



Te Koutu Harbour Challenge

29 August 2026

Te Koutu Beach, End of Ralph Trimmer drive

Marsden point, Ruakaka

Te Kauika Ō Patuharakeke Waka Ama Club

Pānui 1

EVENT SUMMARY

Join Te Kauika Ō Patuharakeke Waka Ama Club on Saturday 29 August 2026 for the Te Koutu Challenge, at Te Koutu Beach, Marsden Point. Featuring both an 8km and 16km race, this event welcomes paddlers from across the region to experience the stunning waters of Whangārei Harbour. Whether you're chasing a podium finish or enjoying a day on the water with your crew, the Te Koutu Challenge promises great racing, whanaungatanga, and a memorable day for all involved.

EVENT SCHEDULE

6.00am	Waka drop off & safety checks
7.00am	Karakia
7.15am	Registrations Open
8.15am	Race & safety briefings
8.30am	Racing starts
12pm	Racing finishes
12.30pm	Prizegiving and closing Karakia

RACE SCHEDULE

Time	Race
8.15am	Race Briefing – Race 1
8.30am	Race Start - W6 8km Novice
9.30am	Race 1 finishes
10.00am	Race 2 Start – W6 16km Men's, Women's and Mixed
12.00pm	Race 2 finishes



RACE DAY INFORMATION

Car Parking: Parking is available by street parking and some overflow parking will be available in front of North Tugz Ltd. Please note you will need to read the signs and park accordingly.

Trailer parking: Trailer parking will be in the grass area next to the large blue building highlighted in red. Due to limited space some trailers might need to be parked in the overflow car park highlighted in blue.

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.

Toilets: Toilets are located in the main carpark.

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

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 Drop off:

- Waka drop off will be available from 6.00am on the event day. Yellow area on map
- Waka drop off will be in the car park onto a trolley and wheeled directly down to the beach and will be clearly signed with entry & exit
- Trailer parking will be straight ahead at the other side of the car park, please be aware of your surroundings through this process

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
W6	8km	Novice, J16, J19, Open	Men, Women, Mixed
W6	16km	J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, Women, Mixed

FEES

PER TEAM BY RACE (charged <u>one fee</u> for each race)	
Race	Cost
8km	\$200
16km	\$250



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
- No entries on the day, no exceptions
- Entries close on **26 August 2026**
- Rosters close on **26 August 2026** rosters must be completed by close date, no exceptions
- Once entered, payment can be made online to:
 - Te Kauika Ō Patuharakeke Waka Ama Club
 - **03-1538-0044093-00**
 - 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)

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 **tekauika23@gmail.com** or handed in on the day
- Team waivers can be found on our event page on the WAANZ website

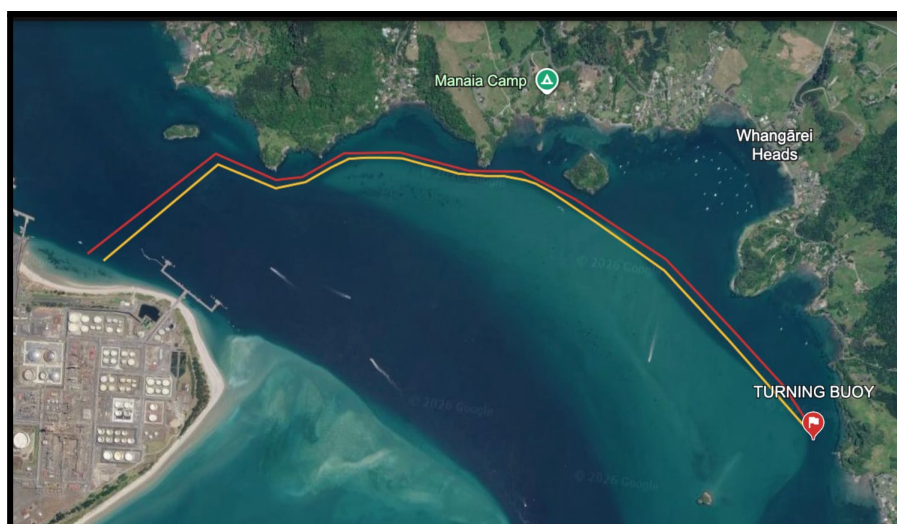
CONTACT INFORMATION

- All enquiries please email: edenkere96@gmail.com
- All urgent matters please call: **02108374258**
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61574768136230>

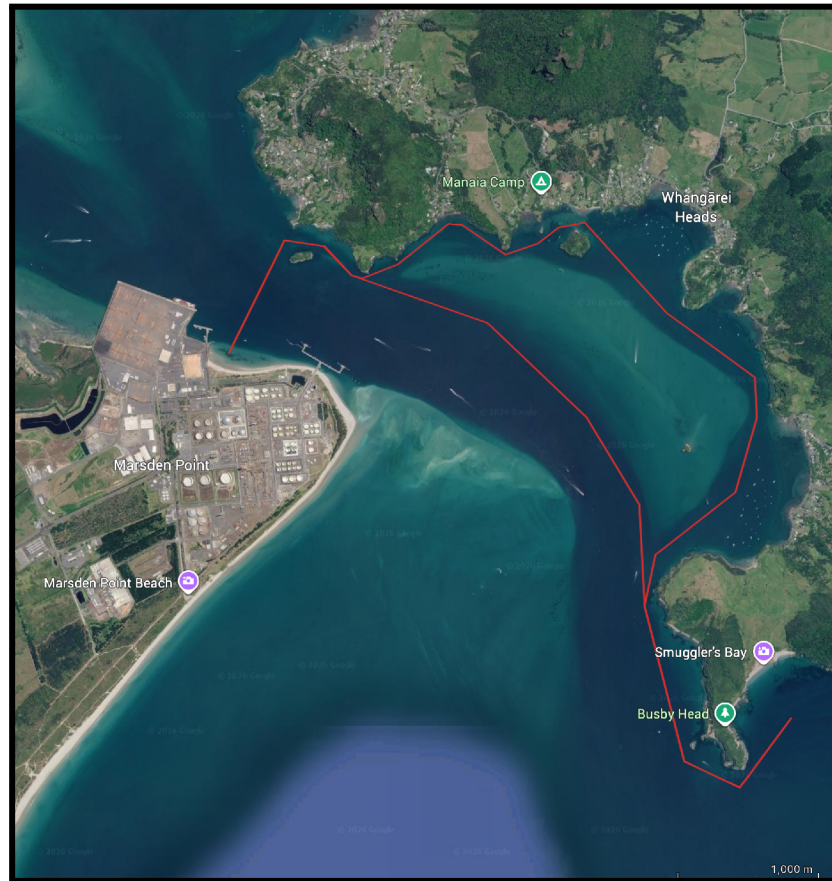
COURSE MAPS

- High tide: 8:08
- Low tide: 2:12 pm

8km



16km



SITE MAP

