



TOA NZ Junior Championship

23-25/2/24

Taipa Point

408 Community Trust in Association with Taiohi Mauri

Pānui 1

The mission of the TOA Junior Championship weekend is to inspire Tamariki and Taiohi to not only race but to celebrate their uniqueness and break down some of the barriers of competitive racing.

Special thank you to local hapū Matakairiri, funders and clubs for their support. As a result we have 4 x return trips to Aito Tahiti OR World Sprints Hilo up for grabs in the J16 and J19 divisions.

All weekend we will have Youth Enterprise and Inno-native stalls, Rongoa and Toi Māori workshops, Waka Taua, Waka Hourua history boards (bring along your clubs history in waka ama).

EVENT SUMMARY

The weekend of racing and whanaungatanga will begin with a powhiri Friday 6pm at Herewaka, Taipa Point Rd (The original landing place of Kupe).

Saturday am includes:

- *sprint racing W6 and W1. (Ocean Sprints offer an awesome opportunity to practise for crews heading to Hilo in August)*
- *500m straight and 1000m turn W6*
- *500m straight W1*

Saturday pm:

- *6 & 10km distance W1 and W6 racing for juniors*
- *1km – 6km for taitamariki and Intermediate paddlers*
- *concluding with a Cultural night in Te Kāpehu Whetu (The Star Compass) at the beachfront marae of Sir Hekenukumai Puhipi 5 minutes from the race venue in Aurere.*

Sunday Am is Fun racing:

- *Ko Wai Koe: all competitors must dress as something they are proud of about their identity (culture, gender, goal, occupation, belief) EVERYONE is welcome!*
- *Waka of Origin: bring along anyone who you share whakapapa with for this W12 race*
- *Fruit Salad: All participants names are drawn at random to make W12 teams*
- *concluding with celebration/ prizegiving*

EVENT SCHEDULE

	Saturday		Sunday
7.00am	Registration, waka drop off & safety checks	8am	Registration/ safety brief
7.30am	Karakia, Race & safety briefings	9am	W1 ID race (500m relay)
8.00am	Sprint racing starts		W12 Waka of Origin 1.5km
11am	J16/19 W1 8km race, Int W6 5km race		W12 Fruit Salad 1km
12pm	Taitamariki W1/6 med distance races Int W1 med distance race	11am	Celebration
1pm	J16/19 W6 12-16km Race		
6pm	Cultural Night @ Kupe Waka Centre, Aurere		



RACE DAY INFORMATION

Car Parking: Parking is available by street parking. Please note all parking is under Far North REAP Road Safety Team.

Trailer parking: Trailer parking will be on the lawn opposite Ramada Taipa.

Food: We encourage you to bring your own healthy kai, however a range of food vendors will be available onsite to purchase healthy kai.

Toilets: Toilets are located at the end of the Taipa Point Rd, before the main registration tent.

First Aid: First Aid will be available at the registration tent, via main driveway. Hāto hone is onsite on Saturday

Rubbish/Recycling: We encourage you to please take what you bring. However, the main rubbish and recycling station is located by the main toilet block and managed by Eco Solutions

Alcohol/Smokefree: Alcohol, smoking, vaping and any other substance use is not permitted at this event, including all premises of the event.



WAKA DROP OFF & SAFETY CHECKS

Waka Drop off:

- Waka drop off will be available from 5pm Friday
- Waka drop off will be in Herewaka compound at Taipa Point and will be clearly signed with entry & exit
- Trailer parking is on the opposite side of the Taipa Resort, please be aware of your surroundings through this process

Safety Checks:

- All waka will have to pass a safety check and be marked before racing. Any waka not marked will not be permitted to race.

RACE RULES

All team managers must be familiar with the Waka Ama New Zealand race and safety rules.

Refer to the following link for more information: [Waka Ama NZ Race Rules](#)

AGE DIVISIONS & RACE EVENTS

WAKA	DISTANCE	DIVISIONS	GENDER
<i>Waka for the race</i>	<i>Distance for the race</i>	<i>List all divisions for this race.</i>	<i>List the genders for this race.</i>
W6	500m straight	Taitamariki, Intermediate, J16, J19	Male, Female, Mixed
W6	500m turn	Taitamariki, Intermediate	Male, Female, Mixed
W6	1000m turn	J16-19	Male, Female, Mixed
W1	500m straight	Taitamariki, Intermediate, J16, J19	Male, Female, Mixed (to include Irawhiti (all members associated with the rainbow community are welcome))
W1	1km	Taitamariki (min age 8)	Male, Female
W1	3km	Intermediate (min age 10)	Male, Female
W1	8km	J16-19	Male, Female, Mixed



		(min age 14)	
W6	3km	Taitamariki (min age 8)	Male, Female, Mixed
W6	5km	Intermediate paddlers (min age 10)	Male, Female, Mixed
W6	12-16km	J16-19 (min age 14)	Male, Female, Mixed
W1/ W2 Ko Wai Koe	1km	Taitamariki-U19	Male, Female, Mixed (W2),
W12: Waka of Origin	1.5km	All ages	Male, Female, Mixed
W12: Fruit Salad	1km	Taitamariki - U19	Male, Female, Mixed

FEES

PER PERSON BY AGE DIVISION (charged one fee according to age on race day)

Age Division	Cost
Taitamariki	\$10.00
Intermediate	\$10.00
J16	\$20.00
J19	\$20.00

ONLINE ENTRIES & PAYMENT

- Online entries are to be completed using the Waka Ama NZ online entry system.
- All entries to be completed through your club admin – contact your club admin to process your entry
- No entries on the day, no exceptions
- Entries close on **18 February**
- Rosters close on **20 February**, rosters must be completed by close date, no exceptions
- Once entered, payment can be made online to:
 - 408 Community Trust
 - 06-0337-0286796-00
 - Use your club/ team / paddler name as your reference

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- All waka must be Safety Checked
- All taitamariki and intermediate age divisions must wear life jackets
- All Junior (J16 & J19) must have the following safety equipment for their races:
 - PFD - Personal Floatation Device (per person)
 - Bailers
 - Flare or cellphone in waterproof case
 - Spare Paddle - 2 for a W6, 1 for W1/2
 - Spray Skirt (W6)
 - Tow Rope (W6)

- Leg leash (for sit on top W1)

INDIVIDUAL & TEAM WAIVERS

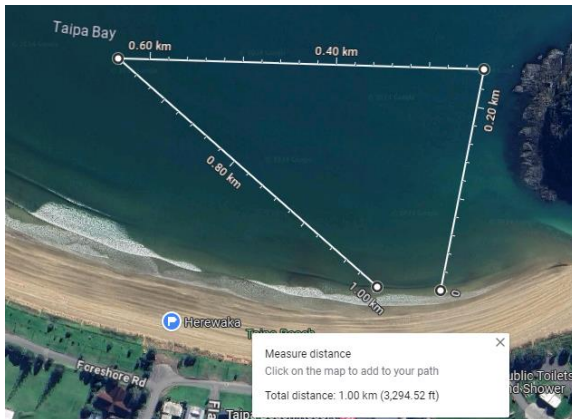
- Individual and Team waivers must be completed by all paddlers/teams
- All paddlers U18 must have their waiver signed by their parent/guardian
- Waivers can be sent to **insert email here** or handed in at the managers meeting on the day
- Individual & Team waivers can be found on our event page on the Waka Ama NZ website

CONTACT INFORMATION

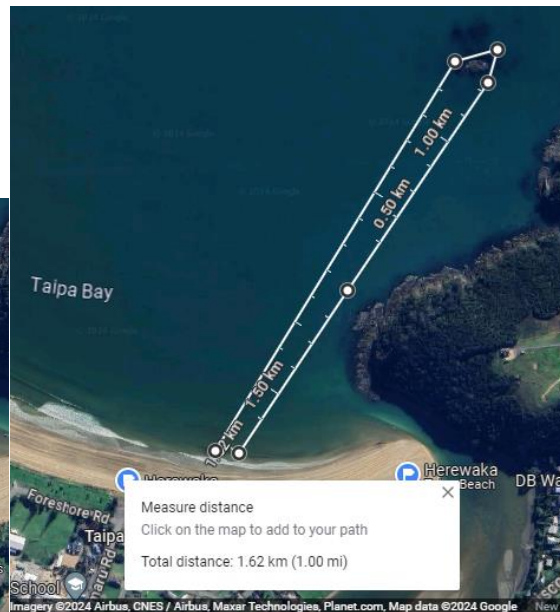
- All enquiries please email: chev@mauri.net.nz
- All urgent matters please call: **0210606170**
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TaiohiMauri>
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COURSE MAPS

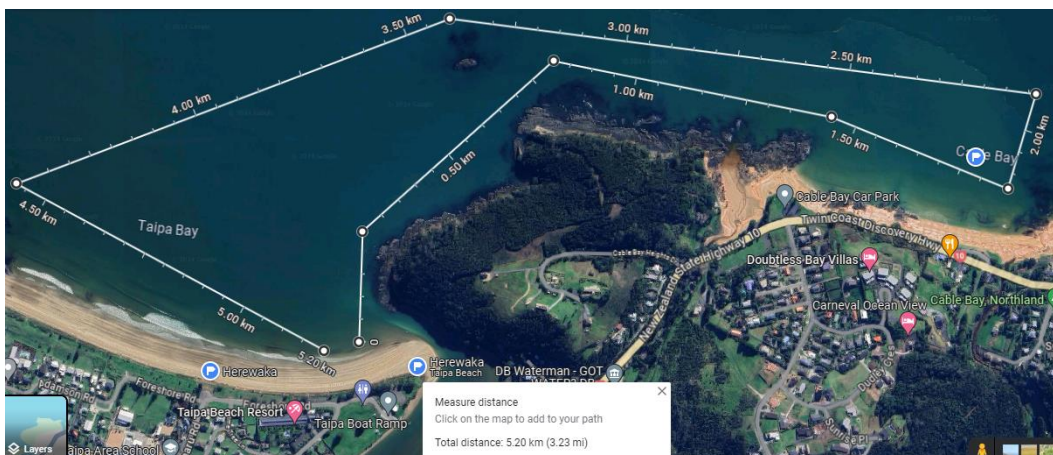
MAP 1: Main Racecourse



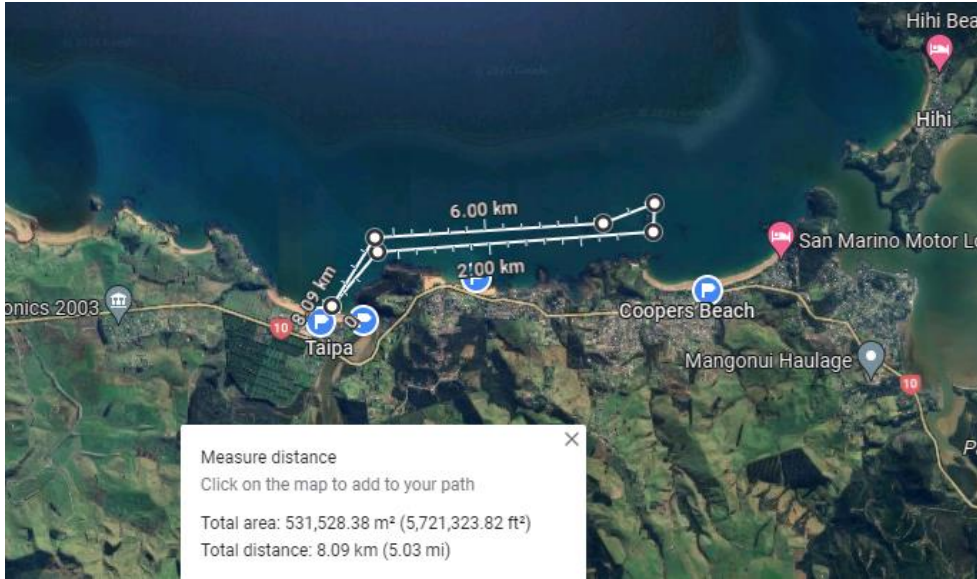
1km Course



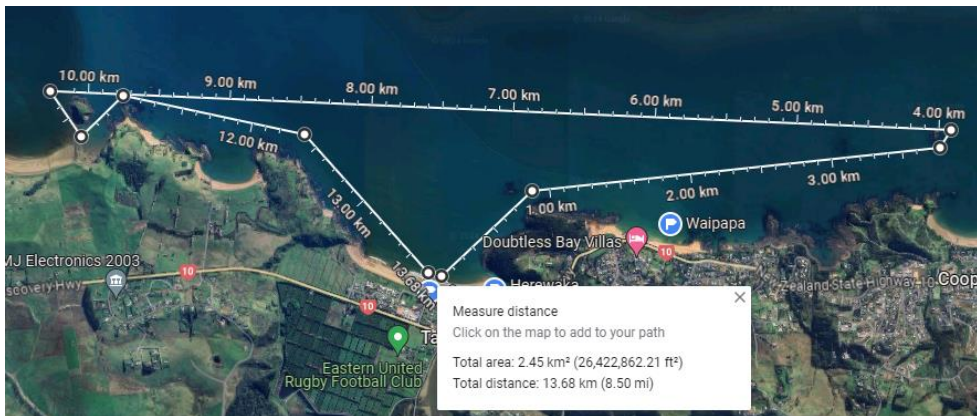
3km course (x2)



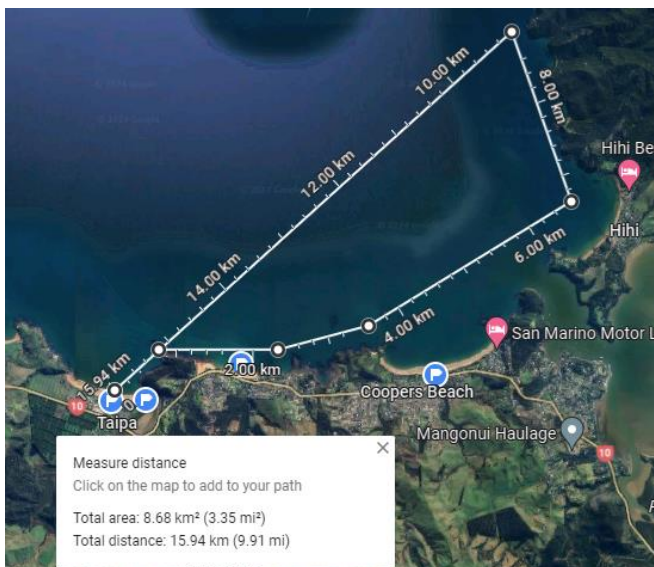
5km Course



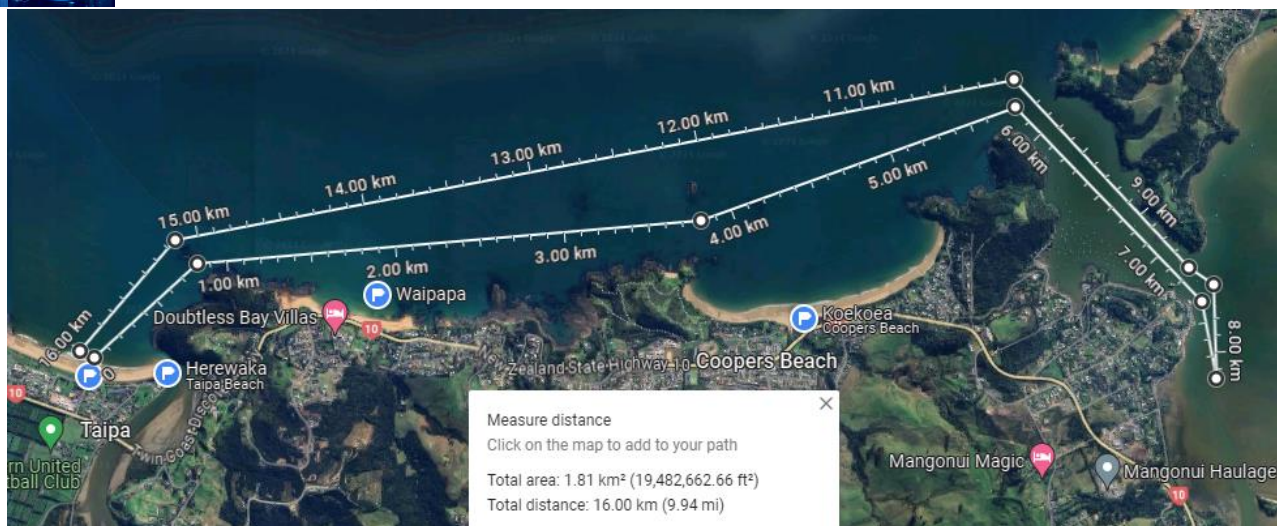
8km Race course



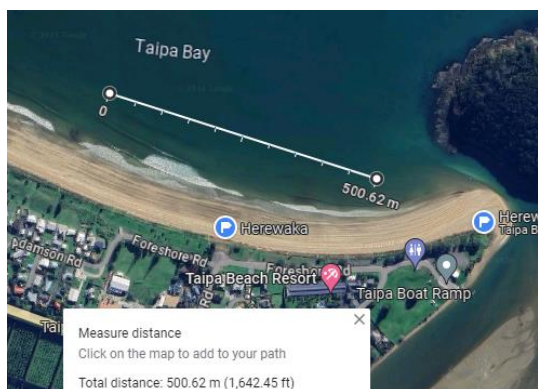
12-16km race course (westerly/ southerly wind)



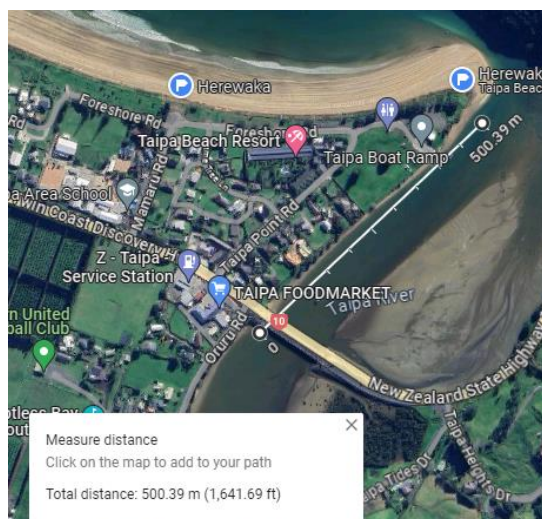
12-16km race course (Northerly wind)



12-16km Course Easterly wind



Sprint Course



1 Sprint course 2

High tide: 9.15am Low tide: 3.40pm (Full Moon tides)

ACCOMMODATION PROVIDERS

There are many accommodation options in the area but the following have vacancies nearby

Taipa Resort

Hihi Holiday Park

Whatuwhiwhi Top 10 (Camping)

Local marae include:

Kauhanga

Kareponia

Haititai Marangai