



Pānui 1: Hoe Tonga Race 4

Saturday 29 August 2026

EVENT SUMMARY

We are excited to welcome you to the fourth race in the Hoe Tonga series, and to welcome you to Ākau Tangi to race! Reserve day is Sunday 30th August.

We will be offering a short race (approx. 8 km), and a long race (approx. 16 km). Each race will be open to all divisions (J16, open, masters, senior masters, golden masters), craft type (W1, W2, W4, W6 and W12) and genders (men, woman and mixed). We will also be welcoming surfskis.

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

EVENT SCHEDULE

7.30am	Registration opens
8.30am	Karakia and Race 1 briefing
9.00am	Race 1 start
10.00am	Kai served
10.30am	Race 2 briefing
11.00am	Race 2 start
1.00pm	Kai served

RACE SCHEDULE

Time	Race
8.30am	Race Briefing – Race 1
9.00am	Race Start – Race 1
10.30am	Race Briefing – Race 2
11.00am	Race Start – Race 2

WAKA DROP OFF & SAFETY CHECKS

Waka Drop off:

- Waka drop off will be available from Friday evening before the event.
- Waka drop off and trailer parking will be as indicated on the plan below
- There is limited space, so please store waka carefully. All waka are left at your own risk
- Bring tires for waka.

Safety Checks:

- **Watercraft entering the race must be safety checked.** Any boats not marked will not be permitted to race.
- The watercraft needs to be placed at 'waka set up' in the image below to be safety checked.



Launching

- Launching is from the Evans Bay Boat Ramp.
- The ramp is very slippery and can have glass/other rubbish on it. Please bring appropriate footwear.
- We are sharing the ramp with the sail boats. Please do not leave your waka on the ramp before, after or between races. Please aim to keep to one side of the ramp.





Evans Bay - Parking Map
Hoe Tonga Race 4
August 29th 2026





**HOE TONGA RACE 4 - EVANS BAY
SITE MAP
29 AUGUST 2026**



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

Race 1

WAKA	DISTANCE	DIVISIONS	GENDER
W1	8 km	J16, J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, women & mixed
W2	8 km	J16, J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, women & mixed
W4	8 km	Open	Men, women & mixed
W6	8 km	J16, J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, women & mixed
W12	8 km	Open	Men, women & mixed

Race 2

WAKA	DISTANCE	DIVISIONS	GENDER
W1	16 km	J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, women & mixed
W2	16 km	J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, women & mixed
W4	16 km	Open	Men, women & mixed
W6	16 km	J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Men, women & mixed
W12	16 km	Open	Men, women & mixed

- As per the WAANZ Race Rules, **the minimum age for 16km ocean race = 14years**
- Race courses will be confirmed closer to the race.

FEES

PER PERSON BY EVENT (<i>charged for <u>each</u> event entered</i>)	
Event	Cost
Race 1	\$30.00
Race 2	\$30.00
Race 1 & 2	\$40.00

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 25 August 2026**
- Rosters close on **Wednesday 26 August 2026**, rosters must be completed by close date, no exceptions
- Once entered, payment can be made online to:
 - Tai Tonga 41
 - 38-9011-0013609-00
 - Use your club, team name and division as your reference



SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- All waka must be safety checked**
- **All J16 and Novice paddlers must wear a PFD while competing**
- All waka 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, 1 for W1/2
 - ****Spray Skirt (W6) - must be fitted for the Waka Safety checks**
 - Tow Rope (W6)
 - Leg leash (for sit on top W1)
- All surf skis must have:
 - PFD
 - Leg leash
 - Warm clothes
- All paddlers must be experienced and competent to enter, as per the WAANZ Race Rules:

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| 50.2 | The minimum age for participation of any paddler in an open water event shall be 14 years. Age is taken as reaching the specified age in the year of competition. |
| 50.3 | Any paddler competing in a long distance race must <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. be capable of handling their outrigger canoe in any conditions;b. be able to swim and be comfortable in any conditions;c. be trained in and capable of self-rescue techniques (e.g. righting a capsized outrigger canoe);d. have an adequate degree of skill and fitness to enable them to finish the race in any conditions that might be expected;e. be dressed for the expected conditions;f. carry (or have easy access to) adequate food and drink. |

- **Webscorer - every craft must carry a device with webscorer enabled.** This is a safety requirement, so that we can see where all waka are on the water, and if you get in to any trouble, we can advise the safety boats and coastguard where to find you.
 - On the Webscorer [website](https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=439801), register for the race. There are two options:
 - Hoe Tonga Race 4 2026: Short Race -
<https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=439801>





- Hoe Tonga Race 4 2026: Long Race -

<https://www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=439802>



- Use the link, or QR code to open our event page, or find us through the search function – search for Sport: “Paddling - outrigger”
- Register for the relevant race. Please use the following format for your team name *[Club] - [Team Name]*.
- You will get an email confirming your registration, and instructions for race day
- Install the free Webscorer app on the phone you will carry on the waka.
- At registration:
 - Make sure you have installed the webscorer app
 - Start the Webscorer app and select “GPS self-tracking”
 - Tap "My upcoming GPS races" and then tap the race name
 - Tap “Start GPS tracking” at any time before the start of the race
- You can then turn the phone screen off and put the phone in your pocket. You must carry your phone during the race.

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, and check in with registration for further instructions
- Waivers to be handed in at registration desk on the day
- Individual & Team waivers can be found on our event page on the Waka Ama NZ website

POST RACE

- After the race please join us at the Evans Bay Yacht and Motor Boat Club for kai!
- We’ll also have Paddle Craft Clothing caps available for purchase — \$30 each, courtesy of Kate and Leigh, paid via bank transfer to Kate Rogers - 03-1529-0070206-002 REF CAP.
- Please capture heaps of photos and videos throughout the day — racing, behind-the-scenes mahi, vibes at the yacht club. Tag @taitonga41 on socials so we can share!

CONTACT INFORMATION

- All enquiries please email: taitonga41@gmail.com
- All urgent matters please call: Leigh on **027 503 9521**