



TAURANGA MOANA OUTRIGGER CANOE CLUB

## Ōmokoroa Dash

### Saturday 21st February 2026

### Ōmokoroa Domain, Ōmokoroa, Bay of Plenty

### Tauranga Moana Outrigger Canoe Club

#### Pānui ONE

##### EVENT SUMMARY

TMOCC welcomes you to join our annual Ōmokoroa Dash regatta held at [Ōmokoroa Domain](#), Ōmokoroa, Western Bay of Plenty. This is an annual event that has been running as part of our Dash Series since 2005.

*It is intended to be a fun whānau orientated event which offers something to all levels of waka ama paddlers. This includes our whānau / novice 5km race and a more competitive 10km race for men, mixed and women's teams. The venue offers a great place for the whānau to relax, race and enjoy a day at the park and on the water. We welcome you and your whānau to join us for this event.*

##### EVENT SCHEDULE

**High Tide: 11.46am**

6.00am -no earlier	Waka drop off begins - waka cannot be dropped off the night before
7.00am - 8.30am	Registrations – Race 1
8.30am	Karakia
8.30am	Race 1 -Race and safety briefings ( <i>other briefings in race schedule below</i> )
9.25am	Racing starts
3.30pm	Racing finishes
3.30pm	Closing Karakia

##### RACE SCHEDULE

Time	Race
7.00am	Registration   Safety Checks
8.30am	Race Briefing – Karakia and Race 1 Briefing
9.25am	Race 1 Start – W6 10km Mixed and Womens
9.30am	Race 1a Start – W1 / W2 10km Mens and Mixed
11.40am	Race 2 Briefing
11.50am	Race 2 Start – W6 – 5km Junior, Novice and Whānau (men, women and mixed)
11.55am	Race 2a Start – W1 / W2 – 5km Junior Men, Women and Mixed
1.15pm	Race 3 Briefing
1.30pm	Race 3 Start - W1 / W2 10km - Women / Mixed
1.45pm	Race 3a Start - W6 10km Men's / Mixed



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## RACE DAY INFORMATION

**Car Parking:** Parking is available on the reserve grounds accessed off Harbour View Road. Please follow parking warden instructions. Do not park by Dairy / Cafe or on road. Please leave for locals.

**Trailer parking:** Trailer parking will be in the Ōmokoroa Domain Field accessed off the Harbour View Road entrance.

**Kai:** We encourage you to bring your own healthy kai. There is free sausage sizzle for participants and a local dairy and café where you can purchase kai from. Help us support the local community hosting this event.

**Toilets:** Toilets are located centrally at the beach.

**First Aid:** First Aid will be available at the registration tent.

**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.

**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 available from **6.00am on the event day- no earlier and not the night before**
- Waka drop off will be on the reserve area and beach area and will be clearly signed with entry & exit
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### 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. Waka must be on the beach for safety checks.

## 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](#)

## SPECIFIC DASH RULES

### Entries

- All entries must be completed online, except for the Whānau Race category of the 5km race. Whānau category can be completed on the day.

### Eligible Age Categories:

- Senior Grades: J19, (min age 16yrs), Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master and Master 70
- Junior Teams: constitute J16 and J19 crews of a minimum age of 11yrs to max age of 19yrs **for the 5km race.**
- Novice teams and paddlers are considered first year paddlers. Novice teams can comprise 1 - 2 experienced paddlers including steerers for safety purposes.
- 10km Mixed Teams can select to race in either Race 1 or Race 3.

### Equipment:



- W6 canoes must have 2 bailers and 6 lifejackets and 2 spare paddles, 1 x communication device of
  - A flare,
  - A cellphone in a waterproof pouch or
  - Waterproof VHF Radio.
- All W6 Canoes must have a tow rope fitted to the canoe. The rope must be at least 12mm diameter and a minimum length of 25 metres.
- W1 / W2 canoes must have 1 bailer (for sit-in canoes), 1 x lifejacket per person and 1 spare paddle, 1 x flare, cellphone in a waterproof pouch or Waterproof VHF Radio.
- W1 / W2 sit-in canoes must have spray skirts available should they be required.
- All boats must have spray skirts available on the day. Race organiser's reserve the right to make spray skirts compulsory if required. (this has occurred in 2024 and 2025).

### 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. (Refer to NKOA Rules for safety equipment requirements). NOTE: Buoyancy Aids/Tubes DO NOT constitute a lifejacket.
- In accordance with Waka Ama NZ Long Distance Rule 37.5 **All W1 must carry**
  - one (easily accessible) MNZ approved flotation device per paddler. Note: For intermediate, junior 16 and novice competitors these:
    - cannot be inflatable flotation devices regardless of swimming ability
    - must be worn for the duration of the race
  - one (easily accessible) spare paddle;
  - one (easily accessible) MNZ approved flare, emergency locator beacon or a cell phone in a waterproof pouch OR a Hand Held Waterproof VHF radio.
- In accordance with Waka Ama NZ Long Distance Rule 38.3 - **All W2 must carry**
  - one (easily accessible) MNZ approved flotation device per paddler. Note: For intermediate, junior 16 and novice competitors these:
    - cannot be inflatable flotation devices regardless of swimming ability and,
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  - one (easily accessible) spare paddle;
  - one (easily accessible) MNZ approved flare, emergency locator beacon or a cell phone in a waterproof pouch OR a Hand Held Waterproof VHF radio.
- In accordance with Waka Ama NZ Long Distance Rule 39.3 **W6 must carry**
  - one (easily accessible) MNZ approved flotation device per paddler. Note: For intermediate, junior 16 and novice competitors these:
    - cannot be inflatable flotation devices regardless of swimming ability and must be worn for the duration of the race

- extra lashings in case repairs are necessary to kiato and ama; e. an approved tow rope of 12mm x 25m minimum length. One end must be securely fitted to the front taumanu with the rest stored either in a bag or fastened to the front taumanu.
- two (easily accessible) spare paddles;
- one (easily accessible) MNZ approved flare or emergency locator beacon or a cell phone in a waterproof pouch OR a Hand Held Waterproof VHF radio.
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### Race Briefing and On Water Rules

- The Race Organisers have the discretion to cancel the race, refuse entry to crews/individuals for any reason related to safety of participants.
- All steerers and team captains must attend the race briefing.
- Should a waka require assistance during the race, the paddler in No.3 seat must hold their paddle up vertically so that an official rescue boat or any passing waka can render assistance.
- In all races W1/W2 must give way to W6. The lead canoe will have right of way.
- On-coming waka and craft must approach 'port to port' or 'ama to ama'.
- All competitors must acknowledge the venue is not reserved for the race only, other harbour recreational boat users may be on the course, including the Matakana Ferry barge. All competitors must observe navigation safety rules on water and must avoid moored and anchored boats.
- All competitors must be familiar with racing in currents and navigating around stationary markers.
- Competitors should dress appropriately for the conditions (including cooler conditions if required - wetsuits / polypropylenes recommended)
- The Race Director and their officials have absolute control of the event. They have the discretion to withdraw any competitor or waka which in their opinion is or will be endangering their or others safety.
- Race organisers will arrange official support boats, which will be marked with orange flags, as required by Waka Ama NZ.

### Notifications

- In the event of poor weather conditions please check the Waka Ama website, TMOCC facebook page or text 0274 3999 36 to confirm if racing is proceeding or being called off.

AGE DIVISIONS & RACE EVENTS			
WAKA	DISTANCE	DIVISIONS	GENDER
<b>W1 2</b>	10km	J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master, M70	Men, Women & Mixed
<b>W1 2</b>	5km	J16   J19	Boys, Girls, Mixed
<b>W6</b>	5km	J16   J19   Novice adult	Boys, Girls, Mixed
<b>W6</b>	5km	Whānau – non Waka Ama affiliated members	Men, Women, Boys and Girls
<b>W4 6</b>	10km	J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, GM, M70	Men, Women, Mixed

## FEES

### Fees are Per person

- \$25.00 per paddler for 10km Races (covers all 10km races – 2 x 10 km and 1 x 5 km)
- \$10.00 per paddler for 5km Race only.

### PER PERSON BY EVENT (one fee per person for the day - the higher of the fees)

Event	Cost
Whānau and Novice- W6 - 5km	\$10.00
J19 & Open (and above) - W1 - 10km	\$25.00
J19 & Open (above above) – W6 – 10km	\$25.00

## ONLINE ENTRIES & PAYMENT

- Online entries are to be completed using the Waka Ama NZ online entry system.
- Whanau entries can be on the day.
- Novice entries are through 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 (See note re Whānau teams below)
- Entries close on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2026**
- Rosters close on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2026** rosters must be completed by close date, no exceptions
- **Once entered, ONE payment per Club for entries to be made online to:**
  - Please email through your paddler roster and invoice statement from Waka Ama website to [Club@tmocc.co.nz](mailto:Club@tmocc.co.nz) - account details will be sent once full paddler roster and fees are completed.
- **ONE PAYMENT PER CLUB and must be made by Thursday (not Friday) before the event.**
- **ONLY Whānau teams are excluded from online entries and can enter and pay cash on the day. Whanau teams can be also entered online and a list of paddlers included in the paddler roster and invoice list (if a club prefers to pay in advance)**

## SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- All waka must be Safety Checked
- All intermediate, J16 and Novice divisions must wear life jackets
- 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 (2 x W6), (1 x sit in W1 and W2 canoes)
  - Flare or cellphone or VHF radio in waterproof case
  - Spare Paddle - 2 for a W6, 1 for W1/2
  - Spray Skirt (W6 and sit in W1/2 canoes)
  - Tow Rope (W6)
  - Spray skirts available on the day.
  - Leg leash (for sit on top W1/2s)

## INDIVIDUAL & TEAM WAIVERS

- Individual and Team Waivers must be completed by all paddlers/teams
- All paddlers under the age of 18yrs must have their waiver signed by their parent/guardian
- Waivers can be handed in at the registrations desk 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: [club@tmocc.co.nz](mailto:club@tmocc.co.nz)
- All urgent matters please call: **Rebecca Ryder 0274 3999 36**
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/tmocc>

## VENUE MAP – PARKING and REGISTRATION

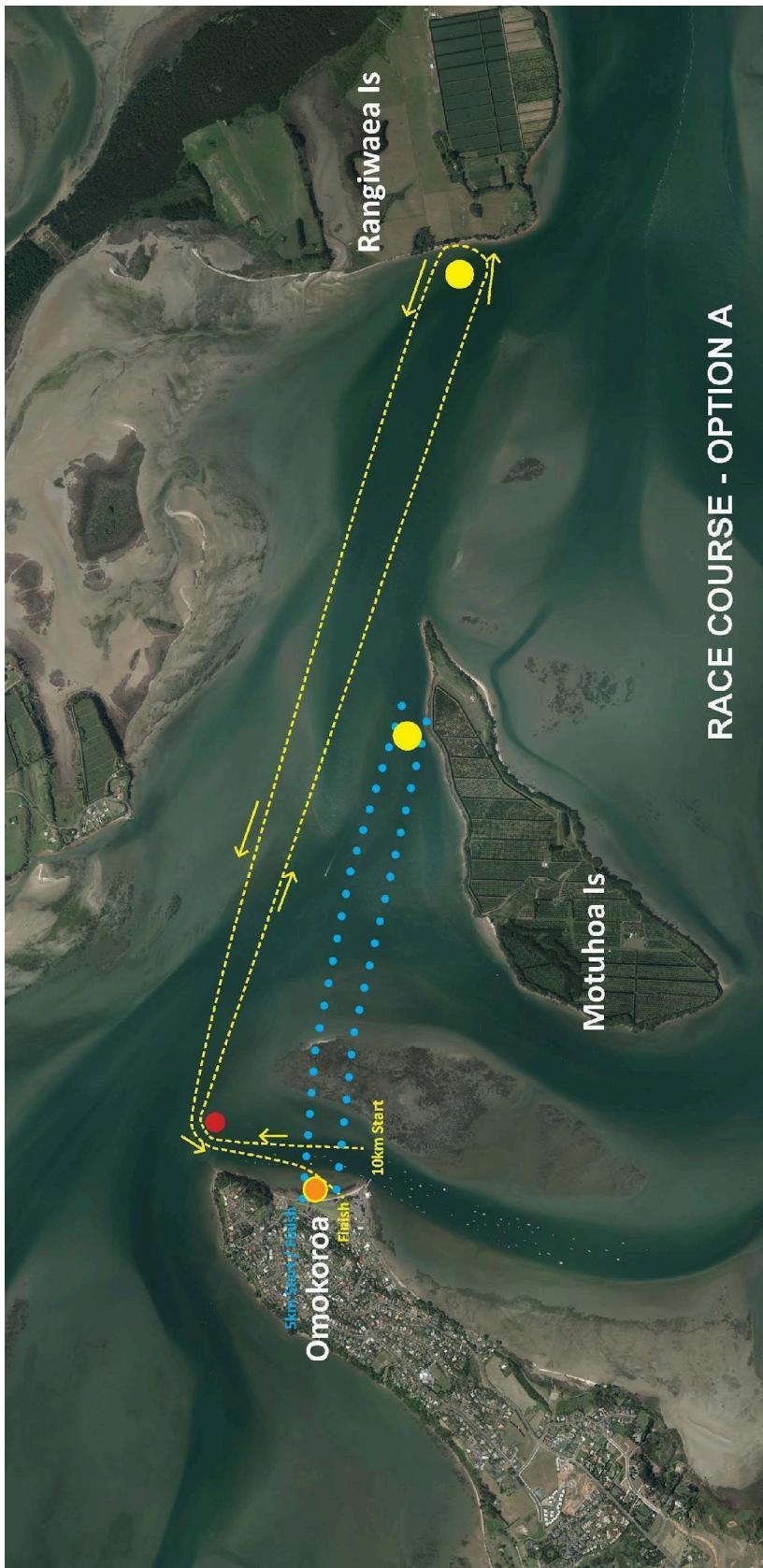


**Tauranga Moana Outrigger Canoe Club  
Omokoroa Dash Outrigger Canoe Event  
Plan of Event Set Up Area**

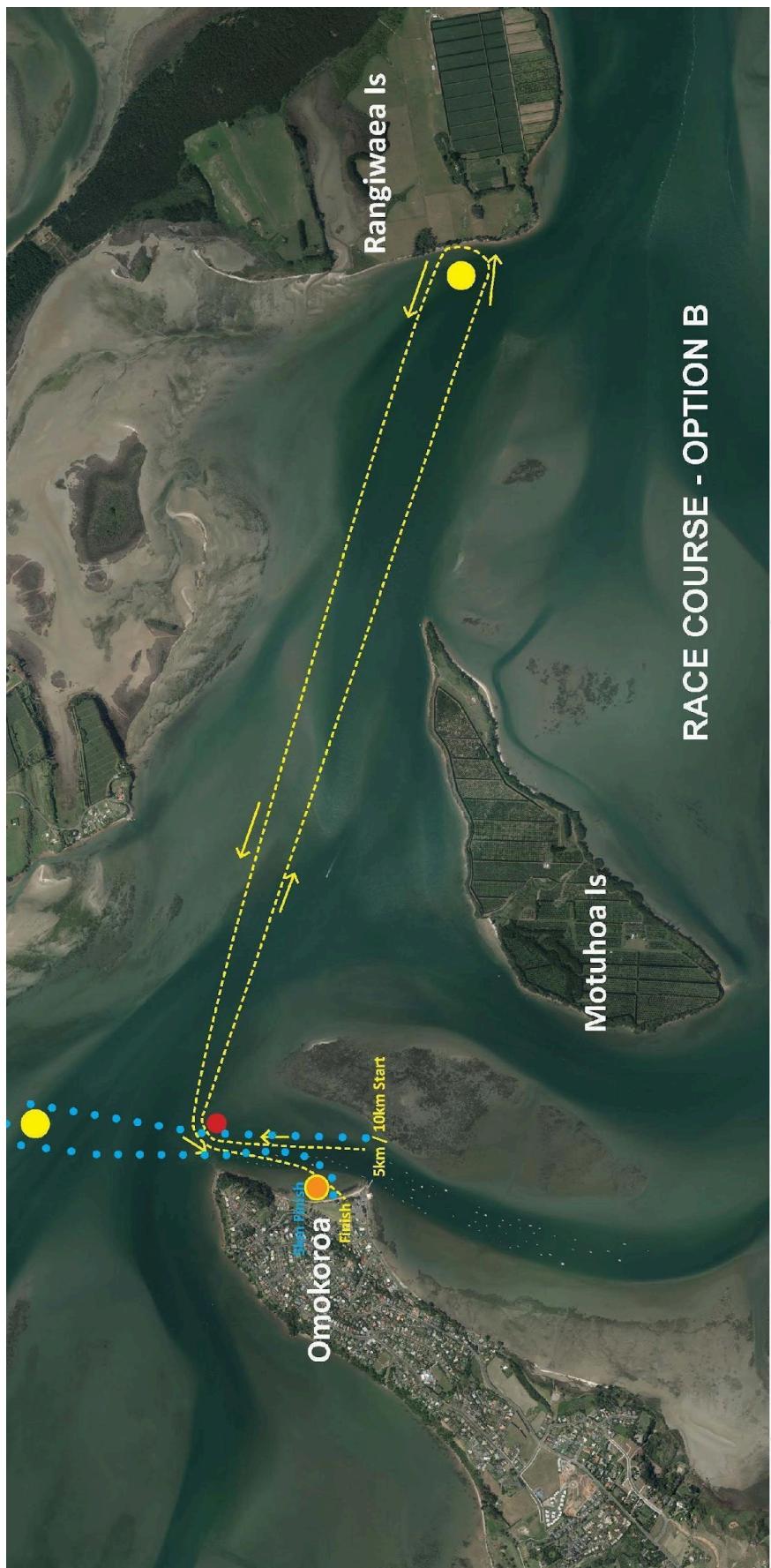
## COURSE MAPS

Low tide: 5.25am

High Tide: 11.47am



1. Line up in channel facing north
2. Start on flags
3. Avoid moored boats
4. Avoid Ferry
5. Turn right at Red Channel marker at end of channel
6. Head east to Rangiwaea Island
7. Turn left around Yellow buoy - leaving it on your ama side
8. Pick up block from beach (beach should be on right hand side of canoe)
9. Return along same course - leaving all approaching waka on your ama side.
10. Finish at beach at buoy- run to timekeepers on beach



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