



Ngā Tai e Whā o Taranaki, *Dan Fraser Memorial*

Saturday 8 March 2025

New Plymouth Yacht Club, Oceanview Parade, Ngāmotu Beach, New Plymouth

Panui 1

Dan Fraser



In this race we remember our mate, Dan Fraser, a true legend in the surfing and waka ama community, who left us too soon on July 2nd, 2023. Dan embodied the very essence of our club – Culture, Competition, Lifestyle, and Heart.

Dan was one of the "good ones", a character, next level hard core on the water and off. He pushed limits and encouraged us to go hard, always ready to help and have a shared laugh. He was more than a fellow paddler; he was an integral part of our club whānau. His sudden passing leaves an empty space that cannot be filled.

In 2023, we achieved a milestone with our first race, and Dan was at the core of that success. From the early planning stages to sorting out the racecourse, keeping an eye on the conditions, and ensuring everyone stayed safe, Dan was there every step of the way. His legacy is woven into the fabric of our club and this race. Haere rā e hoa, your paddle strokes may be silent, but the ripples of your impact will forever be felt in Ngā Tai e Whā o Taranaki.

Event Summary

This event showcases the best of Taranaki conditions and provides a warmup opportunity before Long Distance Nationals on 24 April 2025.

This event will be based at the New Plymouth Yacht club situated at the western end of Ngāmotu Beach. Registration and administration will be inside the yacht club.

Race Details

Race1: Short Course	8 -11km	W6 Women / Men / Mixed W1 &W2 Women / Men / Mixed
Race2: Long Course	19 -22km	Women / Men / Mixed

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please register your intent to race online with Waka Ama NZ

AND

email the registration and event waiver form to Rosie, Race Admin at rosie.taranakiocc@gmail.com

All participants (teams and individual) must complete an event waiver. The event waiver is included as part of the Registration and Event Waiver Form and can be found online here: [Ngā Tai e Whā o Taranaki](#)

Early completion and submission will speed things up on race day.

Race Fee:

\$25.00 per person for 1 Race \$35.00 for 2 Races

Payments

Please pay by direct credit to:
Taranaki Outrigger Canoe Club
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Please put the following details to identify your payment:

Payment Identifiers	Required info	Example
Particulars -	Club Name	Taranaki OCC
Code -	Race & Waka Hire	Short & Waka
Reference -	Team Name	Wairere

Refund Policy

- No refunds will be given for any withdrawals after 2 March 2025
- No refund will be given if the event is cancelled due to a natural disaster or extreme weather

Race Day Schedule

0630	Opening karakia
0645	Registration desk open Waka safety checks for Race 1
0800	Race 1 briefing
0830	First race start
0900	Waka checks for race 2 available
1000	Race 2 race briefing.
1030	Race 2 start
Sunrise	7.14 am
Tides	High 5.40am 2.7m Low 1200 noon 1.2m

Due to outgoing tide on race day, race start times may be earlier on the day.

Race 2 will be started as soon as possible after Race 1 is complete.

Competitors from out of town are encouraged to be in New Plymouth the night before to ensure that they do not miss their races.

Kai will be available once all Race 2 competitors safely return (expected to be 12.30).

Prize giving shortly after kai.

Race Day Safety Information

This is an Open Sea Race and conditions may change quickly. The event is well supported by safety boats and persons.

Race times are on an outgoing tide with Race 2 at low tide. There are a number of reefs near the race route. These will be marked by a buoy and highlighted in the race briefing.

Crews need to be prepared for these conditions so:

- Full PFD is required. No horseshoe or belt lifejackets will be accepted.
- Spray skirts must be available for the waka. Crews will be provided information on sea and wind conditions and requirement for skirts on race day.
- It is recommended that a spare paddle and spare steerer is on each waka.

Each team must assign a Captain and provide a cell phone number that will be on the waka during the race. This is a part of the safety and rescue procedures for this open sea event.

Competitors Ability

We are providing opportunities for experienced and capable crews aged 19 and above. The term “experienced” means that teams and individuals have experience in OPEN SEA conditions.

All Clubs are responsible for ensuring that all paddlers are fit and competent in the race that they have been entered into.

The Race Director has the discretion to withdraw a team or an individual who is found to be unfit or unprepared to complete the race.

Venue: Ngāmotu Beach



Ngāmotu Beach has great facilities for a whanau day out. Great playground for the kids, large grassed, area for picnic/gazebos etc. Safe Swimming Beach.

Kai: Hot kai for all paddlers is included in the race fee and will be provided inside the Yacht Club after the race.

Supporters and spectators are welcome to purchase kai from local cafes/restaurants.

Toilets: Toilets are available inside the Yacht Club and also at the Playground at Ngāmotu Beach.

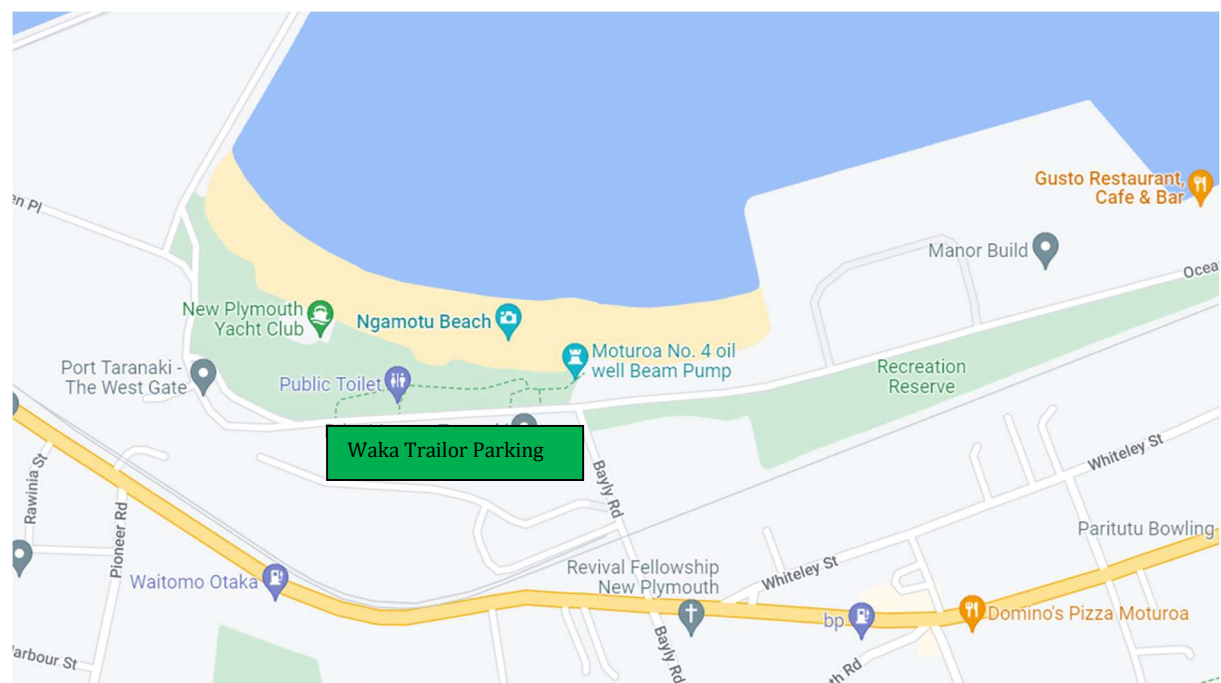
First Aid: First Aid will be available at the registration tent, via main driveway.

Rubbish/Recycling: We encourage you to please take what you bring. However, the main rubbish and recycling station is located by the childrens playground.

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

Please respect our Beaches and be a tidy kiwi.

Parking of Waka & Trailers Ocean View Parade Moturoa



Waka Hireage

For any queries on waka hireage, please contact Rosie, Race Admin, 027 7567174, rosie.taranakiocc@gmail.com

Local Accommodation Options:

There are many local accommodation options including:
Belt Road Seaside Holiday Park – 1km from Ngamotu
Fitzroy Beach Holiday Park – 6km away
Oakura Beach Camp - 15km away
The Dawson Motel -7km away
Bella Vista Accomodation 7km away

Merchandise:

Race shirts for women, men and kids are available for pre-order here –
<https://www.gamechanger.org.nz/danfrasermemorialrace>



Any queries please contact:

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