00am on the event day.
- Waka drops off will be on the beach front landing and will be clearly signed with entry & exit.
- Trailer parking is on the opposite side of the road, 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 unmarked, will not be permitted to race.

## RACE RULES

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](#)

## AGE DIVISIONS & RACE EVENTS



|                         | DISTANCE | DIVISIONS                                       | GENDER            |
|-------------------------|----------|---|-------------------|
| <b>W6</b><br><b>w12</b> | 4km      | J16, Novice section                             | Men & Women       |
| <b>W6</b>               | 18km     | J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master | Men, Women, Mixed |

## FEES

| PER PERSON BY AGE DIVISION ( <i>charged <u>one fee</u> according to age on race day</i> ) |         |
|---|---------|
| Age Division  | Cost    |
| J16   | \$10.00 |
| J19   | \$20.00 |
| Open  | \$20.00 |
| Master  | \$20.00 |
| Senior Master   | \$20.00 |
| Golden Master   | \$20.00 |

## ONLINE ENTRIES & PAYMENT

- Online entries are to be completed using the Waka Ama NZ online entry system.
- Entries to be completed through your club admin – contact your club admin to process your entry.
- No entries on the day, no exceptions
- Rosters must be completed by close date, no exceptions.
- Once entered, payment can be made online to:
  - Portage Crossing Canoe Club Inc
  - 12-3019-0035274-00
  - Use your club, team name and division as your reference.

## 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 cell phone 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 *insert email here* or handed in at the managers meeting on the day.



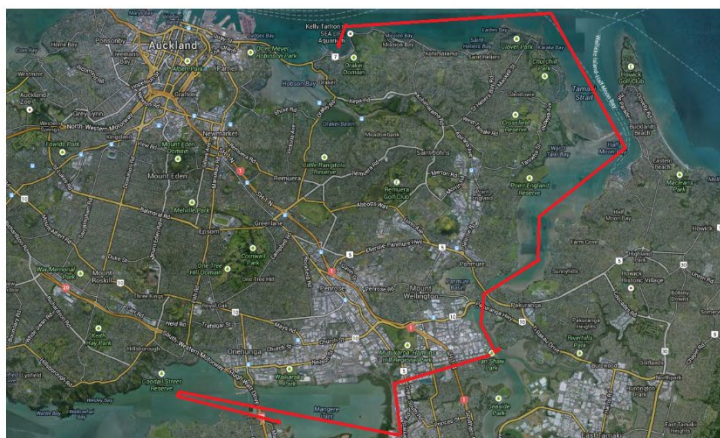
- Individual & Team waivers can be found here: **CONTACT INFORMATION**

- All enquiries please email: [james@muma.co.nz](mailto:james@muma.co.nz)
- All urgent matters please call: 021 0330 884.
- Facebook: Portage Crossing

## COURSE MAPS

From Okahu Bay, Tamaki Estuary, to Mangere Bridge. Leg 1 18km Leg 2 Portage Road 5km Leg 3 Mangere Bridge 5km...

Novice leg 1 Panmure wharf Tamaki OCC to Panama 2km Leg 2 5km Portage Road leg 3 2km to Mangere bridge waterfront road reserve.





- High tide: Manukau 11.59 am.
- Low tide: Manukau 6.04 pm