

# TE WAKA POUNAMU

Outrigger Canoe Club presents the

## WHAKARAUPŌ CHASE

4-5 Kahuru-Kai-Paeka / March 2022

Tapoa-Naval Point, Whakaraupō / Lyttelton Harbour

## RACE DETAILS

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## RACE INFORMATION

**Venue:** Te Nukutai o Tapoa-Naval Point, Whakaraupō / Lyttelton Harbour

**Date:** Friday & Saturday 4-5 March 2022

**Races:** W1/W2: 10kms (Friday)  
W6 Mini Chase: 3kms – for Midgets/Intermediates (Friday)  
W6 Midi Chase: 9kms – for Novice/J16s/J19s (Saturday)  
W6 Mega Chase: 21kms - for all Opens (Saturday)

**Entry Fee:** \$5 Midget/Intermediates; \$20 J16/19s & \$30 Open (includes a meal/prizegiving)

**Schedule:** Friday 4 March 2022

**4:00PM** REGISTRATION OPEN

**4:30PM** KARAKIA TIMATANGA / RACE BRIEFING

**5:00PM** MINI CHASE 4KM RACE for MIDGETS/INTERMEDIATES

**6:00PM** W1/ W2 10KM RACE

Saturday 5 March 2022

**7:00AM** REGISTRATION OPEN

**7:30AM** KARAKIA TIMATANGA / RACE BRIEFING

**8:00AM** MIDI CHASE 9KM RACE for NOVICE/J16/J19s

**10:30AM** MEGA CHASE 21KM for OPEN TEAMS

**2.30pm** KAI & PRIZEGIVING/RESULTS

**3:30pm** KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

**Overview:** The Whakaraupō Chase is the annual long distance race hosted by Te Waka Pounamu – and has a twist – involving challenges for both brain and brawn to be completed en-route. The Chase races are multi-staged, including a mass start and a handicap after Leg 1, followed by mystery challenges at each beach stop – to be solved before your team can move to the next leg - the ultimate test of teamwork, muscle and problem solving!

## RACE RULES

- ❖ **GENERAL:** Waka Ama NZ Long Distance Race Rules apply, except where otherwise noted below. Please note that Covid-19 traffic light restrictions are in place and that vaccine passes will be required, and that competitor numbers are capped at 100 (or 16 x W6 crews).
- ❖ **RACE FORMAT:** There are 4 races – 1 x W1/W2 race and 3 x W6 'chase' races.

The W1/W2 race is a simple 1 Lap race on a 10km course – with 2 options depending on wind direction - see Maps 1A & 1B.

The W6 races are contested over 3 different distances depending on your division:

  - The Mini Chase over 3kms for Midgets/Intermediates (6-13 years) – see Maps 2A & 2B;
  - The Midi Chase over 9kms for Novice & J16/J19s – see Maps 3A-C; and
  - The Mega Chase over 21kms for Open Teams – see Maps 4A-E.

All of the W6 'chase' races test both brain and brawn – by including a series of challenges undertaken between race legs at beaches around Whakaraupō. The Midi and Mega Chases also include a handicap, based on the first 2.5km sprint leg + challenge completion time, that sets up the 'chase' and provides any team regardless of age or ability the opportunity to take out the overall event and line honours.

In addition to the overall Chase Champions, three other awards will also be recognised:

  - Fastest on the Water – based on Leg 1 + Leg 2-5 times (minus any handicap) across divisions
  - Sprint Kings & Queens – based on the fastest Leg 1 times across divisions
  - Brainiacs – adjudged to be the team showing the best problem solving and teamwork skills across the beach challenges
- ❖ **DIVISIONS:** There are Mens, Womens and Mixed categories across Midget, Intermediate, J16, J19, Novice and Open divisions for all W6 events. W1/W2 events are for all divisions from J16 to Master 70 for Tāne and Wāhine. There are no Master divisions in W6 events due to the handicap provided as part of the Chase races.
- ❖ **COURSE:** The courses are shown on the Maps below and include both ama and non-ama side turns. W6 races include multiple legs of differing lengths, as noted above, along with challenges at the completion of legs (except for the finish).
- ❖ **TURNING:** There is no limitation on how wide or short any buoy turn needs to be, however waka must endeavour to avoid collisions – with all waka trialing at a turn buoy being required to give way to the waka that is leading going into a turn (whether this is on the inside or outside line). A waka not completing a turn correctly (eg. missing or hitting the buoy between the hull and ama) can go back around the buoy immediately or incur a 30 second penalty. Furthermore, the race director reserves the right to disqualify teams if any paddling, is deemed to be dangerous.
- ❖ **CHALLENGES:** Challenges will be completed after Leg 1 & 2 for the Mini and Midi Chase, and after Leg 1, 2, 3 & 4 for the Mega Chase. These challenges are compulsory and are based on testing the brain and/or teamwork, rather than testing physicality. If a team cannot complete a challenge, they must wait for 10 mins before being able to set off for the next leg.
- ❖ **RACE RESULTS:** As above, times will be recorded for Leg 1, each crews handicap, and for remaining combined leg times (across the finish line). The winner of the Chase is the first team across the line in each division, with other awards for fastest on the water and sprint.

- ❖ **WAKA:** Any type of W1, W2 or W6 canoes can be used and we are asking each participating clubs their own.
- ❖ **SAFETY EQUIPMENT:** All waka are to carry at least 1 bailer, 1 spare paddle, 1 tow rope, and lifejackets must be worn by each paddler. This is to create one simple rule for all paddlers and support our Whakaraupō/Lyttelton Harbour by-laws. Spray skirts can also be used but this is optional – although may be required by the race director depending on conditions.
- ❖ **MIXED CREWS:** All crews must be mixed and must consist of a minimum of three (3) wāhine/female paddlers.
- ❖ **JUNIOR CREWS:** J19/J16 is for paddlers aged 14-19. Intermediate is for paddlers aged 11 to 13 (although they can be younger). Midgets is for paddlers aged 6-10. Adult steerers are able to be used for the Int/Midget grades, but must only 'jam' steer, and not provide forward propulsion to their team.
- ❖ **SAFETY:** The race director has overall control and responsibility for the event and all event related directions from race officials must be complied with. Lifejackets, bailers, a tow rope and spare paddles are to be carried / worn as stipulated above. Spray skirts may also be required.

Weather and water conditions will be assessed ahead of the event, as well as throughout the event. Constant high winds, strong gusts, high swells and dangerous current, as well as poor water quality could mean racing is cancelled or suspended.

Race officials also have the discretion to withdraw any competitor, crew or waka, which in their opinion is or will be endangering their own safety or the safety of others.

A pre-race briefing will provide an update of conditions, key risks as well as rules ahead of the event starting. All waka will also be safety-checked ahead of racing and four safety boats will be operating.

- ❖ **PENALTIES/DISQUALIFICATIONS:** If a team are deemed to be paddling dangerously, including causing any collisions, they may be disqualified. As noted above, turning penalties may be applied.

