



10th Pearl of the North
Saturday 21 October 2023
Tapuaetahi Beach
Kaihoe o Ngāti Rēhia Trust - Waka Ama Club
Pānui 1

EVENT SUMMARY

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Kaihoe o Ngāti Rēhia Trust - Waka Ama Club invite you all to participate in our 10th Annual Pearl of the North Regatta at Tapuaetahi Beach, Te Tii.

This year we incorporate a very special memorial race 'The Jimmy Lawrence Memorial Race'. Jimmy is hugely missed within our whānau. Tangata ngākau mahaki, tangata kaha ki te mahi, tangata whaiwhakaaro ki tōna whānau me tōna hāpori. Jims had such a huge heart and this year

Like previous years, the course is designed to be inclusive to novice and seasoned kaihoe. Tapuaetahi has a unique contour, in which we can incorporate short, medium or long distance races. The water is divine and the spectators can take in the action for most part of the event.

Whitiora marae is available for accommodation, space is limited. For more information, please contact Uncle Danny.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

EVENT SCHEDULE

7.30am	Registration, waka drop off & safety checks
9.00am	Karakia - Whakataua
9.15am	Race & safety briefings
9.45am	Racing starts
3.00pm	Racing finishes
3.30pm	Prizegiving and Kai at Whitiora Marae
4.00pm	Closing Karakia

RACE SCHEDULE

Time	Race
9.15am	Race Briefing (If the weather is fine all race briefings will be held together. If weather changes, we'll have individual race briefings before each race)
9.45am	Race Start - V1 & V2 - 12km Jimmy Lawrence Memorial Race



11.30am	Race Start 2 - V6 12km
1pm	Race Start - W6 24km

RACE DAY INFORMATION

Car Parking: Is available at the beach, but we ask whānau to please carpool as parking is limited. There is space at Whitiara Marae if you wish to leave your car there and carpool over.

Trailer parking: Trailer parking will be available at the venue, but please follow the parking wardens directions, as space is limited.

Food: All registered paddlers will receive a kai ticket. Each kai ticket represents one kai parcel.

Please note: Spectators are advised to bring your own kai as kai tickets will not be sold on the day.

Toilets: Toilets will be located far right of parking (same place as last time)

First Aid: First Aid will be available at the registration tent, please ask Soph. We will also have several doctors at the venue.

Rubbish/Recycling: We encourage you to please take what you bring. However, the main rubbish and recycling station is located by the administration area, the toilets and two other locations on site.

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 landing and will be clearly signed with entry & exit
- Trailer parking will be signed and parking wardens will help direct you.

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 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

WAKA	DISTANCE	DIVISIONS	GENDER
W1 - W6	12km	J16, J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men & Women
W6	12km	J16, J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, Women, Mixed
W6	24km	J16, J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, Women, Mixed



FEES

PER PERSON	
Event	Cost
Per Person (12km, W1/W2/W6)	\$40
V2 - 12km (If this is the only event you are doing)	\$80 per team, \$40 per person
Per person (24km, W6)	\$50
NB. If you have registered in a W6 race, then	your W1/W2 race is free

ONLINE ENTRIES & PAYMENT

- Online entries are to be completed using the Waka Ama NZ online entry system.
- 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 Tuesday 17 October 2023
- Rosters close on Thursday 19 October 2023, rosters must be completed by close date, no exceptions
- Once entered, payment can be made online to:
 - Kaihoe o Ngati Rehia
 - [REDACTED] 12-3091-0219174-00
 - Use your club, team name and division as your reference

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- All waka must be Safety Checked
- 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 kaihoengatirehia@gmail.com or hand in at administration on the day
- Individual & Team waivers can be found on our event page on the Waka Ama NZ website

CONTACT INFORMATION

- All enquiries please email: kaihoengatirehia@gmail.com
- All urgent matters please call: **Soph 0272405490**
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/156538157714816>

COURSE MAPS

- Low tide: 5:56 am
- High tide: 1pm

