

AORERE SPLASH
15th & 16th March 2025
Kaitereterere/Abel Tasman National Park
Motueka Waka Ama Club
Pānui 1

EVENT SUMMARY

Motueka waka ama club welcomes you to make a splash with us at the South Island's new changeover event held along the tranquil shores of Te Tai o Aorere (Abel Tasman National Park).

This annual changeover event has both 52km and 32km course options and on Sunday a 20km (2x 5km each) W1/W2 relay race to the famous Tokangawhā (Split Apple Rock)

This iconic event will take you and your team on an adventure to remember along an ancient waka highway past remote beaches, and unique golden granite coastlines, through marine reserves and uninhabited pest and predator free islands. We guarantee you will feel satisfied and refreshed after experiencing what this coastline has to offer.

Please note: The Safety Boat briefing will be held on Friday evening 7pm Bethany Park office 88 Martin Farm Road, Kaiteriteri 7197 - **Support Boat Skippers must attend**

EVENT 1

SAT 15TH	W6 52 KM & 32 KM RACES
7:00am	Unloading / Rigging waka at the Northern end of Kaitereterere
8:00am	Karakia
8.15am	Race & safety briefings
8:30am	Support boats and crew depart for Women's and Mixed race
8:45am	Women's and Mixed 52km & 32km race start
9:00am	Support boats and crew depart for Mens race
9:15am	Mens 52km & 32km race start
6:00pm	Prizegiving and Kai at Riwaka Hotel, Main Road, Riwaka, Motueka 7198

EVENT 2

Sun 16th	W1 & W2 RELAY RACE
8.30am	Rigging and Safety Checks
9.00am	Race Briefing
9:15am	Race Start (All divisions)
12:00pm	Prizegiving and closing of event

TROPHIES & MEDALS

- Only first place will receive a trophy in the W6 event.
- W1/W2 1st, 2nd, 3rd, will receive medals

Please note: there needs to be a minimum of 3 other(s) competing in your division to receive a Trophy or medal.

RACE DAY INFORMATION

Trailer parking: Trailer parking will be in the Kaitereterere carpark on your left as you enter Kaitereterere.

Food: We encourage you to bring your own healthy kai, however there are cafes and restaurants and a general store within walking distance from the beach.

Toilets: Toilets are located across from the beach near the playground and boat wash up area.

First Aid: First Aid will be available at the registration tent and on all support boats

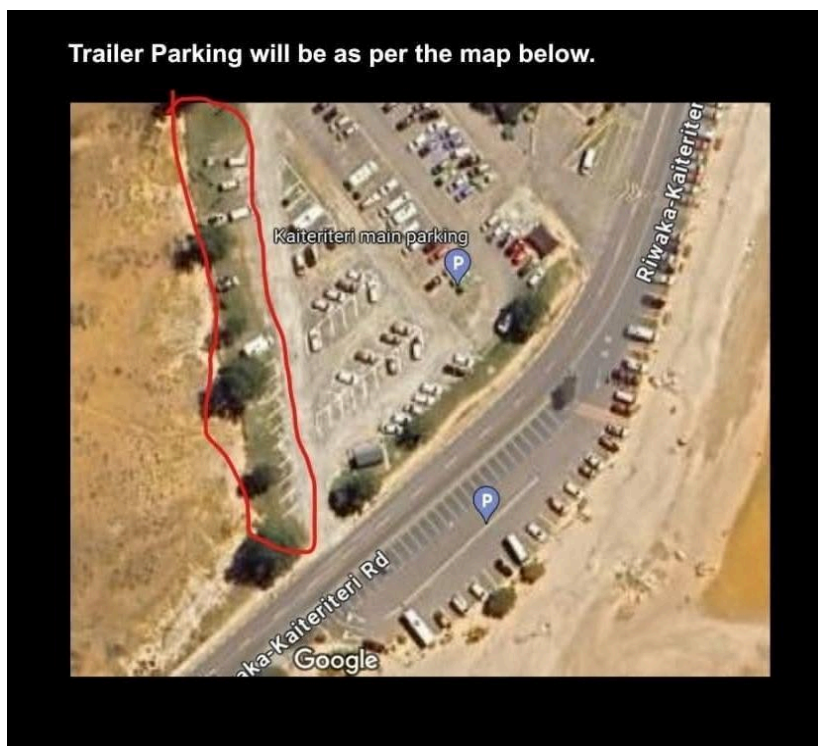
Rubbish/Recycling: We encourage you to please take what you bring. However, there are rubbish bins provided and a recycling station in the main car park.

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 7.00am on the event day
- Waka drop off will be on the beach on the Northern side of the boat ramp
- Trailer parking is in the main Kaitereterere carpark



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 & SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

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](#)

CREWS

- Men's crew - 9 Male paddlers only.
- Women's crew - 10 Female paddlers only.
- Mixed crews – 10 Paddlers with a maximum of 5 Male paddlers.
- **All paddlers are to be over the age of 16.**
- All International paddlers must have approved international insurance.
- No replacement of original paddlers is permitted once racing has commenced unless signed off by the Race Director.

In addition all paddlers must be able to meet the following requirements:

- Be able to swim unaided for minimum of 50 metres
- Be fit enough and competent enough to compete and finish the race
- Have previously competed in a waka ama ocean race
- Be competent in righting and bailing an overturned or swamped craft
- Have sufficient nutritional liquids for the duration of the race
- Wear a lifejacket at all times if required
- At least half of your team need to be experienced kaihoe paddlers

CANOES

- All Canoes need to be seaworthy and have had rigging, kiato, ama, and hull checked over by race staff.
- Bailers and/or other systems to remove water from the canoe need to be checked also.
- Skirts and hoops are mandatory.
- Spare steering blade.
- Canoe numbers will be issued at registration and must be prominent and readable on the bow of canoes.
- Standard tow ropes (12mm rope 20/25 metres in length) must be fixed to the front kiato.
- Each team must be proficient in the procedure of rigging and towing their canoe.
- Paddles must be single bladed and may otherwise be of any shape and material.

Required Items to be onboard your canoe:

- 1x Canoe number displayed on the bow
- 1x Spray Skirt
- 1x MSA Approved Flare
- 6x MSA Approved Life Jackets
- 2x Spare Paddles
- 2x Spare lashings
- 1x Tow rope
- 2x Bailers

Electronic bilge pumps are encouraged

The Aorere Splash team shall have the final decision on approving or disapproving any equipment or canoes.

START PROCEDURE

All paddlers who are not in the starting six will need to board their support craft 15 mins before the race start.

Marathon Race canoes will line up on the waters edge or between designated buoys, depending on weather conditions. Steerers will stand beside their Canoe until the Race start - Flag & Horn if it's a beach start, otherwise it will be a normal deep water start.

Any crew over the line or steerer not standing beside their Canoe when the race commences may be disqualified or subject to time penalty at the Race Director's discretion.

THE COURSE

From race start, the teams will turn left around the green reef marker coming out of Kaiteretera then continue towards Ngaio Island following the land side of Ngaio, teams will turn North towards the Astrolabe roadstead on the land side of both Motuareroiti / Fisherman Island and Motuareronui / Adele Island.

On approach to Motuareroiti / Fisherman Island, teams will be allowed to make their first changeover once past the designated buoy. From here teams will continue North into the Abel Tasman National Park and make change overs as planned by your team.

Teams must follow a clockwise course staying on the coastal side of the Pinnacle and Tonga Islands. Once around Awaroa Head, teams will make a right (non ama) turn at the yellow turning buoy near Awaroa beach and return to Kaiteretera, keeping all islands on your right side.

The final changeover needs to take place before the yellow inflatable buoy on the Eastern side of Motuareroiti / Fisherman Island.

The same rules apply for the 32km changeover going the same direction. However the turning point for the 32km teams will be at sea around the yellow inflatable buoy off Foul point, past Mosquito Bay, between Pinnacle and Tonga Islands.

Please note that the course and turning points may change if the Race Director deems necessary for safety reasons and/or if weather on the day changes.

CHANGEOVERS

- The first Changeover point for canoes will be between Tokangawhā / Split Apple Rock and Motuareroiti / Fisherman Island.
- Further changes will be at the discretion of the teams.
- On the return the last change must be made before the yellow inflatable triangle buoy after passing Motuareroiti / Fisherman Island.
- All changeovers must be made from the water
- No support boats are to be within 20m of any canoe at any time, other than in the case of an emergency.

RACE COURSE

There will be an alternate course if the Race Director rules unsafe conditions. The Final Course will be determined on Friday, and will be outlined at the race briefing that evening and again on Saturday.

**** Maps - 52 km Course, 32km Course, and Relay Course Maps can be found on page 9**

Alternate Race Day - If the forecasted weather conditions make the race unsafe, an alternate course will be used. If this is also not possible, the backup day is Sunday the 16th of March.

SUPPORT BOAT INFORMATION

The following information is for all crews & the Support Boat crew in the 52km and 32km event

Support Boat Briefing: Friday the 14th of March, 7pm at the Bethany Park Holiday camp, Kaitereterere

Minimum Requirements for a Support Boat - The following criterion is in compliance with the rules set by the Aorere Splash organisers and must be followed.

- Vessels must be a minimum of 5m in length
- Vessels must be seaworthy and must be able to safely carry all team paddlers and support boat crew members.
- A 10-15 metre rope with a buoy to help retrieve swimmers is an excellent option, and should be carried.
- Vessels must be fully fuelled and mechanically sound
- Vessels must be equipped with all safety gear, including personal flotation devices for ALL passengers, a first aid kit, bailing equipment, flares, VHF Radio, boarding ladder and oars.
- All Operators must be aware of and comply with all applicable Water Safety Regulations and Requirements
- All Operators must be aware of and comply with the Event's Official Race Rules.
- All Support Boats must have a competent operator.

Crew Support Boat Information

We will need the following information on your support boat, **sent in no later than Monday 10th March 2025.**

This information is a requirement of Maritime NZ, and must be supplied to the Event Manager.

- Skippers Name
- Skippers Email
- Skippers Mobile
- Boat Type
- Boat Name
- Boat Age
- Boat Size
- Engine Type
- Engine Age
- VHF Call sign
- Passenger capacity
- Waka ama club/team that you are supporting

To register your crew support boat details fill in the link: [click here](#)

COMMUNICATIONS

All support boats must be equipped with two-way VHF radio. Any entry without proper two-way communication will not be allowed to participate.

We will also ask for the skippers mobile number as a backup.

The appropriate emergency channel for communication will be advised in the Support Boat Briefing.

SUPPORT BOAT BRIEFING & WAIVER

Prior to the race, all Support Boat drivers will be sent the Support Boat Briefing and a Support Boat Waiver form. Please ensure the Support Boat Operators read and understand these documents.

Support Boat Waiver is available on the WANZ event page - [Aorere Splash 2025](#)
Please send this form to aoreresplash@gmail.com or hand it in on Friday at the briefing.

SUPPORT BOAT RACE REQUIREMENTS & ETIQUETTE

- Support boats are to proceed to the first change over point 15 mins before the Race start, and wait on the West side of the designated 1st change point.
- All changeovers must be made from the water. No support boats within 20m of any canoe, except during an emergency.
- Towing of canoes is not permitted, except during an emergency
- Support craft MUST NOT reverse up to paddlers in the water.
- All support craft must have their MOTOR TURNED OFF when picking up paddlers.
- First changeover point for canoes will be after passing the designated point.
- Further changes will be at the discretion of the crew.
- Support Vessels MAY NOT use megaphones or loud hailers for any purpose whatsoever, except in the case of an emergency.
- Support Boat Drivers have absolute discretion as to where they will manoeuvre their vessels when making changeovers.
- Any impedance of a canoe by any means by a support boat (eg. wash or causing the canoe to alter course) will result in either a time penalty or disqualification being applied to the support boat's canoe at the discretion of the Race Director.

Race Officials have the power to act and disqualify any crew:

- whose actions, be it in their canoe or support craft, impede other crews, and/or
- who do not regard the safety of their own members or other competing crews, and/or
- whose support craft does not meet the event criteria.

LAUNCHING & ANCHORING

Support Boats may be launched from the Kaiteretera boat ramp, and a secondary option to launch your support boats is Stephens Bay

AGE DIVISIONS, EVENTS & FEES

WAKA	DISTANCE	DIVISIONS	GENDER
W1/W2	20 km	Open	Men/Women/Mixed
W6	52 km	Open	Men/Women/Mixed
W6	32 km	Open	Men/Women/Mixed

EVENT	FEES
Open W6 52 km	\$750
Open W6 32 km	\$750
Open W1/W2 20km	\$40pp

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 **09/03/24**
- Rosters close on **12/03/24** rosters must be completed by close date, no exceptions
- Once entered, payment can be made online to:
 - Motueka Waka Ama Club
 - 03-1354-0487391-00
 - Use your club, team name as reference.

DINNER & PRIZEGIVING

Inclusive of your entry fee is dinner on Saturday night, at the **The Riwaka Hotel**, Main Road, Riwaka, Motueka 7198, from 6pm onwards. Prizegiving for Saturday's races will be held at this time.

W1/W2 prizegiving will be held at Kaiteretera beach midday on Sunday 16th.

INDIVIDUAL & TEAM WAIVERS

- Individual and Team waivers must be completed by all paddlers/teams
- Waivers can be sent to aoresplash@gmail.com or handed in at the safety boat meeting on Friday night.
- Individual & Team waivers can be found on the event page on the Waka Ama NZ website <https://www.wakaama.co.nz/racecalendar/lookup/2301>

CONTACT INFORMATION

- All enquiries please email: aoresplash@gmail.com
- All urgent matters please call Callum Sebualala : **0274 336878**
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/15ozSTMYB5/>

COURSE MAPS

W6 52km & 32km



W1/W2 20km
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2x 5km per