



Pearl of the North

Saturday 26th October 2024, Tapuwaetahi Beach, Te Tii

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 Annual Pearl of the North Regatta at Tapuwaetahi Beach, Te Tii.

This year we continue to remember Aunty Mere Taylor-Tuiloma with the 'Ringa Manaaki Hāpori Award' which will be awarded to a Waka Ama Volunteer who has been nominated by whānau. Someone who demonstrates all the 'TANGA' ie: Manaakitanga, whanaungatanga and everything that kaiāwhina within Waka Life demonstrates.

We also remember our Boy Jimmy with the very special memorial race 'The Jimmy Lawrence Memorial V1 Race'. He was very humble, a hard worker, quiet, but most of all he was always doing the mahi in the background and doing all the things that needed to be done without being told.

Like previous years, the course is designed to be inclusive to novice and seasoned kaihoe. Tapuwaetahi 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, Te Tii is available for accommodation. Priority will be given to those who have travelled afar, but there is plenty of space. Please contact Soph for more details kaihoengatirehia@gmail.com 0272405490.

Nau mai, haere mai ki Ngāti Rēhie where the manaakitanga is AWWWWN Point!!..

EVENT SCHEDULE

7.00am	Registration, waka drop off & safety checks
9.00am	Karakia - Whakatau
9.15am	Race & safety briefings
9.45am	Racing Starts
3.30pm	Racing finishes
4.00pm	Prizegiving at Whitiora Marae
4.30pm	Closing Karakia

RACE SCHEDULE

Time	Race
8:30am	Race Briefing – Race 1
9:45am	Race Start – W6/W4 24km
12:30pm	Race Start – W6/W4 10 - 12km
2:00 pm	Race Start – V1/V2 10 – 12km
3:30pm	Races Finish



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 or Friday if organised with Uncle Danny.
- Waka drop off will be in the reserve, as per recent years. There will be signage, but please follow the parking wardens instructions.
- Trailer parking will be signposted and parking wardens will 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
V1	8 - 10km	J16, J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men & Women
V2	8 - 10km	J16, J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men & Women & Mixed
W4	10 - 12km	J16, J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, Women, Mixed
W4	24km	J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men & Women & Mixed
W6	10 – 12km	J16, J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men & Women & Mixed
W6	24km	J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men & Women & Mixed



Event Fees

PER PERSON BY EVENT	
Event	Cost
V1	\$40
V2	\$40
W4	\$40
W6 10 – 12km	\$40
W6 24km	\$50

Please Note: If you are entered into multiple races, you will only be charged one race fee.

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 **Wednesday 23 October 2024**
- Rosters close on **Wednesday 23 October 2024** rosters must be completed by close date, no exceptions
- Once entered, payment can be made online to:
 - Kaihoe o Ngati Rehia
 - 12-3091-0219174-00
 - Use your team name and division as your reference

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- All waka must be Safety Checked
- All J16 and any Novice paddlers must wear their life jacket while competing
- 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 handed in at the managers meeting 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: 9:36am
- High tide: 3:50pm

