



Pānui 1: Ngā Mata o Te Ariki Tāwhirimātea Race Saturday 21 June 2025

EVENT SUMMARY

This event celebrates Ngā Mata o te Ariki Tāwhirimātea - the large cluster of stars that signify the start of the Māori New Year.

This event is a collaboration between different sports codes based around the southern end of the Wellington Harbour – Evans Bay/Akau Tangi promoting water safety, environmental awareness and marine conservation.

We will be offering a short race (8 to 10 k), and a long race (16 to 20 k). Each race will be open to all divisions (open, masters, senior masters, golden masters), craft type (W1, W2, W4, and W6) and genders (men, woman and mixed).

We welcome you and your whānau to join us for this event.

EVENT SCHEDULE

7.30am	Registration, waka drop off & safety checks
8.15am	Karakia and race briefing (Race 1)
8.30am	Racing starts
9.45am	Karakia and race briefing (Race 2)
10.00am	Racing starts

RACE SCHEDULE

Time	Race
8.15am	Race Briefing – Race 1
8.30am	Race Start – Race 1
9.45am	Race Briefing – Race 2
10.00am	Race Start – Race 2

RACE DAY INFORMATION

Car and Trailer Parking: Parking is available at the Evans Bay Boat Ramp, by the Coast Guard.

Food: We encourage you to bring your own healthy kai, however we will offer kai at the end of racing

Toilets: Toilets are located past the Coast Guard and Evans Bay Boat Ramp.

First Aid: First Aid will be available at the registration tent.

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.

WAKA DROP OFF & SAFETY CHECKS

Waka Drop off:

- Waka drop off will be available from 7.00am on the event day
- Waka drop off and trailer parking will be as indicated on the plan below



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

Race 1

WAKA	DISTANCE	DIVISIONS	GENDER
W1	8 km	Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, women & mixed
W2	8 km	Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, women & mixed
W4	8 km	Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, women & mixed
W6	8 km	Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, women & mixed

Race 2

WAKA	DISTANCE	DIVISIONS	GENDER
W1	15 km	Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, women & mixed
W2	15 km	Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, women & mixed
W4	15 km	Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, women & mixed



W6	15 km	Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, women & mixed
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FEES

PER PERSON BY EVENT (*charged for each event entered*)

Event	Cost
Race 1	\$20.00
Race 2	\$20.00

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 **Tuesday 16 June 2025**
- Rosters close on **Wednesday 17 June 2025**, rosters must be completed by close date, no exceptions
- Once entered, payment can be made online to:
 - Tai Tonga 41
 - 38-9011-0013609-00
 - Use your club, team name and division as your reference

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- All waka must be Safety Checked
- All waka 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 ***taitonga41@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: ***taitonga41@gmail.com***
- All urgent matters please call: ***027 310 1587***