



**Matariki “Hiwa-i-te-Rangi” Challenge**  
**14 July 2023**  
**Hosted by Ocean Blue Sports Club**  
**Okahu Bay, Auckland**  
**Pānui 2**

**EVENT SUMMARY**

*Ocean Blue Sports welcomes you to the Matariki “Hiwa-i-te-Rangi” Challenge to be held at Okahu Bay, Auckland, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023. This event was trialled successfully last year amongst the clubs at Okahu Bay (Hauraki, Orakei, Ocean Blue, Tui Tonga, UoA, Waitemata) and this year we are opening the event up to everyone. This is intended to be a fun event to mark the beginning of the new year in the Māori lunar calendar. The event is a half day of fun racing, food and merchandise sales, prize giving. We welcome you and your whānau to join us for this event.*

**RACE DAY FORMAT**

- This event is a W6 Turns “Shoot Out”
- Races consist of up to 6 to 8 teams per round, each team will have at least 2 races each
- Waka will be provided so teams need only bring their lifejackets and paddles.
- All waka ama safety rules apply, everyone must be capable of completing the course
- The final race format will be determined by the number of entries

**ANNOUNCEMENT – RACE 1 WILL NOW BE A FREE TAITAMARIKI/INTERMEDIATE RACE- THIS WILL BE A LIMITED ENTRY EVENT SO GET IN FAST, EXPERIENCED STEERERS REQUIRED**

**EVENT SCHEDULE**

<b>11.30am</b>	Registration & Safety checks
<b>12.00pm</b>	Karakia
<b>12.30pm</b>	Race Briefing
<b>1.30pm</b>	Racing commences
<b>4.30p m</b>	Racing completed
<b>5.00pm</b>	Return waka to Marine Centre
<b>6.00pm</b>	Prizegiving starts
<b>9.00pm</b>	Prizegiving ends

**RACE SCHEDULE**

Below is a sample race schedule, every team will have at least 2 races each

<b>Time</b>	<b>Race</b>
1.30pm	Race 1
2.00pm	Race 2
2.30pm	Race 3
3.00pm	Race 1A
3.30pm	Race 2A
4.00pm	Race 3A



## RACE DAY INFORMATION

**Car Parking:** Parking is available at the marine centre or on the street. Please note all parking is under Auckland Council management, you will need to read the signs and park accordingly. Yellow lines are for trailers and incur a fee. White lines are free.

**Food:** We encourage you to bring your own healthy kai, however a small range of food vendors will be available onsite to purchase kai.

**Toilets:** Toilets are located on the beach behind the admin tent and at the Marine Centre

**First Aid:** First Aid will be available at the admin tent and the Marine Centre

**Rubbish/Recycling:** We encourage you to please take what you bring.

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

## 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 / FEES

WAKA	DISTANCE	DIVISIONS	GENDER
W6	3km	Juniors (J16, J19) Open, Master	Mixed
W6	1.5km	Taitamariki & Intermediate	Mixed

### PER PERSON BY RACE DIVISION *(charged one fee according to race division entered)*

Race Division	Cost
Taitamariki/Intermediate	Free
J16, J19	\$20.00
Open, Master	\$30.00

## ONLINE ENTRIES & PAYMENT

- Online entries are to be completed using the Waka Ama NZ online entry system. <https://www.wakaama.co.nz/racecalendar/lookup/2166>
- 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 **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July**
- Rosters close on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July**, rosters must be completed by close date, no exceptions
- Once entered, payment can be made online to:
  - Ocean Blue Sports
  - 01-0215-0229814-00
  - Use your club, team name and division as your reference

## SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- All waka must be safety checked
- All divisions 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,
  - Tow Rope (W6)

### TEAM WAIVERS

- Team waivers must be completed by all paddlers/teams
- All paddlers U18 must have their waiver signed by their parent/guardian
- Team waivers can be found here: <https://form.jotform.com/223247913150854>
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### CONTACT INFORMATION

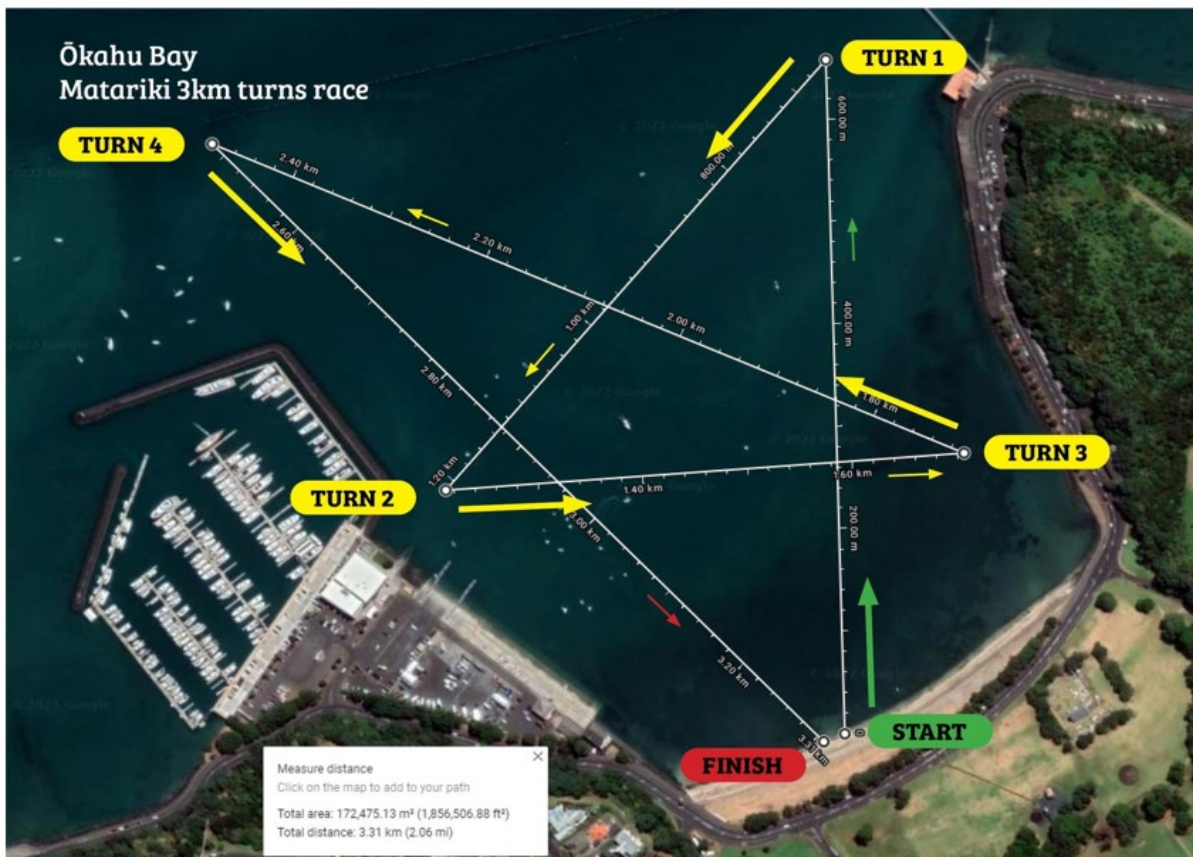
- All enquiries please email: [oceanbluesports@gmail.com](mailto:oceanbluesports@gmail.com)
- All urgent matters please call: **02108336804**

### COURSE MAPS

- High tide: 16.56pm                      Low tide: 10.25am
- Sunset: 5.21pm                              Sunrise: 7.31am

### RACE COURSE NOTES

- Turns 1, 2 and 4 are the yellow 5km speed limit buoys
- Turn 3 is the pole near Hammerheads
- Give way to waka in front of you and to your right
- Do not attempt a turn inside another waka at Turn 3





VENDORS

We have the following vendors and health service providers

**Heart Foundation** – who will be offering free heart checks

**Stroke Foundation** - will raise awareness through their F.A.S.T campaign and offer free blood pressure checks

**Drowning Prevention** - providing a demonstration of bystander rescue.



**Emmett technique** by Te Kora o Mahuika – gentle muscle manipulation for all age groups

Book your appointment for this wonderful, non-invasive treatment for your aches and pains

Click here to book <https://form.jotform.com/231636802260046>

We have the following food vendors



Collect your pre-ordered shirts from the event



There is also Entertainment for the kids

Giant Slide



Ball Pit



Face Painting

