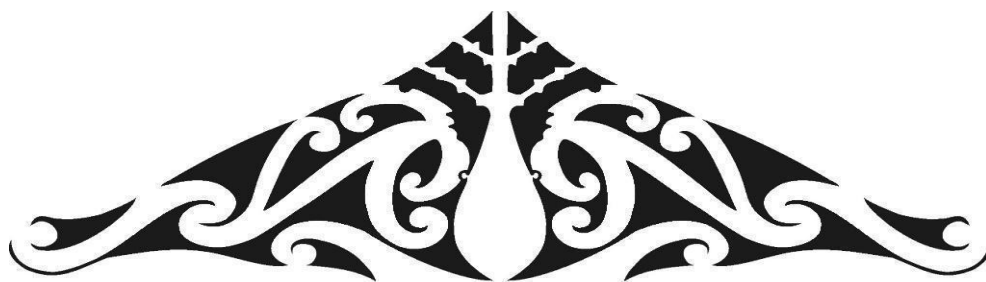


IceBreaker Challenge

Saturday 30th and Sunday the 31st May, 2026
Ōtākou Harbour, Ōtepoti Dunedin



Fire in Ice Waka Ama Club



EVENT SUMMARY

**He mihi mahana ki a koutou, ngā Kaihoe Ō te Waipounamu.
Nau mai haere mai ki te Waka ama haerenga Ō Fire in Ice**

Fire in Ice invites you to attend the 24th annual IceBreaker Challenge regatta, held on the Ōtākou Harbour in Ōtepoti Dunedin. The event is spread over two days of racing, designed to challenge our waka paddlers at all levels, and showcase our beautiful southern harbour. Hot food and drinks will be available throughout the day, followed by a prize-giving and dinner Sunday after racing.

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

RACE SCHEDULE

Race times are subject to change depending on shipping movements, weather conditions, and entries

Saturday 30 May	<i>Low tide (.2m) 13:49 / High tide (2m) 06:58 am</i>	
	8:30 am	Karakia and welcome
	8:45 am	Race 1 – waka and safety equipment inspection
	9:00 am	Race 1 – briefing
Race 1 – 9:30 am		W1 Women All Divisions 5km, 10km
		W2 Men All Divisions 10km
	10:00 am	Race 2 – waka and safety equipment inspection
	10:30 am	Race 2 – briefing
Race 2 – 11:00 am		W6 Novice All Divisions 10km
		W6 Open Mens, Womens, Mixed 10km
		W2 Mixed All Divisions 10km
	11:30 am	Race 3 – waka and safety equipment inspection
	12:00 pm	Race 3 – briefing
Race 3 – 12:30 pm		W6 Taitamariki & Intermediate 1km
		W6 J16, J19 7km
	1:00 pm	Race 4 – waka and safety equipment inspection
	1:30 pm	Race 4 – briefing
Race 4 – 2:00 pm		W1 Men All Divisions 5km, 10km
		W2 Women All Divisions 10km
Sunday 31 May	<i>Low tide (.2m) 14:49 / High tide (2.1m) 07:58 am</i>	
	8:30 am	Race 5 – waka and safety equipment inspection
	9:00 am	Race 5 – briefing
Race 5 – 9:30 am		W6 Women All Divisions 20km
		W6 Mixed All Divisions 20km
	12:00 pm	Race 6 – waka and safety equipment inspection
	12:30 pm	Race 6 – briefing
Race 6 – 1:00 pm		W6 Men All Divisions 20km

Please note that W2 races may change, depending on entries. Any paddlers wanting to race in multiple races on Day 1/Saturday (ie Mens W1 and Mixed W2) are advised to contact the Race Director.

RACE DAY INFORMATION

Venue: OUSA Aquatic Centre, 65 Magnet Street, Dunedin

Car Parking: Parking is available on Magnet Street, please note this is a dead-end street and parking is not available directly at the venue

Food: Hot food and drinks will be available throughout the day

Toilets and showers: Toilets and showers are located on the ground floor of the Aquatic centre, directly to the left as you enter. Please remove wet booties **OUTSIDE** the Aquatic centre.

First Aid: First Aid will be available at the registration table

Alcohol/Smokefree: Alcohol, smoking, vaping and any other substance use is not permitted at this event, including all premises of the event (alcohol is permitted at the venue for prize-giving/dinner)

Prize-giving and Dinner: Held OUSA Aquatic Centre directly after Sunday racing (approximately 4pm). Meal tickets for paddlers are included in the entry fee. Friends and whānau are welcome to purchase extra meal tickets, these are available for \$25 (pre-order only). The prizegiving is a BYO event.

WAKA DROP OFF & TRAILER PARKING

Waka Drop off:

- Waka drop off will be available from Friday at OUSA Aquatic Centre (W6) and Fire in Ice Club (W1/W2) – as shown below. All W6 waka must be rigged by the venue and must use the W6 ramp, there will be no entry of W6 waka to the water from the W1/W2 ramp.

Trailer parking:

- Trailer parking is available by North End Rowing club, or the Otago Yacht club. Trailer parking is also available along Magnet Street, South of the venue (closer to the W1/W2 loading area). There is no trailer parking next to the OUSA Aquatic centre as this is the W6 strapping area.



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_Amended Nov 2023_FINAL.pdf](#)

Waka: It is the responsibility of the team/club entering to arrange the use of eligible waka. W1/W2 must provide their own waka. Fire in Ice will assist with arranging hireage of W6, please email fireinicewakaama@gmail.com

Safety equipment: Spray skirts may be compulsory due to winter weather conditions, to be advised by race director. All W6 waka must carry two bailers, two spare paddles and a fitted tow rope. W1/W2 waka will carry a bailer (unless self-bailing), a spare paddle, and have a leg leash for sit-on-top W1s. **All paddlers will be required to wear life jackets or PFDs** (inflatable PFDs are NOT acceptable).

Dress: Competitors must dress appropriately for colder conditions. Competitors will be checked to ensure they are dressed adequately for the conditions.

Novice Crews: Will have less than one year's paddling experience and may have an experienced steerer. Please respect this when entering the novice category. **Lifejackets must be worn by novice paddlers.**

Tamariki and Rangatahi Crews: May have an adult experienced steerer, **lifejackets must be worn by all Tamariki & Rangatahi paddlers.**

Course: Race officials reserve the right to alter the course and distance to suit weather conditions. All steerers are required to attend the race briefing prior to their race start.

Safety: The race director and officials have absolute control over the event. They have the discretion to withdraw any competitor or waka which in their opinion is or will be endangering their own or others' safety. All events are subject to change depending on conditions and entries. The race director has the final decision relating to any race changes and any protests. All waka will have to pass a safety check and be marked before racing. Any boats not marked will not be permitted to race.

Support Boats: Race organisers will arrange officials and support boats. Should a waka require assistance during the race, the paddler in seat 3 must hold their paddle up so that an official support boat or passing waka can provide assistance.

Club of the Regatta Trophy: All paddlers who complete their event may earn points toward the Club of Regatta Trophy

AGE DIVISIONS & RACE EVENTS

WAKA	DISTANCE	DIVISIONS	GENDER
W1	5km 10km	Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master, M70	Men & Women
W2	10km	Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master, M70	Men, Women & Mixed
W6	1km	Taitamariki, Intermediate	Boys, Girls, Mixed
W6	7km	Rangitahi J16 & J19	Boys, Girls, Mixed
W6	10km	Novice, Open	Men, Women, Mixed
W6	20 km	Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master, M70	Men, Women, Mixed

FEES

Fees: Fees for this event are *per person by age division*

PER PERSON BY AGE DIVISION (charged <i>one fee</i> according to age on race day)	
Age Division	Cost
Taitamariki/Intermediate/J16/J19	\$10
Adults	\$50

Meal tickets for paddlers are included in the entry fee. Extra meal tickets are available for \$25, and must be ordered in advance.

ONLINE ENTRIES & PAYMENT

- Online entries are to be completed using the Waka Ama NZ online entry system.
<https://www.wakaama.co.nz/racecalendar/lookup/2418>
- 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 at 11:59pm **Friday, 22 May**
- Rosters close at 11:59pm **Tuesday 26 May**
- **Please make one payment per club:**
Fire in Ice Outrigger Canoe Club
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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 fireinicewakaama@gmail.com or handed in when registering prior to your event
- Individual & Team waivers can be found here:
<https://www.wakaama.co.nz/racecalendar/lookup/2418>

CONTACT INFORMATION

- All enquiries please email fireinicewakaama@gmail.com
- All urgent matters please call: **Janelle Timmins, 027 2577 399**

COURSE MAPS



