

RACE FROM MANGERE BRIDGE TO FRENCH BAY & BACK!



EVENT SUMMARY

Portage Crossing Trust welcomes you to an exciting event on the mighty Manukau Harbour at Mangere Bridge. The event caters for our waka ama community during our spring months as we approach the beginning of our sprints season.

We are utilizing the Mangere Bridge Boating Clubrooms for our base and for refreshments, food, and prize-giving at the conclusion of racing.

The first event is a 4km course where paddlers will complete 2 laps. This is designed for seniors. J16, J19, Novice and mixed sections. The entire race can be viewed from spectators positioning at Mangere bridge Boat Club. Bring your gazebo and chairs

The second wave is a 18km course which is from Mangere Bridge Boat Club to French Bay in Titirangi and back. This course is for all senior paddlers divisions, as well as mixed categories. The history of this location extends back to the Tainui waka sailing vessel, which crossed the isthmus at Otahuhu now called Portage Road. The Māori name for Portage Crossing, given to us by Te Kei O Te WakaTainui trust is Te Taahuhutanga o te waka Tainui.



New medals with Māori name for Portage Crossing 'Te Taahuhutanga O Te Waka Tainui'

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EVENT SCHEDULE

6.00am	Waka drops off & safety checks. Waka can also be dropped off on Friday night at Mangere Bridge Boat Club Kiwi Esplanade parade, car park.
7.00am	Registration
7.30am	Karakia
7.45am	Race 1 briefing by Race Director/Jessie Papalii Rescue boat briefing by Walter Tongiamua
8.00am	Race 1 starts for 8km (x2 laps of a 4km course). Race for Seniors, Novice and Junior sections including mixed categories
8.30.am	Race 2 briefing Alf Motu
9.00am	Race 2 starts for 18km Mangere Bridge Boat Club to French Bay All senior divisions W6 including mixed
11-30am	Prize giving, food and refreshments
12.30pm	Closing Karakia

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RACE SCHEDULE

Time	Race
7.45am	Race Briefing – Mangere Bridge Boating Club Kiwi Esplanade
8.00am	Race 1 Start – Seniors W6 J16 J19 Novice & mixed
8.30pm	Race brief for 18km race
9.00am	Race 2 Start - W6 all senior categories including mixed
11.30am	Prize giving refreshments & food

RACE INFORMATION

Car Parking: Parking is available by street parking and parking in Mangere Bridge Boat Club Kiwi Esplanade. Please note all parking is under Auckland Council management, you will need to read the signs and park accordingly.

Trailer parking: Trailer parking will be in the Mangere Boat Club parking and associated grounds.

Food: We encourage you to bring your own healthy kai, however a small range of food vendors will be available onsite to purchase healthy kai. Food and soup will be provided to paddlers and their support team after races.

Toilets: Toilets are located on site and at Mangere Bridge Boating Club.

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

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

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 can be dropped off on Friday 17th October as well as early Saturday Morning.

- Waka drops off will be available from 6.00am on the event day
- Waka drops off will be on the beach front at Mangere Bridge Boat Club Kiwi Esplanade, landing and will be clearly signed with entry & exit
- Trailer parking is in the car park and associated grounds clearly marked.

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.

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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
W6	8km (2x 4km laps)	J16, J19, Novice section	Men, Women, Mixed LGBTQ
W6	18km	J19, and All senior divisions	Men, Women, Mixed LGBTQ

FEES

PER PERSON BY AGE DIVISION <i>(charged one fee according to age on race day)</i>	
Age Division	Cost
J16	\$10.00
J19	\$20.00
Open - GM	\$30.00
Novice	\$30.00

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 Tues 14th October 25**
- Contingency date if weather conditions poor, cancellation
- **Rosters close on Wed 15th October 25 midnight**, rosters must be completed by close date, no exceptions
- Once entered, payment can be made online to:
 - Portage Crossing Traditional Canoeing & Sailing Association
 - 03 1506 0203459 000
 - Use your club, team name and division as your reference

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SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- All waka must be Safety Checked
- Paddlers are encouraged to wear warm undergarments
- All Junior (J16 & J19) and Senior (Open and above) must have the following safety equipment for their races:
 - PFD - Personal Floatation Device (per person)
 - 2x Bailers
 - Flare or cell phone in waterproof case
 - Two Spare Paddles
 - Spray Skirt
 - Tow Rope

INDIVIDUAL & TEAM WAIVERS

- 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 portagecrossingtrust@gmail.com or handed in at registration on the day
- Team waivers can be found on our [event page](#) on the Waka Ama NZ website

CONTACT INFORMATION

- All enquiries please email: portagecrossingtrust@gmail.com
- All urgent matters please call race director Jesse Papali'i 021 117 1732

TIDES / COURSE MAPS

- High tide: Onehunga 09.16am

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MAP - 8km Course



MAP - 18km Course

