

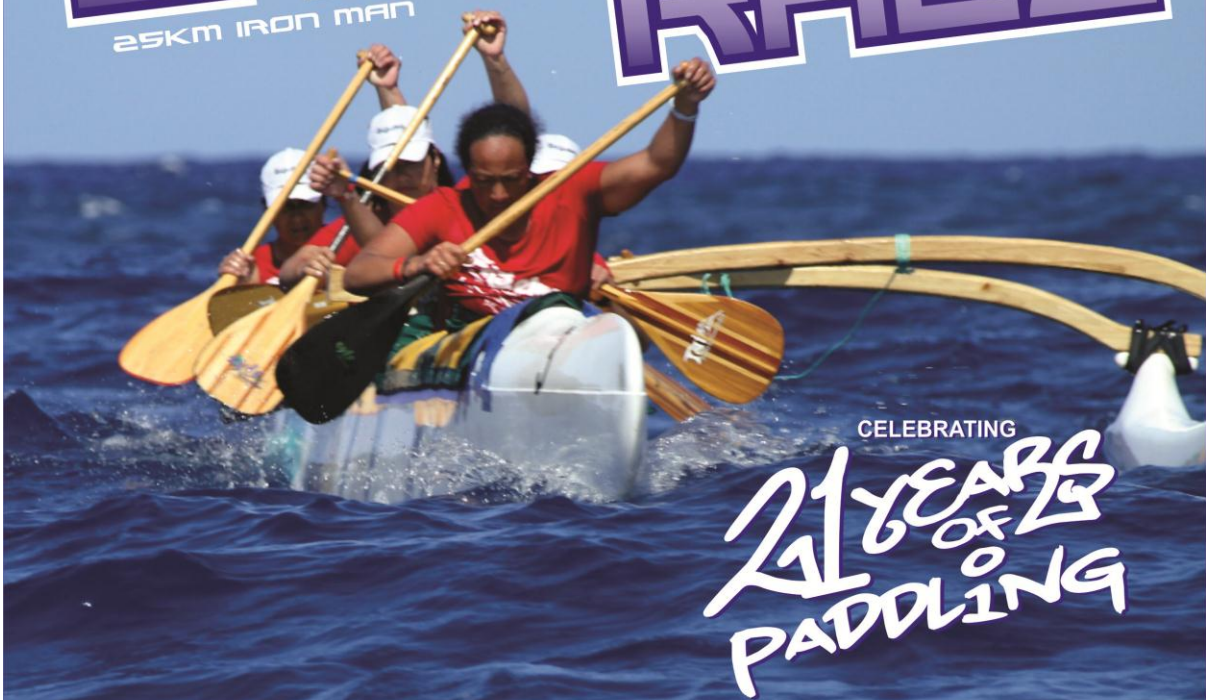
Auckland Harbour Bridge - Greenhithe - Te Atatu

Waitakere

Outrigger Canoe Club

BRIDGES RACE

25KM IRON MAN



CELEBRATING

21 YEARS
OF
PADDLING

Saturday 25th February 2012

Birkenhead Wharf, Hinemoa Street, Birkenhead,

Entry Fee: Seniors-\$45.00 / Juniors-\$30.00 (Includes Commemorative Race Shirt, Prize Giving and Light Meal)

Divisions: Mixed, Men's and Women's (Opens/Masters/Snr Masters)

Junior Division: 14-16 years / Opens 17+

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Entries close Monday 20th February 2012



The Bridges Outrigger Canoe Race 2012

Hosted by: Waitakere Outrigger Canoe Club

Panui – January 2012



Waitakere Outrigger Canoe Club is once again hosting the classic Bridges Race in the Upper Waitemata Harbour. The Bridges returns after a break of several years in commemoration of Waitakere's 21st birthday.

The Bridges is an iron race following a circuit of the three main bridges around the Upper Waitemata Harbour – a total distance of 27km.

A Juniors Race over 7km is also on the Programme (increased from 5km by popular demand)

Venue: Birkenhead Wharf Birkenhead

Date: Saturday 25 February 2012 – High Tide 10.46am

Entry Fee: \$45 per Senior Paddler (includes Commemorative Race Shirt)
\$5 per Junior/ Former Paddler (pre-ordered Race Shirt an extra \$25)

Entries Close on Monday 20 February 2012 – We will not accept entries after this date

Programme:

- All waka to be on-site by 8am
- Waka trailers to be parked at Little Shoal Bay Reserve (see map)
- Juniors Race Briefing at 9.00am
- **Race Start (Juniors) at 9.30am.**
- **Juniors Course:** All juniors will race at the same time, with staggered start for girls, then boys. Course is Birkenhead Wharf – Kauri Point - Watchmans Island - Harbour Bridge and return.
- Seniors Race Briefing at 10.00am

- **Race Start (Seniors) at 10.30am.**

Canoes not being used for the junior race will be launched before the end of the juniors race. For those using canoes in the previous Juniors race we ask that the changeover be at the ramp – i.e. do not transport the canoe back onto land. This is most important as we need to start the race on time.

- **Seniors Course:** All seniors will race at the same time, with staggered start for women, then mixed, then men. Course is Birkenhead Wharf - Harbour Bridge – Te Atatu Motorway Bridge - Upper Harbour Bridge – Birkenhead Wharf (27km)
- Prizegiving at Conclusion of Race – Light Meal Provided, Trophies and Spot Prizes

Race Categories:

Juniors – 14 and over - Race Director's discretion only for younger ages – girls and boys divisions race together

Open - 17 years & over at time of race

Masters - 40 years & over in calendar year of competition

Senior Masters 50 years & over in calendar year of competition

Mixed (minimum 3 women) - 17 years & over at time of race

We will also provide an opportunity for "former paddlers" to compete with the juniors – this will give an opportunity for "old" paddlers to reconnect with their former teammates. There will be no prizes for this "fun" race, but, please, no more than two current paddlers in any team.

Minimum entry of Three (3) crews to make a division. If there are insufficient entries the team will be placed in the next age division.

Trophies will be presented to all 1st, 2nd & 3rd places (provided min 3 of teams entered)

Race Rules:

- Canoes must have 2 bailers, 6 lifejackets, 2 lifebelts/ tubes, tow-rope and 2 spare paddles. All waka must have spray skirt available on the day. Race organiser's reserve the right to make spray skirts compulsory if required.
- All waka will have to pass a safety check before racing.
- Competitors should dress appropriately for the conditions (if cool conditions polypropylenes are recommended)
- All steerers and team captains must attend the race briefing.
- Should a waka require assistance during the race, the paddler in No.3 seat must hold their paddle up vertically so that an official rescue boat or any passing waka can render assistance.
- The lead canoe will have right of way at turns.
- The Race Director and his officials have absolute control of the event. You must, for safety reasons, follow the instructions of any official, including those on support boats.
- Race organisers will arrange official support boats. Please note – there will be no lead boat – each crew will need to work out its own course – the only rule is that you need to go around each bridge in the race course order.
- A waiver form must be signed by all paddlers at Registration on the day.

From Out of Town and Want to Hire a Waka? Contact us and we'll see what we can do. waitakereocc@gmail.com

The Bridges Outrigger Canoe Race 2012

REGISTRATION FORM

Club Name:

Team Name:

Contact Person:

Phone number:

Email;

Tick The Category Your Team wishes To Enter

Junior Girls

Junior Boys

Open Men

Master Men

Senior Master Men

Open Women

Master Women

Senior Master Women

Mixed

Race Shirt Sizes (Number)

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M

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XL

2XL

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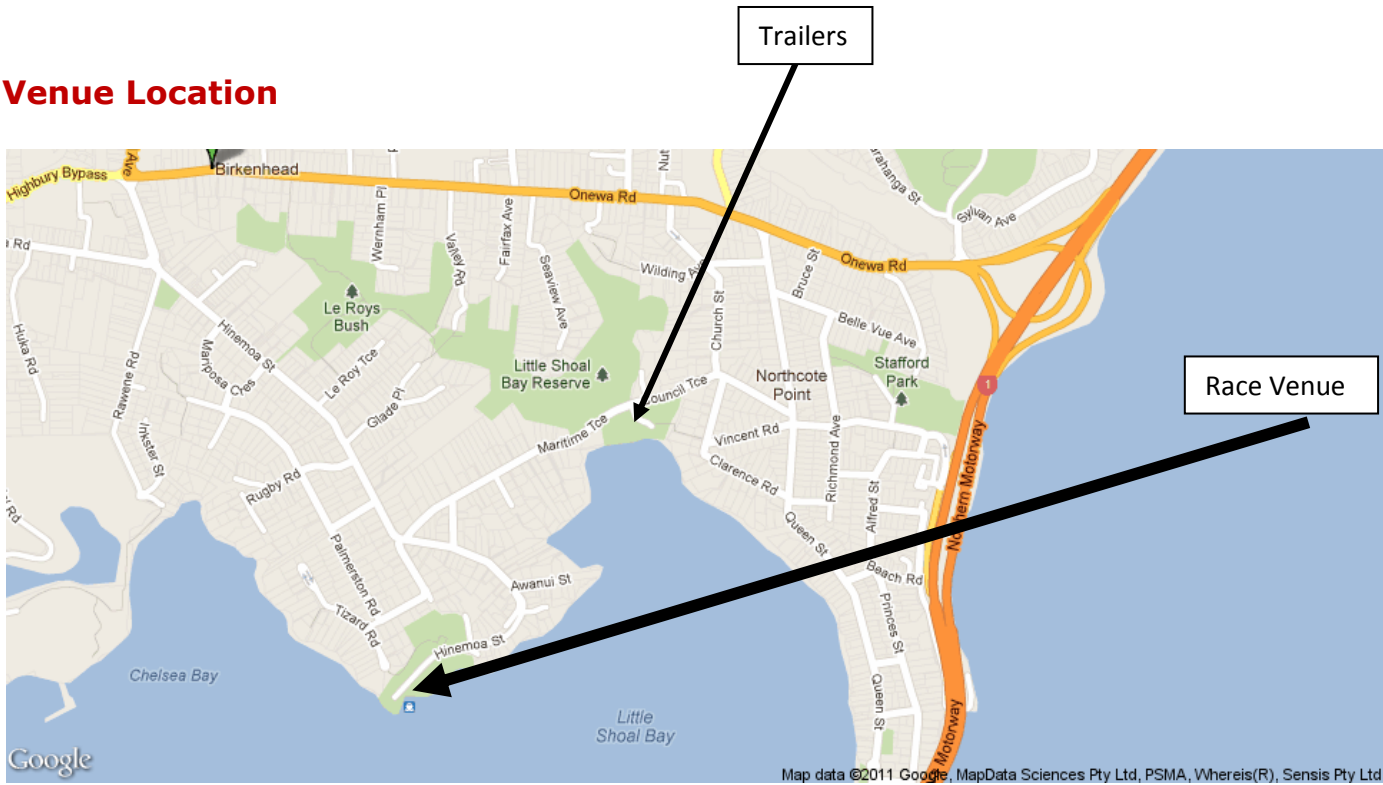
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Entries Close on Monday 20 February 2012 – we would really appreciate you getting your entry in EARLY!!

Venue Location



Venue Map



The Course (Seniors) 27km



The Course (Juniors) 7km

