

Eastern Beach Challenge
21st March 2026
Eastern Beach, Auckland
Pakuranga Outrigger Canoe Club
Pānui 1

EVENT SUMMARY

Eastern Beach Challenge.

NZ's most Challenging Waka Ama Race Series.

This race will require skill, endurance and the ability to adapt quickly to changing conditions throughout this three-race series. Prize money is offered to the first-place winners of the 18km races in the Men's, Women's and Mixed categories providing there are at least five entries in each division.

EVENT SCHEDULE

6.30am	Registration, waka drop off & safety checks
7.15am	Karakia
7.15am	Race 1 safety briefings
7.45am	Race starts: 8km - W1/V1 - Open Seniors. W6 - J16/J19, (must be 14 years and over) & Open
8.30am	Race 2 safety briefings
9.45am	Racing starts: 18km Open W6 (Competent Seniors Only)
12.30pm	Prizegiving
1.00pm	Closing Karakia

RACE SCHEDULE

Time	Race
7.15am	Race Briefing – race 1
7.45am	Race Start - W1/V1 8km Seniors
	Race Start – W6 8km J16/J19 Open
8.30am	Race Briefing – race 2
9.45am	Race Start - W6 18km Seniors
12.30pm	Prizegiving

RACE DAY INFORMATION

Car Parking: Parking is available by street parking. 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 at the Eastern Beach Boat ramp.

Food: We encourage you to bring your own healthy kai, however some kai will be provided by POCC.

Toilets: Toilets are located at the far end of the driveway, past the main registration tent.

First Aid: First Aid will be available at the registration tent, just past the boat ramp.

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

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 6.30am on the event day
- Waka drop off will be on the beach front landing and will be clearly signed with entry & exit
- Trailer parking is at the Eastern Beach Boat Ramp.

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 Aotearoa New Zealand race and safety rules.

Refer to the following link for more information: [Waka Ama Aotearoa NZ Race Rules](#)

AGE DIVISIONS & RACE EVENTS

WAKA	DISTANCE	DIVISIONS	GENDER
W1/V1	8km	Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, Women
W6	8km	(Juniors must be 14 years and over) J16, J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, Women, Mixed
W6	18km	(Paddlers must be competent of completing this course in a timely manner) Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, Women, Mixed

FEES

PER PERSON BY EVENT (charged for <u>each</u> event entered)	
Event	Cost
8km W1/V1	\$20.00
8km W6	\$20.00
18km W6	\$30.00
8km W1 + 18km W6 together per paddler	\$40.00

ONLINE ENTRIES & PAYMENT

- Online entries are to be completed using the Waka Ama Aotearoa 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 17.03.2026**
- **Rosters close on 18.03.2026**, rosters must be completed by close date, no exceptions
- Once entered, payment can be made online to:
 - Pakuranga Outrigger Canoe Club Te Tahawai o Pakuranga Inc
 - 38-9018-0482221-02
 - Use your club, team name and division as your reference

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- All waka must be Safety Checked
- **All junior age divisions must wear life jackets**
- All Junior (J16 & J19) and Senior (Open and above) 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/V1
 - Spray Skirt (W6)
 - Tow Rope (W6)
 - Leg leash (for sit on top W1/V1)

INDIVIDUAL & TEAM WAIVERS

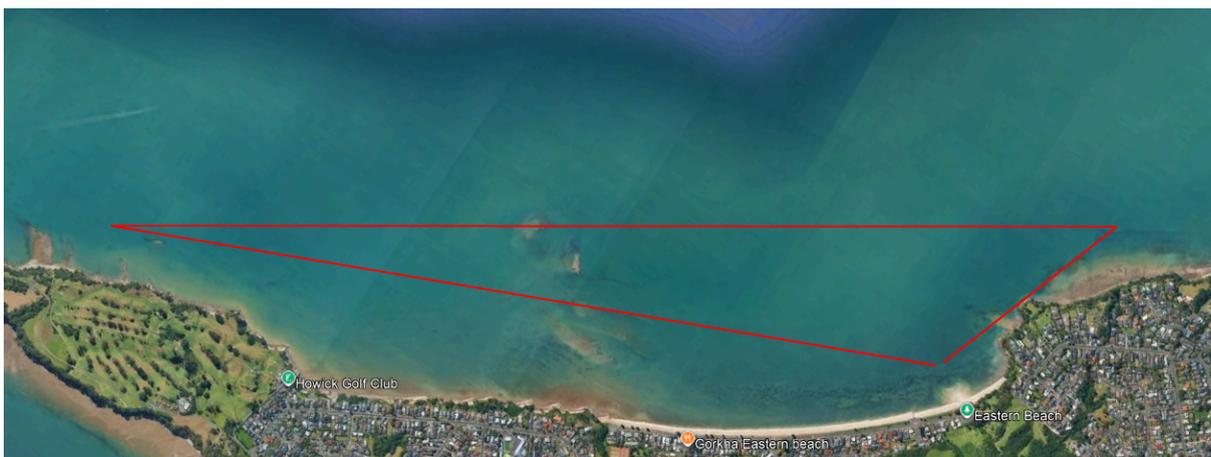
- **Individual and Team waivers must be completed by all paddlers/teams**
- All paddlers U18 must have their waiver signed by their parent/guardian
- Waivers can be sent to pocc1998@gmail.com or handed in at the Race Briefing on the day
- Individual & Team waivers can be found on our event page on the Waka Ama Aotearoa NZ website

- All enquiries please email: pocc1998@gmail.com
- All urgent matters please call: **0220936020**

COURSE MAPS

- High tide: 09.59am
- Low tide: 03.34am

Eastern Beach 8km course



Eastern Beach 18km course

