



Matariki Challenge
Friday 28th June 2024
Hosted by Ocean Blue Sports Club
Okahu Bay, Auckland
Pānui 1

EVENT SUMMARY

Ocean Blue Sports welcomes you to the Matariki “Hiwa-i-te-Rangi” Challenge to be held at Okahu Bay, Auckland, 28th June 2024. 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 this year.

RACE DAY FORMAT

- This event is a W6 Turns “Shoot Out”
- Races consist of up to 10 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

EVENT SCHEDULE

9.00am	Registration & Safety checks
9.30am	Karakia
9.45am	Race Briefing
10.00am	Racing commences
2.00pm	Racing completed
2.30pm	Prizegiving commences
3.00pm	Prizegiving ends
3.30pm	Return waka to Marine centre

RACE SCHEDULE

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

Time	Race
10.00am	Race 1
10.30am	Race 2
11.00am	Race 3
11.30am	Race 4
12.00pm	Race 1A
12.30pm	Race 2A
1.00pm	Race 3A
1.30pm	Race 4A



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	1.5km	Intermediates	Mixed
W6	3.0km	(J16, J19) Open, Master	Mixed

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

Race Division	Cost
Intermediate	\$25.00
J16, J19	\$35.00
Open, Master	\$55.00

Entry fee includes Waka Hire, BBQ kai and Prizegiving

ONLINE ENTRIES & PAYMENT

- Online entries are to be completed using the Waka Ama NZ online entry system.
- <https://www.wakaama.co.nz/racecalendar>
- 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 24th June**
- Rosters close on **Wednesday 26th June**, 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 will 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 cell phone 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>

CONTACT INFORMATION

- All enquiries please email: oceanbluesports@gmail.com
- All urgent matters please call: **02108336804**

COURSE MAPS

- High tide: 12.14pm Low tide: 18.12pm
- Sunrise: 7.35am Sunset: 5.13pm

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

- See next page



