



30th Annual Whaingaroa Hoe
02 & 03 May 2026
Papahua 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 30th 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 Senior Master Men's Team to cross the line in Race 3

We would like to thank all Whanau for participating and supporting our 30th Whaingaroa Hoe Race.

EVENT SCHEDULE SAT 02 MAY 2026

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

3.00pm	Prizegiving Race (2 & 3)
--------	--------------------------



EVENT SCHEDULE SUN 03 MAY 2026

8.00am	Registration & Safety Checks
9.00am	Karakia
9.15am	Race & Safety briefing
10.00am	Race 1 & 2 starts
11.30am	Prizegiving Race 1 & 2
12.00pm	Karakia Whakamutunga

RACE SCHEDULE SAT 02 MAY 2026

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 SCHEDULE SUN 03 MAY 2026

Time	Race
9.15am	Race Briefing – 8km & 16km W1 & W2 Junior, Open, Women, Mixed, Men
10.00am	Race Start – 8km & 16km W1 & W2 Junior, Open, Women, Mixed, 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 the Race Area.

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

First Aid: First Aid will be available at the First Aid 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.

Drone: By attending this event, all participants and attendees acknowledge and provide their explicit consent to the operation of a Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (drone) directly overhead for the purposes of photography and filming, in accordance with CAA Part 101.79.

2



WAKA DROP OFF & SAFETY CHECKS

Waka Drop off:

- Waka drop off will be available from **Friday, 01 May 2026 from 1pm**
- 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 the 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
W1 & W2	8km	Junior, Open	Men, Women, Mixed
W1 & W2	16km	Junior (J16 and J19 combined), Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, Women, Mixed

FEES

PER PERSON BY EVENT <i>(charged for each event entered)</i>	
Age Division	Cost
8km Race – Junior (J16 & J19 combined)	\$15.00
8km Race – Open	\$25.00
20km Race – Open, Master, Senior, Golden	\$35.00
8Km Race W1 & W2 - Sunday	\$10.00
16Km Race W1 & W2 - Sunday	\$10.00

Please Note: Paddlers racing in the 8km, 20km W1, W2, & W6 will need to pay all entry fees. Your entry fee includes a Meal, and we will have food available throughout the day.

ONLINE ENTRIES & PAYMENT

- Online entries are to be completed by your club admin using the WAANZ online entry system.
- No entries on the day, no exceptions
- Entries close on **Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026**
- Rosters close on **Wednesday, April 29th, 2026**. 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 advising your crew names, 8km or 20km and the division please.

3



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*** or handed in to registration on the day
- Individual & Team waivers can be found online

CONTACT INFORMATION

- All enquiries please email: Whaingaroawaka@gmail.com
- All urgent matters please call: Sarah Harihari – 021 221 7323 (Race Director/Chairman) ▪
Robyn Christie – 021 177 5201 (Club Secretary)

COURSE MAPS

- High tide: 10.27am Sat 02 May
- Low tide: 4.38pm
- High tide: 11.00am Sun 03 May
- Low tide: 5.12pm

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) .**