



**29<sup>th</sup> Annual Whaingaroa Hoe**  
**May 17 2025**  
**Papahua (Te Kopua) Boat Ramp, Raglan**  
**Whaingaroa Whanau Hoe Waka Club**  
**Pānui 1**

**EVENT SUMMARY**

Whaingaroa Whanau Hoe Waka Ama Club would like to thank everyone for travelling near and far to attend our 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Hoe Race.

We promise to make this Event an enjoyable one that will give you lasting memories of our picturesque West Coast Harbour and Beaches.

This Event has lots to offer, for the newest of paddles to the heartiest of all as our conditions are forever changing and possibly challenging at times.

However, we hope you and your Whanau have a fun filled day with plenty of sunshine, food, prizegiving and spot prizes.

Our Race Day has two Memorial Trophies to be awarded at the end of the day during Prizegiving.

- **Chrissy Herbert Memorial Trophy** for the W6 Women's 20km Race, prize going to the first Women's Team to cross the line in Race 2.
- **Piripi Kereopa Memorial Trophy** for the W6 Men's 20km Race, prize going to the first Master Men's Team to cross the line in Race 3

We would like to thank all Whanau for participating and supporting our 29<sup>th</sup> Whaingaroa Hoe Race.

**EVENT SCHEDULE**

<b>7.00am</b>	Registration, waka drop off & safety checks
<b>8.00am</b>	Karakia
<b>8.15am</b>	Race & safety briefings
<b>9.00am</b>	Race (1) starts
<b>9.45am</b>	Race & safety briefings
<b>10.30am</b>	Race (2) starts
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Prizegiving Race (1)</b>
<b>12.30pm</b>	Race & safety briefings
<b>1.00pm</b>	Race (3) starts
<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>Prizegiving Race (2 &amp; 3)</b>



## RACE SCHEDULE

Time	Race
8.15am	Race Briefing – 8km W6 Junior, Open
9.00am	Race Start – 8km W6 Junior, Open
9.45am	Race Briefing – 20km W6 Women and Mixed
10.30am	Race Start - 20km W6 Women and Mixed
12.30pm	Race Briefing – 20km W6 Men
1.00pm	Race Start - 20km W6 Men

## RACE DAY INFORMATION

**Car Parking:** Paddlers parking is available through the first gateway across the small Army Bridge closest to the Airfield. Please note all parking is under Whaingaroa Traffic Management Team, you will need to read the signs and park accordingly as directed.

**Trailer parking:** Please follow the road around the corner, Trailer parking will be through the top gate on the Airfield closest to the Rigging Area. Please note all parking is under Whaingaroa Traffic Management Team, you will need to read the signs and park accordingly as directed.

**Food:** We encourage you to bring your own healthy kai, however a small range of food is available for paddlers only once they have finished their races. Note Raglan Township is 5x minutes' walk from Race Area.

**Toilets:** Toilets are located just past the main registration tent, plus there are more Toilets 2x minutes' walk down the beachfront

**First Aid:** First Aid will be available at the Registration Tent.

**Rubbish/Recycling:** 'Leave ONLY a Footprint' - We encourage you to please take what you bring home with you. However, we will have designated rubbish and recycling station located by Registration Tent

**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 **Friday, May 16th, 4pm**
- Waka drop off will be on the beach front landing and will be clearly signed with entry & exit
- Trailer parking is inside the Airfield through the top gate, past rigging area also please be aware of your surroundings as this road is OPEN to Public access.

### Safety Checks:

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

## RACE RULES

All entrants 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
W6	8km	Junior (J16 and J19 combined), Open	Boys, Girls, Mixed
W6	20km	Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, Women, Mixed

## FEES

**Fees:** Fees for this event are **per person by event** (charged for each event entered)

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Age Division	Cost
8km Race – Junior (J16 & J19 combined)	\$15.00
8km Race – Open	\$25.00
20km Race – Open, Master, Senior, Golden	\$35.00

**Please Note:** Paddlers racing in the 8km and 20km will need to pay both entry fees. Your entry fee includes a Meal Ticket, and we will have food on Sale throughout the day.

## 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 **Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025**
- Rosters close on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025**, rosters must be completed by close date, no exceptions.
- Once entered, payment can be made online to:
  - Whaingaroa Hoe Bank Account
  - 03-1563- 0045952-05
  - Use your club, team name and division as your reference.
- Due to large entry numbers, we ask for **ONE payment per Club**. Individual team payments will be considered a donation. If you are paying for multiple crews, please follow up with an email to [Whaingaroawaka@gmail.com](mailto:Whaingaroawaka@gmail.com) advising your crew names, 8km or 20km and the division please.

## SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- All Waka must be Safety Checked
- **All Junior age divisions must wear Life Jackets during the race.**
- All Junior (J16 & J19) and Senior (Open and above) 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
  - Spray Skirt (W6)
  - Tow Rope (W6)
  - Leg leash (for sit on top W1)
- Any Waka racing without required equipment will be disqualified.



## 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 **[whaingaroawaka@gmail.com](mailto:whaingaroawaka@gmail.com)** or handed in at the managers meeting on the day
- Individual & Team waivers can be found online

## CONTACT INFORMATION

- All enquiries please email: **[Whaingaroawaka@gmail.com](mailto:Whaingaroawaka@gmail.com)**
- All urgent matters please call: Sarah Harihari – 021 221 7323 (Race Director/Chairman)
  - Molly Huggan - (Club Safety Officer)

## COURSE MAPS

- High tide: 12.33pm
- Low tide: 06.10am

**8km**



**20km**



### 20km course map

Start in front of boat ramp, head out Te Kopua inlet, turn left towards harbour entrance, turn Buoy 1 (ama side turn), head up the harbour past the Raglan wharf to Buoy 2, carry on up harbour to Buoy 3, turn around head back to Buoy 2 (non ama turn), then turn on buoy 5 directly into Te Kopua inlet, back to start/finish line. **Note: All turns are Ama side except Buoy 2 (on way back).**