Hikoikoi Waka ama is proud to host this event to celebrate Matariki at Te Raukura -Te Wharewaka o Poneke on Wellington Waterfront. Thanks to all our supporters and sponsors who have helped make this event come to life and the amazing volunteers who will assist on race day. Reminder our alternative venue is 24 Marine Parade, Petone.

Check our Matariki Harbour Challenge facebook page [here](#) for event updates. Information will also be posted on Hoe Tonga Pacifica Waka ama Association and Waka Ama NZ. Confirmation on venue will be made and posted by noon Friday 14 June.

**PROGRAMME/INFORMATION**

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**RACE FEES**

Race fees for all entries must be paid by 10 June 2019. **PAYMENT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY!**

Race fees are non-refundable. Payment is to be made to account: ‘Ngahuru Charitable Trust’

**Westpac 03 0584 0295411 02** Ref: your team name, followed by 'waka' Any club that withdraws teams after 10 June will still be charged the full entry fee.

**REMININDER** - All novice and junior teams must have an experienced steerer and must wear lifejackets (PFD’s) while racing. Teams racing in the novice category can be a combination of different age groups J16 – J70+.

All paddlers must be affiliated to a Waka Ama club and Waka Ama NZ.

Clubs are responsible for ensuring that all paddlers are competent to paddle in the divisions that they have been entered. The Race Director has the discretion to withdraw a team of an individual who is deemed to be unfit or unprepared to complete the race.
WAKA AND TRAILER PARKING
Parking for canoe trailers ONLY and the driver of that trailer, has been arranged in Odlin’s Plaza, Taranaki St. Wharf access must be arranged prior to the race for waka and trailers hikoikoiwakaama@gmail.com

Please register the number of waka and trailer arriving for your club, along with time of arrival on site. This can be done by emailing hikoikoiwakaama@gmail.com There are a number of events happening on Wellington Waterfront during the weekend and pedestrian traffic takes priority at all times. Wharf Access is on Friday 14 June (between 3 – 6pm) or between 7 – 9am Saturday 15 June. Due to limited access, you will need to be prompt with arranged drop off times. If you are bringing a Canoe Trailer/Waka into Wellington on Friday or early Saturday morning, please contact our representative at hikoikoiwakaama@gmail.com

- NO public parking is available on the waterfront Odlin’s Plaza, as we require space for rigging and set up of waka.
- Tyres must be brought with trailer and will be required for all waka. Please bring a waka trolley if your club has one available to save time at crew loading.

OUR SITE/S
Venue: Te Wharewaka o Pōneke, 2 Taranaki St, Wellington Waterfront.

Alternate Venue: Hikoikoi Waka Ama Club, 24 Marine Parade, Petone

HIKOIKOI RESERVE
Toilets
Waka rigging, trailers
Registration
No parking
Public Parking areas
REGISTRATION PROCESS
1. Report to Registration to collect your Race Pack (safety checklist and race number)
2. Safety Waivers must be submitted (spare available at registration).
3. Your waka needs to get cleared by Safety Check Crew (wearing high vis vests) at your waka.
4. Waka that have passed ‘Safety Check’ will have tag tied on front kiato or marked as directed by Safety Check Crew
5. Make sure your crew stays by waka and is ready for 5min call before to race start.
6. Waka must be rechecked before every race – NEW NUMBER & NEW TAG.
7. This equipment is required for your safety, cheating the safety checks only endangers you and/or your crew

SAFETY CHECKLIST
Waka (W6)
- 1 x Cell phone in Waterproof Bag or Flare
- 2 x spare paddles per W6
- 2 x bailers per W6
- 1 x 25-30m Tow Rope attached to taumanu of Waka accessible above spray skirt.
- Spray skirts are compulsory for W6. One appropriate fitting lifejacket or personal flotation device (PDF) for every person on board (all J16/J19/Novice paddlers must wear jackets during race).

KAI
PLEASE KEEP your ‘meal tickets’ located in registration packs to enjoy some delicious hot soup and hot food after your race. Bring $$ for additional kai W6. There are plenty of options for kai around Te Wharewaka o Pōneke and on the Waterfront. Check out KARAKA CAFÉ for great coffee and food!

PRIZEGIVING AND RACE VIEWING
Prizegiving will take place at the end of all racing – Makaaro Room at Te Wharewaka o Pōneke. Hoe Tonga race resources will be used at this event and races are able to be viewed in real time on the big screen inside Makaro.

SHOWERS AND TOILETS
Showers and toilets are available at Wellington and Star Rowing Club. You are most welcome to use these facilities but please do not touch any equipment inside and keep the premises clean and tidy.

ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST DURING THIS EVENT
If you wish to book in for a massage, see Matiu Julian inside Makaro - bring towel please and $$$$$

ALSO CHECK OUT
- Amy P Jewellery
- Rowan – STOMP Floral Love
- Water Safety NZ
- Slappers Jandals
- Have a go on our rowing ergs and paddle pro’s

Thanks to all our sponsors:
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Tai Paddles  Kialoa  Water Safety NZ
Wellington Rowing Club  STAR Rowing Club  Wellington Dragonboat
Heather Wilson Artist  Sport Wellington

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