



Tu Te Ihi Ki Kaipara - Bring the Vibe Kaipara

18 April 2026

Shelly Beach, Kaipara Harbour

Tu Tangi Ora Waka Ama

Pānui 1

EVENT SUMMARY

Tu Tangi Ora Waka Ama Club welcomes you to the Inaugural Regatta to be held at Shelly Beach, Kaipara, Auckland, 18 April 2026. This is the first of what we hope will be an annual event. It is intended to be a fun event to highlight the beauty of the Kaipara Harbour, the traditional home of Ngāti Whātua and the Southern Hemisphere's largest natural Harbour. This event offers something for all levels of waka ama paddlers. The event is a day of fun racing, spot prizes, music, food vendors and prize giving.

We welcome you and your whānau to join us for this event.

EVENT SCHEDULE

6.00am	Registration, waka drop off & safety checks
7.45am	Karakia
8.00am	Safety Briefing
8.30am	Racing starts
1.00pm	Racing finishes
2.00pm	Prizegiving
3.00pm	Closing Karakia

RACE SCHEDULE

Time	Race
8.00am	Race 1 Safety Briefing
8.30am	Race 1 Start - W6 8km Open - Men, Woman, Mixed
10.00am	Race 2 Safety Briefing
10.30am	Race 1 Start - W6 20km Open - Men, Woman, Mixed

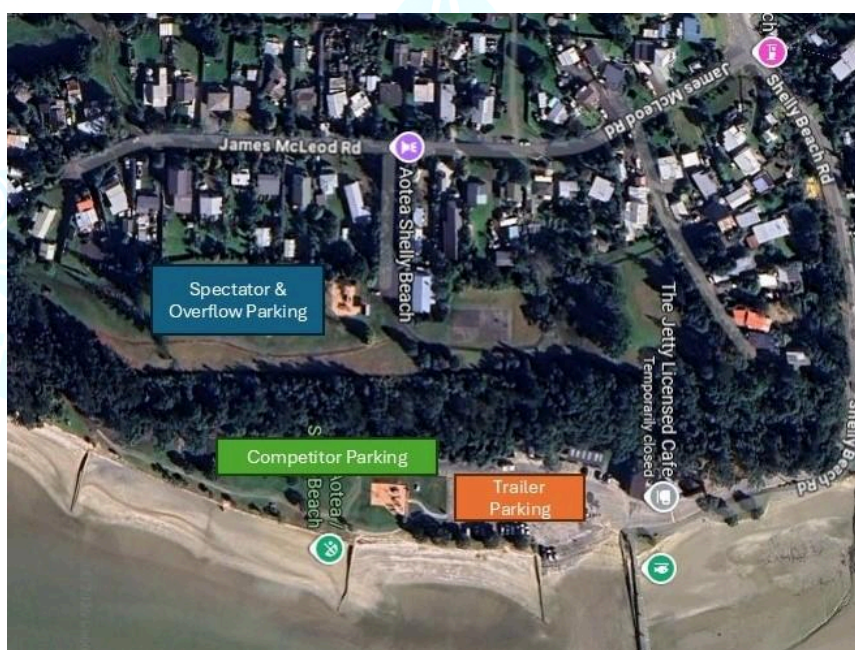


RACE DAY INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE CAMPING IS PROHIBITED AT SHELLY BEACH. THIS IS STRICTLY ENFORCED

Car Parking: Parking is available in two areas. There is limited parking in the Shelly Beach carpark for Kaumatua and competitors carrying lots of equipment only. There is overflow and spectator parking in the reserve above the beach which is a 2 minute walk to the beach. Please follow the signs down James McLeod Rd, onto Roy Hughes Lane and into the reserve. Parking marshals will be there to show you where to park. Disability parking is available in front of the Shelly Beach toilet block.

Trailer parking: Trailer parking will be in the Shelly Beach carpark.



Food: There will be a small range of food vendors available onsite. Some healthy options available. There will be a hangi for pre order. Details to follow.

Toilets: Toilets are located at the beginning of the Shelly Beach Carpark and there will be portaloos located at the end of the Shelly Beach reserve also.

First Aid: First Aid will be available at the Shelly Beach Fire Station

Rubbish/Recycling: We encourage you to please take back 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.

Wristbands: All competitors will be issued with a wristband to receive their kai/food after their race. This wristband also **allows entry into "Kaipatiki Hot Springs" for the special price of \$6!!** Any whanau with you will also receive this amazing price.

WAKA DROP OFF & SAFETY CHECKS

Waka Drop off:

- Waka drop off will be available from 6.00am on the event day
- Waka drop off will be on the beach front landing. Trailer parking is in the Shelly Beach carpark. Please follow our parking wardens instructions.



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 Aotearoa New Zealand race and safety rules.

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

AGE DIVISIONS & RACE EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A CAP OF 20 WAKA PER RACE, PAID ENTRIES WILL BE CONSIDERED FIRST

WAKA	DISTANCE	DIVISIONS	GENDER
W6	8km	Open	Men, Woman, Mixed
W6	20km	Open (Must be 18 or over)	Men, Women, Mixed

FEES

- **Per person by event** (charged for each event entered)

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Event	Cost
W6 8km Open (Mens, Woman, Mixed)	\$25
W6 20km Open (Mens, Woman, Mixed)	\$35

ONLINE ENTRIES & PAYMENT

- Online entries are to be completed using the Waka Ama Aotearoa NZ online entry system.
- All entries to be completed through your club admin – contact your club admin to process your entry
- Entries close on **14 April 2026** (please note that due to limited entries for this event, your entry is not confirmed until payment is made).
- Rosters close on **15 April 2026**, rosters must be completed by close date, no exceptions
- Once entered, payment can be made online to:
Tu Tangi Ora
38-9008-0189072-06
Use your club, team name and division as your reference
- In the unlikely event of a cancellation due to weather events or otherwise no refund will be given.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- All Waka must be Safety Checked
- All competitors must have a life jacket
- All paddlers must have completed a flip drill prior to the race
- All divisions must have the following safety equipment for their races:
 - PFD - Personal Floatation Device (per person)
 - 2 x Bailers
 - Flare or cellphone in waterproof case
 - 2 x Spare Paddles
 - Spray Skirt
 - Tow Rope



TEAM WAIVERS

- 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 tutangiorawakaama@gmail.com or handed in to the registration office on the day
- Team waivers can be found on our event page on the Waka Ama Aotearoa NZ website

CONTACT INFORMATION

All enquiries please email: tutangiorawakaama@gmail.com

- All urgent matters please call: 027 655 6656
- Facebook: Please follow our event page for all up to date information
<https://www.facebook.com/share/1HjhggJPKm/>

COURSE MAPS

- High tide: 10.43am
- Low tide: 5.50am

Race 1 course:





Race 2 Course





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