



HOE TONGA PADDLER SERIES RACE 5

HOSTED BY: Te Ringa Miti Tai Heke Waka Ama Whanganui

Date: Saturday 9 September 2023
Venue: Putiki Slipway, 1 Kemp Street, Whanganui
Enquiries: trmth.wakaama@gmail.com

Kaupapa

This is the fifth race in the Hoe Tonga Paddler Series 2023 and used to continue the promotion of Waka Ama in the Whanganui community. Te Ringa Miti Tai Heke Waka Ama Club values align to those of **Tupu te Kawa** to guide decision making in respect of the Whanganui River.

Deadlines

- Entries close on **Monday 4 September 2023**
- The paddle roster closes on **Wednesday 6 September 2023**

Entries

Entries are to be done online by your club coordinator via www.wakaama.co.nz

- Note that race fees are non-refundable following the entry deadline but can be transferred to a paddler in your team.
- All race participants must register and attend the race brief on race day.
- \$20 entry fee per Junior Paddler. \$30 entry fee per Senior Paddler
- **All paddlers must be affiliated to a Waka Ama club and Waka Ama NZ**

Participants

- This race is open to novice, junior (J16/19) and senior paddlers.
- All novice and junior teams must have an experienced steerer.
- Teams racing in the novice category can be a combination of different age groups J16 – J70+.
- Senior paddlers are encouraged to assist novice teams (e.g., by steering) in the short course.
- There is no extra cost for senior paddlers also competing in both the short and long course event.

Race Categories

- Short Course (7-9km) for juniors and novice teams e.g., 1st year paddlers. **Race 1 - First Race.**
 - Long course (15-18km) for more experienced paddlers. **Race 2 -Second Race.**
- Any change to the course due to weather conditions will be notified at the race briefing.***

Safety

- **Life jackets are compulsory.** It must be approved, in good condition & the correct size.
- **W6 spray skirts are optional.**
- W6 safety checks must be met prior to race start, see attached safety check list on required items.
- The safety of all competitors is vital. It is important that all paddlers are aware of the rules of river use, particularly the need to remain on the correct side, which is the right-hand side of the river.
- In terms of right of way, when overtaking during racing, the overtaking boat must always pass safely and with consideration.
- Please note: all buoys are ama turn.

Programme

- 7.00am Volunteers arrive, set up and safety boat briefing
- 7.30am Registration for short course opens.
Rigging waka and safety checks commence
- 8.30am Karakia and short course race brief – **all steerers must be present for briefing.**
- 9.00am Short course race start
- 9.15am Registration for long course opens.
Rigging waka and safety checks commence
- 10.00am Long course race brief - **all steerers must be present for briefing.**
- 10.30am Long course race start
- 1.00pm Pack up and debrief

Cancellation

Extreme weather and/or river conditions (i.e., flood water) that jeopardize the safety of paddlers may lead to cancellation of the race. Event organizers will endeavour to inform entrants of this by email, text and/or Facebook by 12pm the day before the event or as early as possible on the day of the event.

Venue and parking

- There is limited car parking available along Kemp Street and the grassed area alongside Takarangi Street. Additionally, there is street parking close by on Putiki Drive (2 min walk).
- Waka trailers will be allowed in the restricted area to unload and park trailer during the event. Please bring a waka trolley if your club has one available to save time at crew loading.

Race forms

- **Waiver form:** All race participants are required to read and sign the form. This can be handed in to registration on the day, or alternatively, scan and email your completed waiver to trmth.wakaama@gmail.com before race day.
- **Safety check form:** Please complete the race details on the form beforehand. This will be completed and signed off on the day by the safety officer to confirm all safety requirements have been met for the race.
- Forms can be found at the end of the pānui. Paddlers 18yrs or under must have a parent or guardian sign the form for them.

Registration

- Your waka needs to be cleared by the Safety Check Crew before racing.
- Waka that have passed the Safety Check, will be given a race number which can be collected at the registration desk.
- Please ensure your crew is ready for the 5min call before your race start.
- Waka must be rechecked before every race with a new number.

Kai and Refreshments

All race competitors at this event will be provided with a kai pass. The kai pass entitles you to hot foods prepared on the day. Passes will be handed out at the time of registrations being completed on the day. You are also more than welcome to bring your own delicious, healthy kai.

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

Toilets

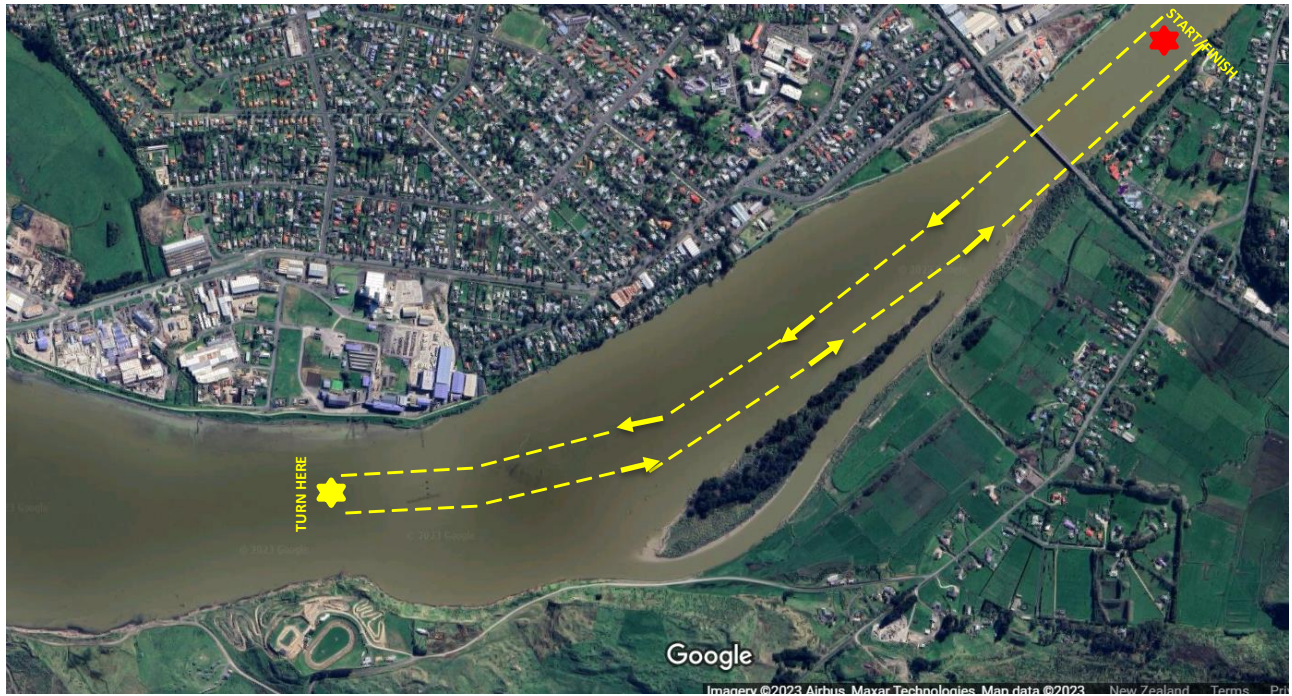
Unfortunately, there are no public toilet amenities close by the venue. Therefore, Porta-loos will be available for both men and women to use.

Site Map: ★ 1 Kemp Street, Putiki Whanganui



Race Courses Start/Finish line for all races remains at the Putiki Slipway, Kemp Street.

Race 1 Junior and Novice (7-9km) – Main course



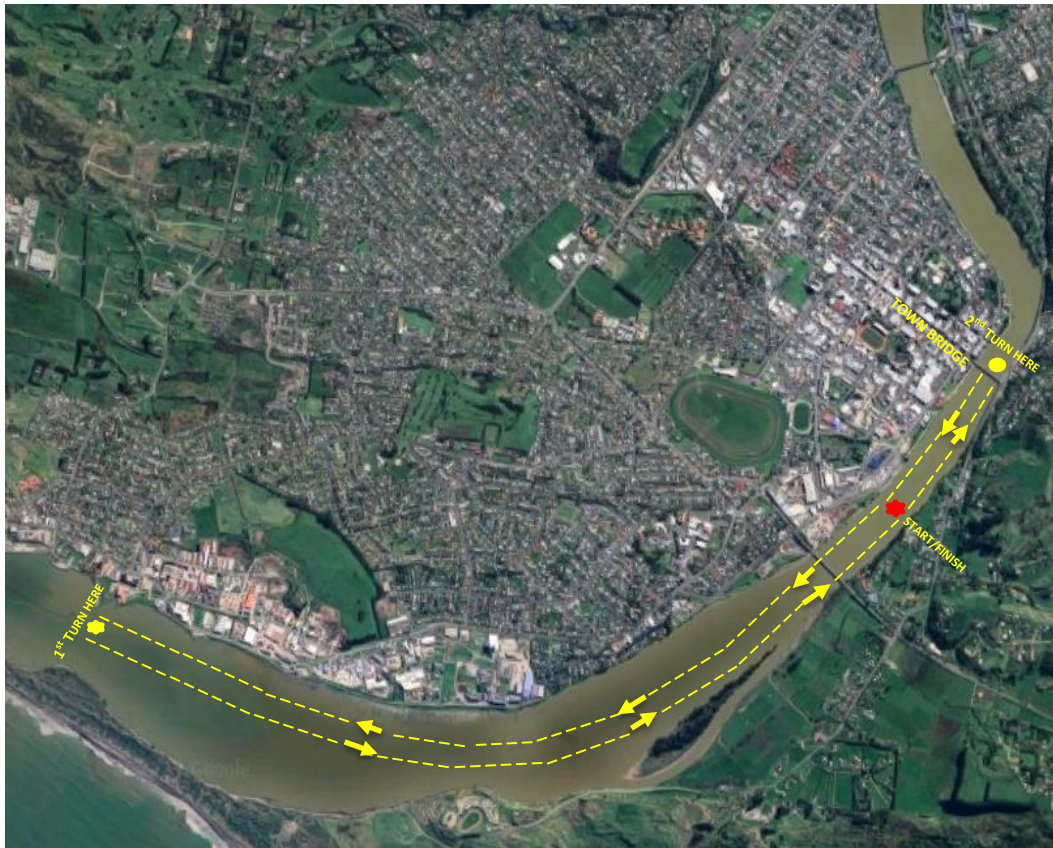
Race 1 Junior and Novice (7-9km) – Alternate course

Should conditions not be suitable for the main course, then the following alternate course will be used.



***E RERE KAU MAI TE AWA NUI MAI I TE KAHUI MAUNGA KI TANGAROA - The river flows from the mountains to the sea.
KO AU TE AWA, KO TE AWA KO AU - I am the river and the river is me.***

Race 2 Long Course (15-18km) – Main course



Race 2 Long Course (15-18km) – Alternate course

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Waiver Form

Club:	Team:	
Race Category: (please circle one) Men / Women / Mixed	7-9 km Novice <input type="checkbox"/>	15-18km Open <input type="checkbox"/>

I declare that:

1. My accepted entry will not be transferred to another entrant.
2. In the event of any "act of God" conditions causing a cancellation of the event, my total entry fee is not transferable or refundable.
3. I acknowledge that there are risks involved with Waka Ama and fully realise the dangers of participating in an event such as this and fully assume the risks associated with such participation and my wellbeing during the event.
4. I understand and agree that situations may arise during the event, which may be beyond the immediate control of officials or organisers, and I must continually participate in a manner that does not endanger either myself or others.
5. Neither the organisers, the sponsors nor other parties associated with the event shall have any responsibility, financial or otherwise, for any risk incident that might arise, whether or not by negligence, from any direct or indirect loss, injury or death that might be sustained by me or any other party directly or indirectly associated with me, from my intended or actual participation in the event or its related activities.
6. I authorise my name, voice, picture and information on this entry form to be used without payment to me in any broadcast, telecast, promotion, advertising, or any other way pursuant to the Privacy Act 2020.
7. I agree to comply with the rules, regulations and event instructions of *(name of event)*.
8. I consent to receiving medical treatment which may be advisable in the event of illness or injuries suffered during the event.
9. I confirm that I can swim 50 Metres/OR if I cannot swim 50 Metres I will wear a PFD during the race.

If Competitor is under 18 the Waiver must be signed by a Parent or guardian.

FULL NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	MEDICAL CONDITIONS	SIGNED	PARENT/GUARDIAN <i>(if under 18)</i>



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W6 Safety Check Form

Note: Safety check will be completed on the day by a safety officer.

Team Name:
Club Name:
Race:

Waka description: (used in the event number goes missing – helps identifying you at the finish line.)

Waka Name:	Gunnel Colour:
Skirt Colour:	Hull Colour:
Other:	Ama Colour:

	2 x bailers
	1 x lifejacket per paddler (must be worn)
	2 x spare paddles
	1 x VHF radio or
	1 x Flare or
	1 x Personal locator beacon or
	1 x Cell phone – waterproofed or in waterproof case
	1 x Tow rope (20m) – rope must be secured to canoe
	Safety Check tag on kiato

Safety Check Officer Name _____

Safety Check Officer Signed _____