



Waka Ama Aotearoa NZ Event Sanctioning Safety Requirements

The following applies to all Waka Ama NZ Sanctioned and Approved events.

- Comply with Waka Ama New Zealand Race Rules
- Provide a safety back up course as contingency for weather
- Use our [Support Boat Calculator](#) to determine the number of support boats required at your event. This is a minimum; you can provide more if you wish.
- Complete an Event Operations and Safety Management Plan
- Complete an Event Sanctioning Agreement
- Ensure waiver/s are explained to & signed by all individuals participating in the event
- Ensure that all competitors confirm that they can swim (confirming on the waiver)
- Ensure waivers are checked that DOB's meet the age category requirements
- Comply with all regional or local waterway safety bylaws
- Comply with all local biosecurity protocols, including Check, Clean, Dry processes
- Adhere to Maritime Safety Bylaws, rules, and restrictions
- Ensure trained first aiders are onsite (at least 1)
- Provide an incident report (in the event of an incident) no more than 24 hours after an incident has taken place

In races other than sprint regattas, should the wind conditions exceed or be forecast to exceed 15 knots (27km+) (according to local official marine weather radio or [Met Service](#)) Spray Skirts must be used on W6

In races other than sprint regattas, should wind conditions exceed or be forecast to exceed 25 Knots (46km+) MSA approved PFD's must be worn by all participants and:

- All participants, coaches and officials must be made aware of the conditions
- Paddling may only occur after all the risks have been assessed; the zone and local maritime rules have been considered, and the potential risks are deemed to be minimal.

In all races and events, should there be extreme wind warning or gale force marine warnings in place OR should the wind conditions exceed or be forecast to exceed 34 Knots (62km+) the event shall be cancelled, postponed, or moved to a course/venue where these conditions do not exist.