



# Auckland Region Waka Ama Sprint Regatta - Pānui 1

Tēnā koutou ngā kaihoe o te rohe o Tāmaki Makarau. Nau mai, piki mai ki te awa o Tamaki, Karawhuia tātou.

The 2023 Regional sprint regatta will be held at Ian Shaw Park, 252a Panama Rd, Mt Wellington, Auckland, hosted by Nga Hau Maiangi. Aroca is grateful for the opportunity to deliver this event at a new location, this offers the opportunity for us to be adaptable, versatile and build capability in terms of resources, equipment, education, funding, and support, all of which has presented their own challenges over the past few years.

Events will be held over 250m and 500m straight courses for W1, W6 & W12 events. This is also the qualifying event for W1 & W12 paddlers wanting to represent the AROCA region at the Waka Ama NZ National Sprint Championships 14-20 January 2024.

## Key Dates are

Monday 2nd October 2023: Entries open

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November: Entries close

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Final roster changes

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November: Draft Lane Draw Available (on the AROCA & WANZ website)

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>/Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November: Race days

## Entries and Race Information

Regatta Events		
W1	250m dash	J19 & Premier
W1	500m	Intermediate - Master 80s
W12	250m dash	Taitamariki/Intermediate/J16/J19/Premier/Masters (40yrs & beyond))
W6	250/500m	Taitamariki/Intermediate/J16/J19/Premier/Masters (40yrs & beyond)

Categories for W12 Races		
Men	250	Taitamariki/Intermediate/J16/J19/Premier/Masters (40yrs & beyond))
Women	250	Taitamariki/Intermediate/J16/J19/Premier/Masters (40yrs & beyond))

Categories for W6 Races		
Men/Women	250	Taitamariki
Men/Women	500	Int/J16/J19/Premier/Masters (40yrs & beyond)

*All entries must be completed by the Club Administrator, waivers will be done online and must be completed at the same time entries close.*

All entries need to be verified members of NKOA. New paddlers must have completed their NKOA ID process.

**Late entries will not be accepted**

## Race Format

W1 250m & 500m – one race only per paddler, quota will be filled by the fastest times overall

W12 – 250m – one race per team, quota will be filled by the fastest time overall for J19 and Premier teams

W6 – 250m for midgets only, fastest 4 teams progress to the finals

W6 – 500m for all intermediates to Master 80 – fastest 4 teams progress to the finals

The format is dependent upon the number of overall entries received and may change after the cut off.

This is due to a couple of factors:-

1. Race-lane set up
2. Race conditions, tide, wind etc

AROCA will endeavour to schedule the event so that the whole category is racing under similar conditions in terms of the tide. This will be an enormous admin task and therefore we appreciate your help to get your club entries in on time.

## Age Categories

Age is taken as reaching the specified age in 2024 (i.e., next year). This enables you to race in the same division as you will at the coming 2024 nationals. If in doubt see the <http://www.wakaama.co.nz/agedivisionchecker> or email [admin@aroca.co.nz](mailto:admin@aroca.co.nz) for clarification.

## Entry Fees (one fee if you are entering more than one discipline )

ENTRY COSTS (per paddler)		
Division	Age	One Fee for all races
Midgets	6 to 10	\$10.00
Intermediate	11 to 13	\$15.00
J16	14 to 16	\$25.00
J19	17 to 19	\$30.00
Open/Masters	20 and over	\$40.00
Out of Region	All	\$100.00*

If you are choosing to race **W1 only** the fee will be **\$20.00**

All entry fees are to be paid by 16<sup>h</sup> November. Clubs will be able to see roster and invoice details in the memberarea of the website.

A follow up invoice will also be sent to clubs

All clubs must pay directly to the AROCA account and ensure the reference is clear to ensure payment is reconciled

Paddler Fees are non-refundable. If a paddler is withdrawn after the entry closing date there will be no refund. Paddlers from a club with outstanding fees will not be allowed to participate.

*\*Out of region paddlers will be accepted at the discretion of AROCA*

## W1 Nationals Qualification Information

This is the qualifying event for the 2024 NKOA Sprint Nationals. Paddlers may only paddle for one club. Regions are allocated 4 entries for each race division plus extra quota for having finalists in the previous year's nationals. The quota will be filled from placings in each race division.

## W1 Quota

To be updated in Panui 2

## W1 Compliance

All canoes must comply with section 7.1 of the NKOA rules for waka ama racing (NB: minimum weight fully rigged 14kg).

There will be no pre-event waka weigh in this year, instead there will be a spot check after each race. Paddlers whose waka are found to be under the 14kg minimum specification will incur a penalty.

All W1s must have lane number holders, as per Waka Ama New Zealand race rules.

Paddlers must arrange to have their own W1. Paddlers should NOT assume that they will be able to use other paddlers' W1s on race day.

Loading out and races will not be delayed for paddlers waiting for canoes. Each paddler may have 1 support person to assist with the loading and unloading of waka.

Clubs and coaches please note that your paddlers must be of a level where they can competently and confidently take the start line and complete the race. Any paddlers who fail to reach the start line within a reasonable time will be withdrawn from the race.

Paddlers going outside of their lane will be penalised, withdrawn, or disqualified (DQ'ed) paddlers *will not receive refunds*.

## Waitlist – Please read carefully

### Level 1

For paddlers who do not make the quota, the next two racers in each division will qualify immediately for the Waitlist, (this is a manual process and not system generated) If you do not wish to be on the waitlist your club rep must advise AROCA via email by **December 6<sup>th</sup> 2023**

### Level 2

Participants from Regionals who compete but do not qualify can be placed on the waitlist for Nationals with the waitlist fee included in their regional entry fee. These participants are placed below the Level one paddlers in the list. Note: this is a manual process and not system generated, therefore your club rep must advise AROCA via email by **December 6<sup>th</sup> 2023**

### Level 3

Paddlers unable to compete at the Regionals wanting to make the quota for Nationals will be required to write to the Race Committee requesting their inclusion on the wait list. This should be sent from your club rep to AROCA via email by **December 6<sup>th</sup> 2023**. The fee applicable for inclusion on the wait list is the same as the event entry fee for that race. Non competing participants who are accepted on the waitlist are included at the bottom of the quota list after Level 2 paddlers on a first come, first serve order.

## Arriving on Site

Please follow the directions given to you by the parking wardens. If you can, please car pool where possible  
Paddlers will be marshalled according to their race numbers please check the race schedule for further information.

## Club and Event Requirements

### Support Boats

We require three support boats for the event. Boats will be paid \$300 per day to assist, if you wish to be included, please contact [admin@aroca.co.nz](mailto:admin@aroca.co.nz). You must ensure your boat is safe and suitable for the event.

### Tent allocation

Tents can be put up on the grass area, refer to site map

### Vendors

There will be coffee, food, and ice-cream vendors this year

### Volunteers

All participating clubs are expected to provide non paddling volunteers for each day of the event. A draft schedule will be included in pānui 2. Volunteer numbers will be based on two volunteers per club per day as an approximation. Any volunteers wanting to assist at the event can contact [admin@aroca.co.nz](mailto:admin@aroca.co.nz). Last year volunteer numbers were below satisfactory.

## Weather Conditions or Other Delays

In case of severe weather conditions on race day, the race director retains the right to stop, postpone and/or cancel races on race day.

Please note that we will be unable to refund race fees in this case.

If delays occur, races may run later than scheduled

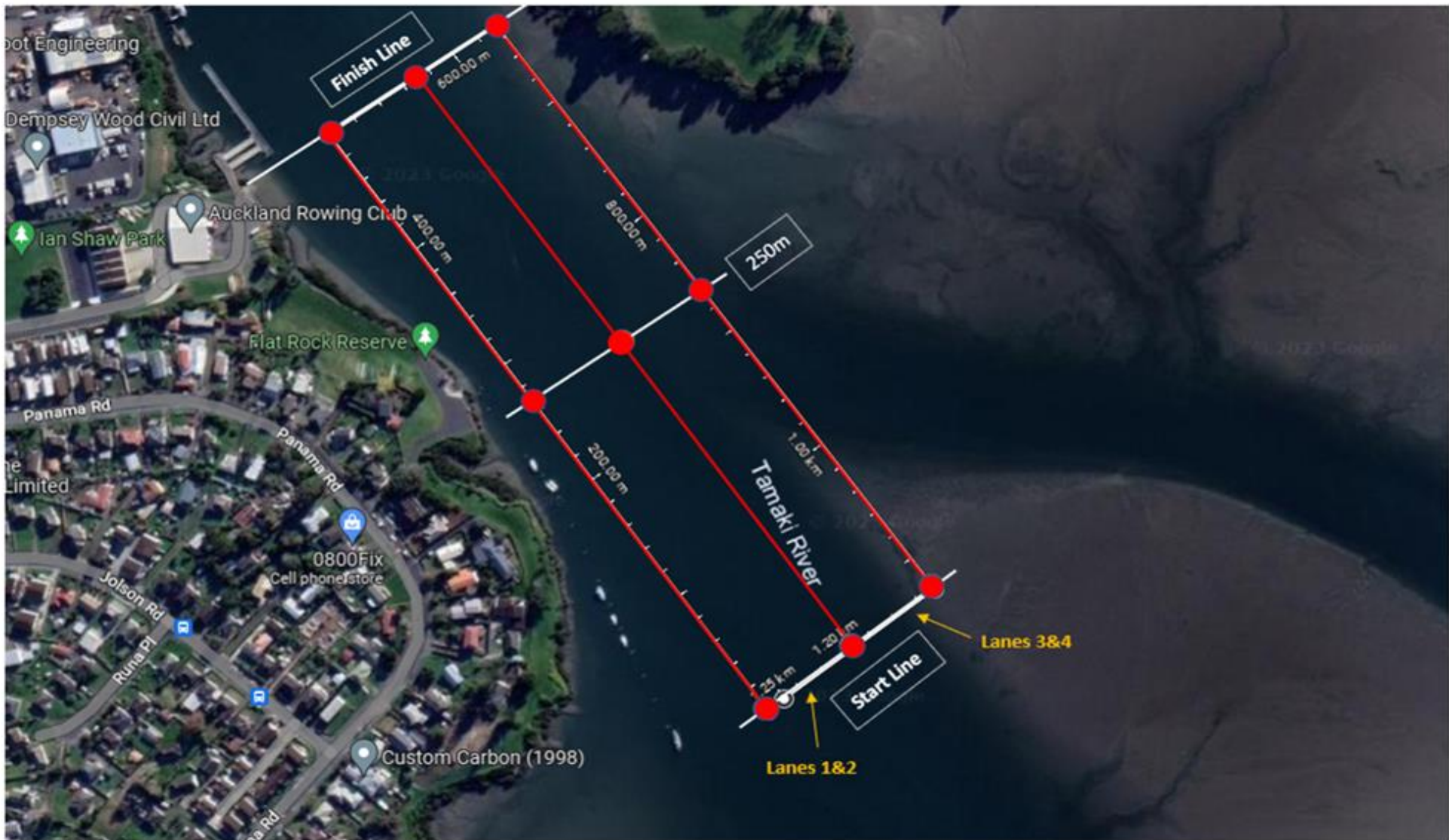
## Training at Ian Shaw Park Reserve

If your club or team would like to train at Ian Shaw Park, please as a courtesy contact Nga Hau Maiangi ([nhminc.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:nhminc.secretary@gmail.com)) in the first instance as this area becomes heavily burdened with the Waka Ama clubs, Auckland Rowing and Secondary Schools that are already training there.

## Ngā mihi nui

### From the Aroca Board

# Race Course Layout



Site Plan

