

Pearl of the North
Saturday 25 October 2025
Tapuwaetahi Beach, Te Tii
Kaihoe o Ngāti Rēhia Trust - Waka Ama Club
Pānui 1

EVENT SUMMARY

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Kaihoe o Ngāti Rēhia Trust – Waka Ama Club invite you all to participate in our annual Pearl of the North Regatta at Tapuwaetahi Beach, Te Tii.

The past two years the weather has pushed the event inside to Te Kerei Mangonui (Te Puna Inlet), but even that was still a great challenge for all kaihoe. We will keep an eye on the weather, our Race Director and Safety Team will make the final call the morning of the event to move back to launch from Whitiara Marae. There are to be **NO pets** at either race venue.

Pearl of the North is not only well known for the racing and beautiful location, but also the **KAI and Manaakitanga**. **Kai** (hangi) will be provided to those who have registered and paid their race fee, as per normal. We will have a **Coffee Cart** for the duration of the day and we're waiting on confirmation for a **Kai Kart**. For the now, we highly recommend to our wider whānau and supporters to bring your own snacks and picnic lunch.

Whitiara Marae, Te Tii is available for **accommodation**. Priority will be given to those who have travelled afar, but there is plenty of space. The cost is \$30per person, per night. You **MUST** bring your own kai and snacks for the duration of your stay. The marae is available Friday and Saturday nights. Please contact Soph (0210529093) to book you a bed.

Please contact Soph or Uncle Danny for more details kaihoengatirehia@gmail.com

EVENT/RACE SCHEDULE

6:30am	Waka Drop Off/Rigging
7:00am	Race 1 - 24km W6 Registration - Safety Checks
8.45am	Whakatau
9:00am	Race 1 - 24km Briefing
9:15am	Race 1 Start
9:30pm	Race 2 - 10km W6 Registration - Safety Checks
11:45am	Race 2 - 10km Briefing
12:00pm	Race 2 Start
1:00pm	Race 3 - 10km V1/V2Registration - Safety Checks
1:30pm	Race 3 - Briefing
1:45pm	Race 3 Start
3:00pm	Racing Finish
3:30pm	Kai and Prize Giving 📍 Whitiara Marae

RACE DAY INFORMATION

Car Parking: Is available at the beach, but we ask whānau to please carpool as parking is limited. There is space at Whitiara Marae if you wish to leave your car there and carpool over.

Trailer parking: will be available at the venue, but please follow the parking wardens directions, as space is limited.

Food: All registered paddlers will receive a kai ticket. Each kai ticket represents one kai parcel. Please note: Spectators are advised to bring your own kai as kai tickets will not be sold on the day.

Toilets: will be located far right of parking (same place as last time).

First Aid: will be available at the registration tent, please ask Soph. We will also have several doctors at the venue.

Rubbish/Recycling: We encourage you to please take what you bring. However, the main rubbish and recycling station is located by the administration area, the toilets and two other locations on site.

Alcohol/Smokefree: Alcohol, smoking, vaping and any other substance use is **not permitted** at this event, including all premises of the event.

No Pets: Pets are NOT permitted at the venue, and/or any alternative venue on the day.

WAKA DROP OFF & SAFETY CHECKS

Waka Drop off:

- Waka drop off will be available from 6.30am on the event day or Friday if organised prior with Uncle Danny.
- Waka drop off will be in the reserve, nearest the boatramp/beach entrance. There will be signage, but please follow the parking wardens instructions.
- Trailer parking will be signposted and parking wardens will direct you.

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

WAKA	DISTANCE	DIVISIONS	GENDER
W1	10km	J16, J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master, M70s	Men & Women
W2	10km	J16, J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master, M70s	Men, Women, Mixed
W6	10km	J16, J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, Women, Mixed
W6	24km	J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, Women, Mixed

FEES

PER PERSON BY EVENT	
Race Division	Cost
W1	\$40pp (if you are racing in W6, this event is free)
W2	\$40pp (if you are racing in W6, this event is free)
W6	\$40pp
W6	\$50pp

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 midnight Tuesday October 21st**
- **Rosters close midnight Wednesday October 22nd**
- Once entered, payment can be made online to:
 - Kaihoe o Ngati Rehia
 - 12-3091-0219174-00
 - Use your team name and division as your reference

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- All waka must be Safety Checked
- **All kaihoe 16 and under MUST wear their pdf at all times on the water**
- 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
 - 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 ***kaihoengatirehia@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: ***kaihoengatirehia@gmail.com***
- All urgent matters please call: **0210529093**
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/156538157714816/>

COURSE MAPS

- High tide: 10:44am
- Low tide: 4:26pm

Main Course:

Plan A - Tapuwaetahi Beach



Plan A - 24km Alternative Course.



Plan B - Launch from Whitiara Marae, Te Tii.

