Race Pack(V2)

Waka Te Tasman 13th & 14th November 2026

NAU MAI HAERE MAI

Ki te tau ihu o te waka a Maui, Motueka Waka Ama Club welcomes you to come paddle on the tranquil waters of Te Tai o Aorere at this awesome two day event!!

The Friday will be for small craft and the Saturday for the two stage race event with your overall time as your result. Please read the pānui for more information and new updates regarding kai and prize giving.

We look forward to seeing you and wish you good luck for your races!

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FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2026

Race itinerary

Please note:

Due to safety requirements, OC1, V1 & OC2 paddlers must wear a high visibility fluro cap, vest or paddle top. This is compulsory. Paddlers not adhering to this rule will not be able to race.

Fluro caps, vests and paddle tops must remain on during the entire race. Fluro caps and vests will be available for loan at the event.

- The race organisers will endeavor to keep to the race itinerary, i.e. race time NOT 'waka time'. Please help us with this by having your waka ready for inspection on or preferably *before* the time stated. Worth lots of club points!
- All races will start and finish in front of marquees on Kaiteretere Beach.
- There is **no NOVICE OC2 category** experienced paddlers only for the OC2 open category on Friday!
- Please respect our coastal environment, reduce rubbish and keep our beach rubbish free!

EVENT 1.

OC1	**Novice/J16,J19 Men**	**5km**
V1	**O/M/SM Men**	**10km**
OC1	**O/M/SM Women**	**10km**
OC1	**GM women (60+)**	**5km**
V1	**GM Men (60+)**	**5km**
OC2	**Open Mixed**	**10km**
OC2	**Open Men**	**10km**

2.45pm Waka and safety equipment inspection.

3.15pm **Karakia,** race briefing. Launch waka & assemble along the beach start line.

3.30pm **RACE START**

EVENT 2.

OC1	**Novice/J16.J19 Women**	**5km**
V1	**O/M/SM Women**	**10km**
OC1	**O/M/SM Men**	**10km**
Oc1	**GM men (60+)**	**5km**
V1	**GM women (60+)**	**5km**
OC2	**Open Women**	**10km**

4.20pm Waka and safety equipment inspection.

4.40pm Race briefing. Launch waka & assemble along the beach start line.

5.00pm **RACE START**

7.00pm **REGISTRATION for W6 Novice, Rangatahi, Open and Masters, entries close.**

PLEASE NOTE:

- **The itinerary for both days is subject to change depending on race entries and waka availability. A confirmed itinerary will be emailed after the registration closing date, Friday 6th November.**
- **The race courses for both days will be determined on the day once sea conditions are assessed. A map at the race tent and the race briefing will explain the current race course.**
- **If possible paddlers in race 2 please have your waka safety checked while race 1 is underway**

SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2026

There will be short breaks between races. Length of break will depend on where your team comes in the previous race.

- Paddlers are expected to stay with their waka and teams between races and listen out for instructions.
- There will be a briefing before each stage race.

EVENT 3. **W6. Open Women, Master Women, Senior Masters Women), Open/ Master/Senior Master,. Two races are 12 km and 10km. Golden Master Mixed,Golden Masters Women(60+) 12km and 5km.**

7am Rigging

7.30am Waka and safety equipment inspection. Launch waka & assemble along the beach start line.

8.15am Race briefing. Karakia for the day

8.30am **RACE START**

11am **RACES FINISH (approx.)**

EVENT 4.

W6Novice /All Rangatahi (J16,J19) 10km and Intermediate 5km

11am Waka and safety equipment inspection. Launch waka & assemble a long beach start line

11.15am Race briefing (each race will have its own briefing prior to race)

11.30am **RACE START - 10km / (Intermediate 5km)**

12.30pm **RACE FINISH (approx.)**

EVENT 5.

W6 Open Men, Master Men, Senior Master Men , Two races 12 km and 10km
Golden Master Men (60+) Two races 12km and 5km

12pm Waka and safety equipment inspection. Launch waka & assemble along beach start line

12.45pm Race briefing (each race will have its own briefing prior to race)

1pm **RACE START**

3:30pm **RACE FINISH (approx.)**

6.00 Prize giving The Beached Whale open from 4pm finish 7pm (Prize giving only no meal provided)

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- The race courses will be determined on the day once sea conditions are observed
- Back up day will be Sunday 15th in case of foul weather conditions happen for Friday or Saturday and a course change is not possible on the day.

WAKA

It is the responsibility of the club wishing to enter to arrange the use of eligible waka. All waka must meet the safety requirements and safety standards as set out in the Waka Ama NZ Long Distance Race Rules**.** OC1, OC2 will use rudders. V1 is rudderless. For waka hire see below.

SAFETY

The race director and her/his officials have absolute control of the event. They have the discretion to withdraw any competitor or waka, which in their opinion is or will be endangering their own or the safety of others. Officials also reserve the right to turn back any team who are jeopardizing the timing of the event or where it is not deemed safe for the team to continue. In the past there have been challenging weather conditions: please ensure your crew are capable in case of rough conditions.

***SAFETY EQUIPMEN*T**

Spray skirts must be fitted to all **W6, OC1, and OC2 with cockpits** if the race director deems necessary. All waka must carry a personal flotation device (PFD) for each paddler. If a paddler cannot swim 50 metres they must wear a PFD during the race. Paddlers may have to wear PFDs during the race at race directors or harbour masters discretion, regardless of the conditions.

All **W6** must carry 2 x bailers, 2 spare paddles lashed to the kiato in such a way that they can be accessed if needed, extra rubber in case of repair to lashings and an approved tow rope of 12mm x 25m in length. One end must be securely fitted to the front taumanu with the rest stored either in a bag or fastened to the front taumanu.

All **OC1, V1 OC2 with a cockpit** must carry a bailer. All OC1, V1, W2 must carry a spare paddle lashed to the kiato in such a way that it can be accessed if needed. Sit on OC1s must have a leash.

OC1, V1 and OC2 paddlers must wear a high visibility fluro orange cap, vest or paddle top throughout the race. Paddlers may have to wear PFDs at Race director's and Harbour masters discretion, regardless of the conditions.

DRESS Competitors must dress in their club colours and appropriately for conditions. Polypropylenes/Merino are recommended.

CATEGORIES:

Intermediate W6 - J13 (13 years and under)
Age must be reached on or before the day of competition. There can be a maximum of six paddlers in a crew. The steerer must be experienced and there may be one other experienced paddler in the crew. PFDs must be worn by all Tamariki paddlers

RANGATAHI W6 – J16 (*11 to 16 years)* ***J19*** *(14 to 19 years)*
Age must be reached on or before the day of competition. There can be a maximum of six paddlers in a crew. The steerer must be experienced.. PFDs must be worn by all rangatahi paddlers.

OC1 NOVICE
First time paddling in a OC1 race. MNZ approved
PFDs must be worn

Rangatahi OC1/V1
PFDs must be worn by all rangatahi paddlers

OC1, V1 and OC2
This category is for **experienced paddlers** who can paddle in adverse conditions, i.e. windy choppy conditions and swell. You are also expected to be able to self-rescue in these conditions.

W6 NOVICE
Must be at least 11 years old. There can be a maximum of 6 paddlers in a crew. Must have an experienced steerer and may have **one other** experienced paddler in the crew. A novice W6 paddler will have been paddling for a year or less and can only paddle in this category at one Waka te Tasman event. **NOVICE W6 MIXED** must have a maximum of 3 male paddlers. Check with the race director if need be.

MEN/WOMEN OPEN/MASTERS/SENIOR MASTERS/GOLDEN MASTERS(60+) W6
There can be a maximum of 7 paddlers, with a max of 6 in the waka, you can swap one paddler out between races All paddlers must be registered. A womens crew must consist of 6 women and a mens crew must consist of 6 men.

MIXED OPEN/MASTERS/SENIOR MASTERS/GOLDEN MASTERS(60+) W6
There can be a maximum of 8 paddlers,but 6 in a crew you can swap out between races there must be a maximum of 3 male paddlers at any time in the Waka. All paddlers must be registered.

CATEGORIES
There must be a minimum of 3 entries per category to make a category. Teams can be moved to a different category at race director and race admins discretion.

CREW EXPERIENCE
OPEN paddlers must be at least 16 years old. *MASTER* paddlers must be at least 40 years old. *SENIOR MASTER* paddlers must be at least 50 years old. This age must be reached on or before the day of competition.

ALL PADDLERS must be suitably skilled, experienced and comfortable to handle waka in all expected conditions. Paddlers must be capable of swimming in rough ocean water conditions. All crew must be trained in and capable of righting and bailing an overturned or swamped waka. Paddlers must be able to get back into the waka from deep water. It is the responsibility of the captain/steerer to ensure that this is the case.

COURSE

Please refer to the map, which will be on display at the race briefing. Buoys and turning points will be strictly adhered to. Race officials reserve the right to alter the course to suit conditions. **All Kai Hautu (team captain/steerer) are required to attend the race briefing prior to their race start.**

SUPPORT BOAT

Race officials will arrange official support boats. **Should a waka require assistance during the race, the paddler in #3 seat must hold their paddle up so that an official support boat or passing waka can render assistance.**

RUNNING A SMOOTH DAY

The team captain/steerer is responsible for ensuring their team is ready to go on time and that they are aware of the race format and rules.

REGISTRATION

IMPORTANT!! Race Fees must be paid in full as one payment from your club as this helps us keep track of payments. Any individual payment received will be viewed as a koha

- Register online at www.wakaama.co.nz - see your club rep to enter
- Closes Friday 6th November 2026
- Registration enquiries email admin@wakaama.co.nz
- Club Account 03 1354 0487391-00 NBS (ref Team Names)
- Race Director email: wakatetasman@gmail.com

Race Fees

- *This year we will not have meal vouchers or a meal to help keep prices down

- **$20 per person** INTERMEDIATE / RANGATAHI
- **$45 per person** All ADULT DIVISIONS

PRIZE GIVING

Beach whale restaurant - 6PM (prize giving only no meal, but meals and refreshments are available for purchase) The space is available from 4pm to 7pm for paddlers.

WAKA HIRE

If you are a visiting club without W6 waka, please see below for the South Island club contacts for waka. Expect the W6 booking fee to be $100 - $150 to the club loaning waka. OC1 or OC2 hire can be arranged through the same contacts if available.

Waka Te Tasman 2026 Waka hire – club contact list

Club	Contact person	email
Motueka Waka ama club	Todd Jago	Todd@wakaabeltasman.nz
Maitahi Outrigger canoe club (Nelson)		maitahi.president@gmail.com
Whakatu Waka ama club (Nelson)		huriana.lawrence@whakatumarae.co.nz
Waitaha paddling club (ChCh)	Peter Low	peter@lowdowndata.com
Te Waka Pounamu outrigger club (ChCh)		tewakapounamu01@gmail.com
Fire n Ice (Dunedin)	Victoria Bryant	wikitoria.bryant@xtra.co.nz.
Waikawa Waka ama club (Picton)	Anisha Huntley	anisha.huntley@gmail.com
Onetahua Waka ama club (Golden bay)	Selwyn Farr	farrsel@gmail.com
Te Tai o Aorere (Nelson)	Carmel Barrett	carmelpdla@gmail.com
Te Awahaku	Caleb Te Kahu	teawahaku@gmail.com
Va,a South paddlers (Chch)	Maaka Rangihuna	0276126215

RACE REGISTRATION

Registration opens for all events on Friday! **All W6 Open and Masters teams, please register on Friday.**

Registration closes at 7.00pm on Friday.

Accommodation

Please support our sponsor the Kaiteriteri recreation reserve board by staying at the campground, motels,utilizing the store and the waterfront restaurant. https://experiencekaiteriteri.co.nz

There are other accommodation options available. (check online)

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