



2025 Auckland W1 Sprint Regionals



Pānui 2

*Tēnā koutou ngā kaihoe o te rohe o Tāmaki Makarau. AROCA
Regional Sprint Championships*

*This is the **SECOND** pānui of the event, please note the
underlined and red text for changes from the original pānui*

The W1 events will be held over the normal Nationals distances, for all age grades.

Medals will be awarded to podium finishers. This is also the qualifying event for W1 paddlers wanting to represent AROCA region at the National Sprints.

Entries are to be made through the Waka Ama NZ website and will close on (Monday) **October 20th, 2025**.

Please note this is a regional event and only paddlers from the AROCA region member clubs are eligible to enter.

Key Dates:

- August 1st Entries Open
- October 20th Entries Close
- November 7th W1 Drop Off (4pm - 8pm)
- November 8th Day 1 (Int, J16, J19, Golden Masters, Master 75s)
- November 9th Day 2 (U23s, Opens, Masters, Senior Masters, **J19 250m Finals**)

KAI: We have a number of fantastic vendors joining us this year! We would also like to acknowledge **French Rendez-cous Cafe** who are located onsite operating from 9am till 3pm.

WHAREPAKU: Toilets are located 30meters away from the Vendor Area, please see imagery in pānui. There is also an onsite public toilet, please notify Admin or Volunteers in these facilities need our attention.

ĀWHINA TUATAHI/FIRST AID: First Aid will be available on site.

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

KORE AUAHI: 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 will be available from 6.00am on the event day and 4pm till 8pm Friday. 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 sanctioned events including regional qualifiers must adhere to Waka Ama NZ race rules. All entrants must be familiar with the WANZ race and safety rules click on this link for more information: [Waka Ama NZ Race Rule](#)

W1 Drop Off

Due to permit conditions, we are unable to park inside the Killarney grounds this year. Instead, a securely fenced area has been arranged for waka storage throughout the weekend. This area will be locked and monitored by security and opened daily from 6:00am.

On Friday, designated hours will be available for waka drop-off (4pm -8pm). The park will also be open from 6:00am on both Saturday and Sunday for waka drop-off only. **Please note that long-term vehicle parking is strictly prohibited in this field.**

Alternative parking has been secured nearby, this field serves as access provided to drop off your canoe before relocating your vehicle.

Please see image for access to this area from Killarney Street



Overnight Security.

We acknowledge that some may have concerns about leaving canoes overnight. Please be assured that we have put strong measures in place to safeguard your taonga.

Secured barriers, provided by ATF, will be installed around the storage area. Māori Wardens will conduct regular evening patrols, and a sign-in register will be maintained.

Each waka will be allocated to its paddlers or club, and names will be checked off upon collection to ensure accurate accountability.



Parking

*We would like to express our sincere thanks to **Takapuna Primary School** for their support in providing parking space for our event.*

Their partnership has helped us overcome this year's venue challenges and ensured a smooth solution for our community.

Parking Areas are:

- Killarney St = 16 parks
- Collins St = 18 parks
- Anzac St lower car park = 14 parks

While we are grateful for the event parking available, space remains limited. We kindly ask our community to consider carpooling or drop-off options wherever possible. Volunteers will be stationed at the parking areas to monitor entry and exit.

If you require accessibility parking, please contact maruwhare@wakaama.co.nz to make arrangements.



Loading Bay + Admin

Registrations will be conducted at the Admin Tent, as shown below.

The OC1 Walkway will be fenced off and reserved exclusively for paddlers. Gazebos are not permitted in the spectators' area unless prior approval is requested at least 24 hours in advance and deemed necessary for weather protection.



Loading Bay.

The race will follow the standard 500m sprint format, parallel approximately 150m offshore in front of Killarney Park. Each heat will include a maximum of five waka, with three heats loaded out at a time.

A fixed camera will be positioned at the finish line for official recording.

In the loading bay, green arrows will indicate the route for competitors paddling to the start line, while red arrows will guide returning waka back to the loading area.



Vendors & Amenities

This area will serve as a central hub for key amenities, including portaloos, recycling stations, vendors, and accessibility parking. While the exact layout is still being finalized, it will function as one of the main spaces for participants and spectators to access essential facilities and services throughout the event.



Event Schedule

**8
NOV**

Int, J16, J19 (500m & Dash Heats), Golden Masters, M75, M80

First Race will commence at 8:30am, lane draw scheduled for release after entries close. All Heats Semi's and 500m Final for J19 to be run on this day.

**9
NOV**

J19 Dash Final, U23, Open, Senior Masters, Masters

First Race will commence at 8:30am, lane draw scheduled for release after entries close. J19 Dash Final Scheduled for this day alongside Open Dash Final.

*Whāia te mātauranga hei
oranga mō koutou,*

Nāku noa, nā AROCA