

# WAKA AMA LONG DISTANCE NATIONALS 2024

## SAFETY BOAT INFORMATION

Tēnā koutou

We would like to invite you to assist with the Waka Ama Long Distance Nationals being held on **Thursday 3rd October - Saturday 5th October (Sunday 6th Backup day) based at the Midway Community Hub, Gisborne.**

### EVENT REQUIREMENTS

Crews compete over a distance of between 8km - 24km in single person (W1), double (W2), four man (W4) and six man (W6) waka in Tūranganui-a-Kiwa.

We need competent boaties willing to skipper their boats and provide support to the event. This is an exciting opportunity to be a part of an exhilarating National Sporting event here in Gisborne. You can find out more information about the event here:

<https://www.wakaama.co.nz/racecalendar/lookup/2196>

### SAFETY BOAT MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

To participate in the Event as a safety boat, we need your vessel and skipper to meet our minimum requirements.

- Tin or inflatable dinghies are not suitable Safety vessels - inflatables depending on the size can be utilised
- Vessels must be seaworthy and have a minimum carrying capacity of 5 people including skipper
- Vessels must be fully fuelled and mechanically sound
- Vessels must have sufficient power to travel faster than the canoe, so rescues can be made safely.
- Vessels must be equipped with all safety gear, including personal flotation devices and devices for ALL passengers, a first aid kit, bailing equipment, flares, mirror, VHF Radio, boarding ladder and oars.
- PFDs - must not be kapok, not more than 10 years old, have working canisters if inflatable (been checked for rust if they are in service), straps won't break
- All Operators must be aware of and comply with all applicable Water Safety Regulations and Requirements
- All Operators must be aware of and comply with all the Event Official Race Rules.
- All Safety Boats must have a competent operator and support person onboard



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## REMUNERATION FOR THE EVENT

**You will be paid \$300** per full day by the organisers, via bank transfer to your chosen account, the week after the event. The event will also supply you with an event shirt and lunch for each day.

We will need some information on your boat, please can you complete the attached document [Safety Boat Form](#) and submit.

A full briefing pack will be provided together with a course map, race rules and event contact details.

If you have a friend who might be interested, please forward this information to them and ask them to send their details to Email: [events@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:events@wakaama.co.nz)

### Media Boats

If you would like to be involved but your boat is not suitable to provide safety, we do need to confirm a small number of media boats. Please email [events@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:events@wakaama.co.nz)

Ngā mihi

Te Uranga o Te Rā Local Organising Committee and Waka Ama NZ

