

The 8th Annual Pearl of the North Waka Ama Event

hosted by Kaihoe o Ngati Rehia Trust

Titiro whakararo ki Orongo ki Takou Awa

Te waahi i mataaraaratia ai e Puhi

Te waka tupuna a Mataatua e moe mai ra

Tihei wa mauriora

Ki te Whei Ao, ki te Ao Marama

Kia ora tatou,

This is the 8th year of the Pearl of the North and has been an opportunity for the local community to come together annually to support, as well as celebrate the occasion at this beautiful and historical location, thereby showcasing the well-known hospitality of the club and families of Ngati Rehia hapu. This year should be no different.

Last year we were very fortunate to host this event, a week after Covid 19 lockdown was lifted around the country. The atmosphere on race day was one of joy and appreciation for what we have and the aroha our waka whanau in one another's' presence.

Once again our aim is to keep this event as safe and enjoyable as we possibly can. Your cooperation will be appreciated once again.

For those arriving on Friday to stay at Whitiora Marae, powhiri is at 4pm.

*Contact Danny Kaiawe well in advance to book a floor spot! **Do not** turn up hoping there is room, although a tent or camper would be helpful.*

Race Day Information

Venue Tapuwaetahi Beach
(Te Tii Village - contingency course for adverse weather)

Date Saturday 23th October 2021

Races

- **Race 1:** W6 24km – J19, Open, Masters, Snr Masters, Gld Master
- **Race 2:** W6 10km – J16, J19, Open, Masters, Snr Masters, Gld Masters
- **Race 3:** W1 5km, W2 5km, W1 10km, W2 10km - J16, J19, Open, Masters, Snr Masters, Gld Masters
Mens, Womens, Mixed categories

Note: The W6 24km is restricted to 16yrs+ - no paddlers under this age can enter Race 1.

Costs

- **Race 1:** W6 24km - \$50pp (\$300 per waka)
- **Race 2:** W6 10km - \$40pp (\$240 per waka)
- **Race 3:** W1 5km, W2 5km, W1 10km, W2 10km - \$40pp

Note: Paddlers that enter Race 1 W6 24km & Race 2 W6 10km races will get free entry for themselves into Race 3 W1 5km or W2 5km or W1 10km or W2 10km. You must still process your entry in the system and automatic discount will apply to invoices.



***All paddlers must be affiliated and competent to complete designated races.
Courses will be triangular, but subject to change by course director***

*Waka and trailers can be offloaded on Friday and placed on the beach above the high tide mark.
Contact Danny Kaiawe on **021958378** for gate code and access.
Race day gate code will be provided closer to day.*

Event schedule

0630 Offload waka and trailer on beach and rig up

0730 Rig waka safety check and registration

0830 Powhiri/Race brief

0900 **Race 1: 24km W6** race start

1000 **High Tide**

1130 Safety check for Race 2 10km W6

1200 **Race 2: 10km W6** race start

1315 Safety check race 3.

1345 **Race 3: 5km/10km W1 & W2** race start

*Paddlers will be provided with hot soup between races
Coffee and shakes will be sold as well as other hot food*

*At the completion of the event, we will head to Whitiara Marae, Te Tii for prizegiving and dinner.
Only paid paddlers will be fed.
Supporters will need to request a food ticket at administration at the race venue.*

Covid 19 policy

By using the online entry system this will help with the contact tracing systems. You will also be required to record your attendance either at the gate entrance, electronic or manually, or at administration or safety checkers tents.

Vendors and other contractors will be required to do this also.

All online entries should be made through your club reps. This will help determine how many paddlers /waka are on the water and, hand on heart, ensure we can log you or your teams into the timer device for times and placings in all categories.

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