



32nd Portage Crossing 24th February 2024

Waitemata & Manukau harbour

Waka Ama NZ Pānui 1

EVENT SUMMARY

Waka Ama NZ welcome you to the 32nd 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, on the 24th of February 2024, 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 32 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

6.00am	Registration, w6 waka drop off Friday or Sat morning, & safety checks. W1s come Saturday morning.
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 Okahu Bay
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 Panmure Wharf
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
W6 w12	4km	J16, Novice section	Men & Women
W6	18km	J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, Women, Mixed

FEES

PER PERSON BY AGE DIVISION (charged *one fee* according to age on race day)

Age Division	Cost
J16	\$10.00
J19	\$20.00
Open	\$20.00
Master	\$20.00
Senior Master	\$20.00
Golden Master	\$20.00
Novice section	\$20.00
Rowing section and K1 and other crafts	\$20.00
Waka Taua, waka tete, waka kopapa	Team concessions TBA

ONLINE ENTRIES & PAYMENT

- Online entries are to be completed using the Waka Ama NZ online entry system.
- Other crafts i.e. not waka ama can register under portage crossing trust.
- 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 21st February 2024
- Rosters close on 22nd February 2024, rosters must be completed by close date, no exceptions.
- Once entered, payment can be made online to:
 - Portage Crossing Traditional Canoeing & Sailing Trust
 - 03-1506-0203459-000
 - 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
- 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