



KI UTA KI TAI WAKA CHALLENGE 2025
Marakura Yacht Club, Te Anau
Saturday 25th October 2025

Ngā Kete Mātauranga Pounamu Charitable Trust

Pānui #2

EVENT SUMMARY

Kōrari the Māori Public Health team at Ngā Kete Mātauranga Pounamu Charitable Trust in conjunction with Ōraka Aparima Rūnaka invite you to Ki Uta Ki Tai Waka Challenge to be held at the Marakura Yacht Club, Te Anau on Saturday 25th October 2025.

Ki Uta Ki Tai Waka Challenge is run annually on the beautiful Lake Te Anau and is intended to be a fun but competitive event to support whānau hauora through waka ama. The event is a full day of fun racing, health stalls, coffee, kai vendors and prize giving. It also provides a warmup opportunity before the Te Waka o Aoraki Regional Sprints. We welcome you and your whānau to join us for this event.

EVENT SCHEDULE

7:30am	Safety boat meeting inside Yacht Club
7:45am	Administration desk opens for registrations
8.00am	Karakia + Welcome
8.15am	Race 1 briefing + Safety checks for 5 km W1 + W2
8:30am	Race 1 starts: 5km W1 + W2
9am	Race 2 briefing + Safety checks for 10 km W1 + W2
9:15am	Race 2 starts: 10km W1 + W2
	<i>**If limited entries for both races 5km + 10km will combine</i>
10:15am	Sprints race briefing – all rangatahi kaihoe and all other division steerers for these races to attend.

10:30am	Waka safety checks for sprints
10:45am	Race 3 – 500m rangatahi starts
11:15am	Race 4 – 1km rangatahi starts
11:45am	Race 5 – 500m all divisions
12:15pm	Race 6 – 1km all divisions
12:45pm	Race 7 – W6 10km race briefing + Safety checks
1pm	Race 7 – W6 10km starts
2:15pm	Race 8 – W6 20km race briefing + Safety checks
2:30pm	Race 8 – w6 20km starts*
	<i>Kaihoe to be ready from 2pm, race will start when Race 7 finishes</i>
5pm	All racing finished
5:30pm	Prize giving + Closing karakia

*****SCHEDULING & TIMING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE –
PLEASE BE READY TO RACE 30 MINUTES AHEAD OF YOUR RACE TIME**

RACE DAY INFORMATION

Friday registration: The administration desk will be open for early check-in inside the Yacht Club between 4pm-5pm on Friday 24th October 2025.

Trailer parking: Trailer parking will be available at the rear of the Marakura Yacht Club carpark. Due to restrictions, this will only be available for trailer drop off – you will need to park your car elsewhere for the day.

Car Parking: Parking is available along the shore side in the public area. Please **do not** park in the Marakura Yacht Club carpark.

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

Toilets: Toilets are located inside the Marakura Yacht Club. Note: Unfortunately, there are **NO** showers available at the club.

First Aid: First Aid will be available at the check in tent.

Rubbish/Recycling: Please recycle where possible - rubbish bins will be available.

Alcohol/Drug/Vape/Smokefree: Alcohol, smoking, vaping and any other substance use will not be permitted at this event.

Merchandise: T-shirts will be available for sale at the administration desk.

Water Station: A water station will be available at the lakeside gazebo desk.

Sunscreen: Sunscreen will be available on site.

BYO Gazebo: Please feel free to bring your own gazebo and foldout chairs for your paddlers and supporters

Prize giving: Prize giving will take place 30 minutes after the last race ends.

WAKA DROP OFF & SAFETY CHECKS

Waka Drop off:

Waka drop off and strapping up will take place from **1pm onwards on Friday 24th October**.

Kaimahi will be on site to direct and assist with this process. Otherwise on the morning of the event from 7.00am. All waka need to be strapped up and lakeside by 8.30am. **This year if you are bringing waka please bring your own tyres and take them home with you!**

Safety Checks:

- All waka must undergo a safety check and be officially marked prior to racing. Any waka that has not been marked will **not** be permitted to participate in the 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
W1	5km, 10km	J16, J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men & Women
W2	5km, 10km	J16, J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men & Women, Mixed
W6	500m	Intermediate	Boys, Girls, Mixed
W6	500m, 1km	J16, J19, Open, Masters, Senior Masters, Golden Masters	Men, Women, Mixed
W6	10km	J16, J19, Open, Masters, Senior Masters, Golden Master	Men, Women, Mixed
W6	20km	J16, J19, Open, Masters, Senior Masters, Golden Masters	Men, Women, Mixed

FEES

Fees for this event are per person by race division.

Adult fees: \$30.00 per race – 2 or more races \$60.00

Rangatahi fees (Intermediate, J16, J19): \$10.00 per person for one race/ 2 or more races \$20.00 per person

PER PERSON PER RACE <i>(charged for <u>each</u> race entered)</i>		
Event	Age Division	Cost
W1 + W2 5km/10km	Open*, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	\$30.00
W6 500m/1km	Intermediate, J16, J19, Open*, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	\$10.00/\$30.00
10km	Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	\$30.00*
20km	Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	\$30.00*

**Note: Open division is 16yrs+*

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 **Tuesday 23rd October 2025 5pm**
- Rosters close on **Wednesday 22nd October 2025**. Rosters must be completed by close date, no exceptions
- Once entered, payment can be made online to:
Te Ara a Kewa Waka Ama Trust
03-1355-0770244-00
Use your club, team name and division as your reference

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- All waka must be Safety Checked
- All Junior age divisions must wear life jackets
- Senior (Open and above) PFD's must be on board.
- Waka must have the following safety equipment:
- PFD - Personal Floatation Device (per person)
- Bailers and Spare strapping
- Flare or cell phone in waterproof case
- Spare Paddle - 2 for a W6
- Tow Rope (W6)
- Spray Skirts (Weather and conditions pending)

INDIVIDUAL & TEAM WAIVERS

- Team waivers must be completed by all paddlers/teams prior to event

- All paddlers U18 must have their waiver signed by their parent/guardian
- Waivers can be sent to karina.davis-marsden@nkmp.nz or handed in at the administration desk on Friday afternoon or on race day.
- Team waivers can be found on the Waka Ama NZ [website](#).

CONTACT INFORMATION

- All enquiries please email: karina.davis-marsden@nkmp.nz or nadine.young@nkmp.nz
- All urgent matters please call: 03 2145 260

COURSE MAPS

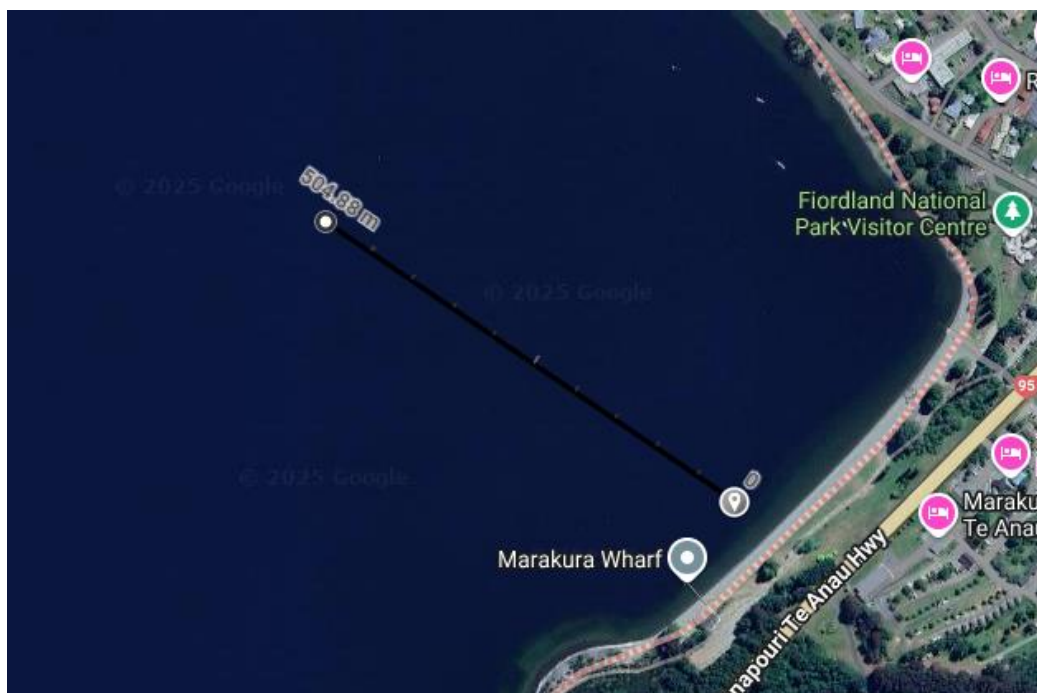
MAP 1: W1 & W2 (beach start with kaihoe turning at 2.5km buoy, following the course back. Finish line at the Marakura Yacht Club wharf.



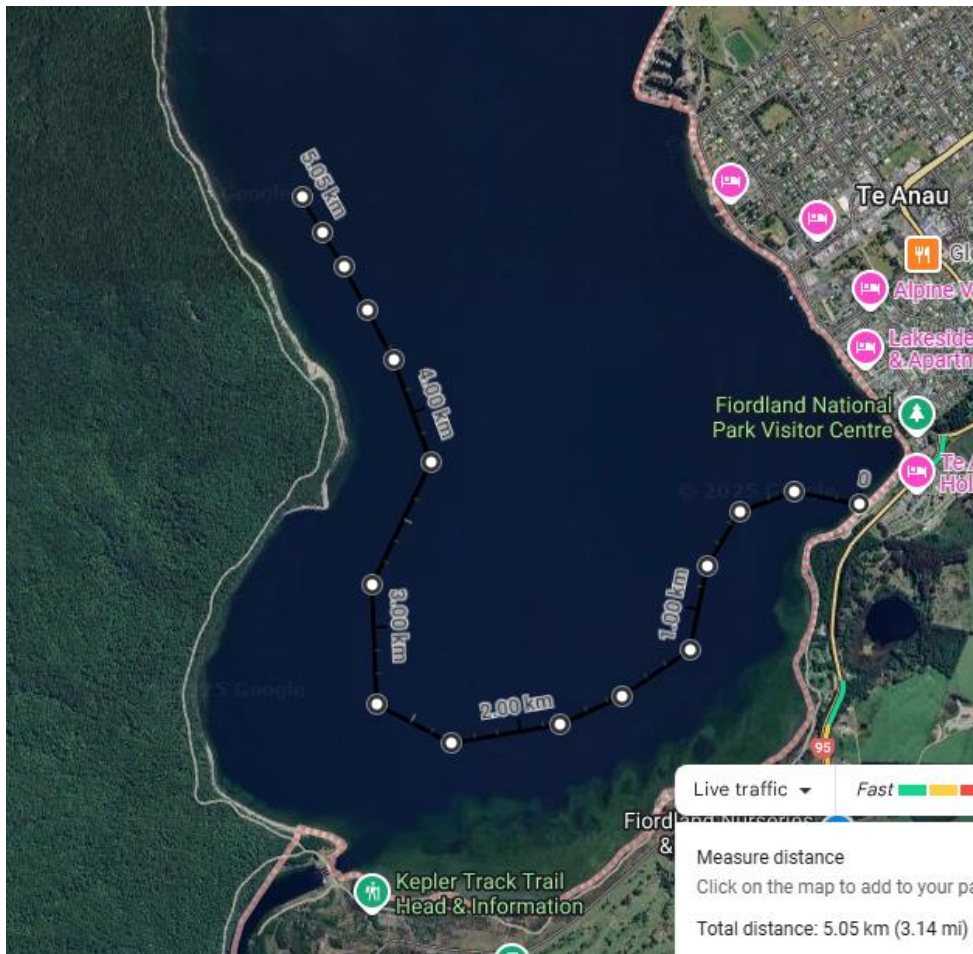
MAP 2: Rangatahi Race's 250m & 500m (with a turn). Race starts out on the water paddling into the shoreline with the finish line at the Marakura Yacht Club wharf.



MAP 3: 500m straight sprint - start out on water heading towards the shoreline. Finish line is the Marakura Yacht Club wharf. 1000m is the same course, beach start – turning at the 500m buoy with the finish line the Marakura Yacht Club wharf.



MAP 4: 10km race. Beach start, turning point at 5km buoy and following the course back. The finish line is the Marakura Yacht Club wharf.



Map 5: 20km race – beach start, turning at the 10km buoy and following the course back. Finish line the Marakura Yacht Club wharf.

