



2025

# HEADS TO HARBOUR RACE PĀNUI



**Saturday, 8th March 2025**



**Race Registration - 8am**



**Race Start - 11am**

**Location to be advised 06.03.25**



**Whakatāne**

Experience the thrill of 21km ocean paddling by pushing your limits in this epic challenge. Get ready to test your skills, endurance, and determination as you compete with like-minded paddlers who are as addicted to paddling as you are. This is a race for paddlers by paddlers, aiming to have a great time together, out on the water. We look forward to seeing you out there!

Why not stay a while. Whakatāne or Ōhope, have great options, if you want to book a camp site or cabin then Ōhope is where you want to look. Motels are everywhere in Whakatāne and the options for Air BnB are endless at both locations. Make a weekend of it!

## RACE COURSE

We can't predict the weather or ask the wind to be behind our backs, but we will chose the best race course of the day to get the best of your time while on the water. We plan to let everyone know the course, the Wednesday of race week. This will either be, Whakatāne **HEADS to** Ōhope **HARBOUR** OR the opposite way.

## RACE UPDATES

Keep a look out on our Facebook page and Instagram, for regular updates. We will send out an email 2 days before race day. Any last minute changes will be texted to you, the night before and/or on race day.



**Race Director**

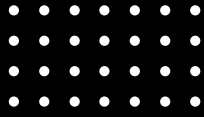
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# RACE DAY



**8:00AM**

REGISTRATION

**9:00AM**

SAFETY CHECKS

**10:00AM**

RACE BRIEFING

**11:00AM**

WAKA RACE START

**11:15AM**

SKI RACE START

**4:00PM**

PRIZEGIVING

You will need to arrange your own shuttle to the finish line. Allow plenty of time for this.

Don't be late to the start line. The timer will start without you!

## PRIZEGIVING VENUE

Mata Brewery Bar & Restaurant  
17 Gateway Crescent  
Whakatāne











# STAY SAFE!



## SAFETY EQUIPMENT IS COMPULSARY

Safety check is required to get on the start line.

-  **PDF**
  - WAKA – Worn or easily accessible.
  - SKI – Must wear.
-  **LEG LEASH**
  - WAKA & SKI – To be attached to you!
-  **SPARE PADDLE**
  - WAKA – Easy to release and access.
  - SKI – excluded from race rule.
-  **MOBILE/VHF or FLARE**
  - WAKA & SKI – Waterproof case required for mobile. Phone to be charged!
-  **SELF DRAINING or BAILER**
  - WAKA – Rudderless require bailer.
  - Foot pump not exempt from rule.
-  **Hydration is important!**
  - Energy snacks could be needed.