MITAMITAGA O LE PASEFIKA
VA'A-ALO
MITAMITAGA CANOE CLUB
AOTEAROA - NEW ZEALAND

MITAMITAGA ANNUAL SPRINT REGATTA
SATURDAY 5th December @026
Kowharewa Bay, TUTUKAKA

Pānui

EVENT SUMMARY

Mitamitaga annual sprint regatta is held each year. This is the first in a series of Te Tai Tokerau region sprint regattas to prepare our kaihoe for the 2027 Waka Ama sprint nationals.
The event is a full day of fun racing, we welcome you and your whānau to join us for this year's event.

EVENT SCHEDULE

7.30am	Waka drop off & safety checks
8:15am	Registrations open
8.30am	Karakia
8.45am	Race & safety briefings
9.00am	Racing starts
2.30pm	Racing finishes
3.00pm	Closing Karakia

RACE SCHEDULE

RACE PROGRAM

SATURDAY 5th DECEMBER 2026 START TIME 9.00am

PLEASE NOTE: Races are subject to change at organisers discretion; some races may be combined.

Race	Type	Distance	Event
9.00am			
1	W6 mixed	6km	**Peter Muijlwijk Memorial Cup** • 6 men / 6 women per club - 2 laps of course (approx. 3k per lap)
			Trophy Presentation

Race	Type	Distance	Event
2	W1	500m	Heat 1 - Zane Ferguson Memorial race – J16 W1 Boys
3	W6	500m	Midget Boys & Girls
4	W1	500m	Heat 2 - Zane Ferguson Memorial race – J16 W1 Boys
5	W1	500m	Intermediates Girls
6	W6	1000m	J19/Open/Master/Snr Master/Golden Master - MEN
7	W1	500m	Junior 16 Girls – Heat 1
8	W6	1000m	Open/Master/Senior Master/Golden Master - WOMEN
9	W1	500m	Junior 16 Girls – Heat 2
10	W1	500m	Intermediates Boys
11	W1	500m	Junior 19 Boys
12	W6	250m	Midget Boys & Girls
13	W1	500m	Junior 19 Girls
14	W6	500m	Intermediate Girls & Boys
15	W1	500m	Zane Ferguson Memorial Race – FINAL
			Trophy Presentation
			Lunch Break
16	W6	1000m	Junior 16 Girls
17	W6	1000m	Junior 16 Boys
18	W6	1000m	Intermediate Girls & Boys (Min age 11yrs)
19	W1	500m	Open/Master/Snr Master/Golden Master - WOMEN
20	W6	1000m	Junior 19 Girls
21	W1	500m	Open/Master - MEN
22	W1	500m	Snr Master/Golden Master - MEN
23	W6	500m	Junior 16 Boys
24	W6	500m	Junior 16 Girls
25	W6	500m	Open/Master/Snr Master/Golden Master - WOMEN
26	W1	500m	Junior 16 Girls FINAL
27	W6	500m	J19/Open/Master/Snr Master/Golden Master - MEN
28	W6	500m	Junior 19 Girls
29	W6	3000m	Open/Master/Senior Master - WOMEN
30	W6	3000m	J19/Open/Master/Snr Master - MEN
31	W6	3000m	Junior 16 Girls & Boys (Min age 13yrs)
32	W6	3000m	Junior 19 Girls
			Junior Club Points Trophy Presentation

RACE DAY INFORMATION

Car Parking: Parking is available on the reserve and between the reserve and the boat ramp. Roadside parking should be in a manner that **does not block** access to driveways. However, after resent weather events, erosion of the beach front is significant, and we suggest **parking at the Tutukaka Marina and carpooling over to Kowharewa Bay.**

Trailer parking: Could all Waka trailers please be parked over at the Tutukaka Marina.

Food: We encourage you to bring your own healthy kai, our junior teams will have a kai stall as a fundraiser for nationals 2027. Coffee cart will be available on the day from 7am – 11:30am.

Junior BBQ Fundraiser Our juniors will be holding a BBQ & cakestall fundraiser for junior teams competing at the 2027 National Sprints.

Toilets: Toilets are located in the reserve.

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

Rubbish/Recycling: Please take home what you bring. There are no rubbish facilities available at Kowharewa Bay.

Alcohol/Smokefree: Alcohol, smoking, vaping and any other substance use is not permitted.

Road Safety: We ask that whanau are mindful of the road and traffic during the day. It can get very congested during the day, and the road can be very busy. We will have some road signs and cones out during the event.

Waka Drop off:

- Waka drop off will be available from Friday afternoon
- Waka drop off will be on the beach front via the boat ramp
- Trailer parking Tutukaka Marina
- Option to launch Waka at Tutukaka Marina and paddle over to Kowharewa Bay approx. 2km

Safety Checks:

- All waka will have to pass a safety check and be marked before racing.
- Any Waka not marked will not be permitted to race.
- Mandatory 2 bailers per W6 Waka
- Sufficient rigging

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

FEES

PER PERSON BY AGE DIVISION *(charged one fee according to age on race day)*	
Age Division	**Cost**
Taitamariki	**$5.00**
Intermediate	**$5.00**
J16	**$5.00**
J19	**$5.00**
Open	**$10.00**
Master	**$10.00**
Senior Master	**$10.00**
Golden Master	**$10.00**

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 **2nd *Dec 2026 at 23:59***
- Rosters close on **3rd *Dec 2026 at 23:59***. Rosters must be completed by close date, or teams will be withdrawn, no exceptions
- Once entered, payment can be made online to:
  - Mitamitaga o le Pasefika Va'a-alo Canoe Club
  - **12-3093-0207302-00**
  - Use your club name as reference.
  - **One Payment per club for all entries please.**

- **All enquiries please email:** mitamitaga@hotmail.co.nz

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- All waka must be Safety Checked
- All Tai Tamariki and Intermediate age divisions **must wear life jackets**
- All J19 and Senior (Open and above) must have the following safety equipment for their races:
  - PFD - Personal Floatation Device (per person)
  - Bailers x 2

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 handed in to Registration on the day
- Individual & Team waivers can be found here: Mitamitaga Club Regatta 2026 - Waka Ama NZ

COURSE MAPS

Race 1. "Peter Muijlwijk memorial - Twice around the rock mixed relay"



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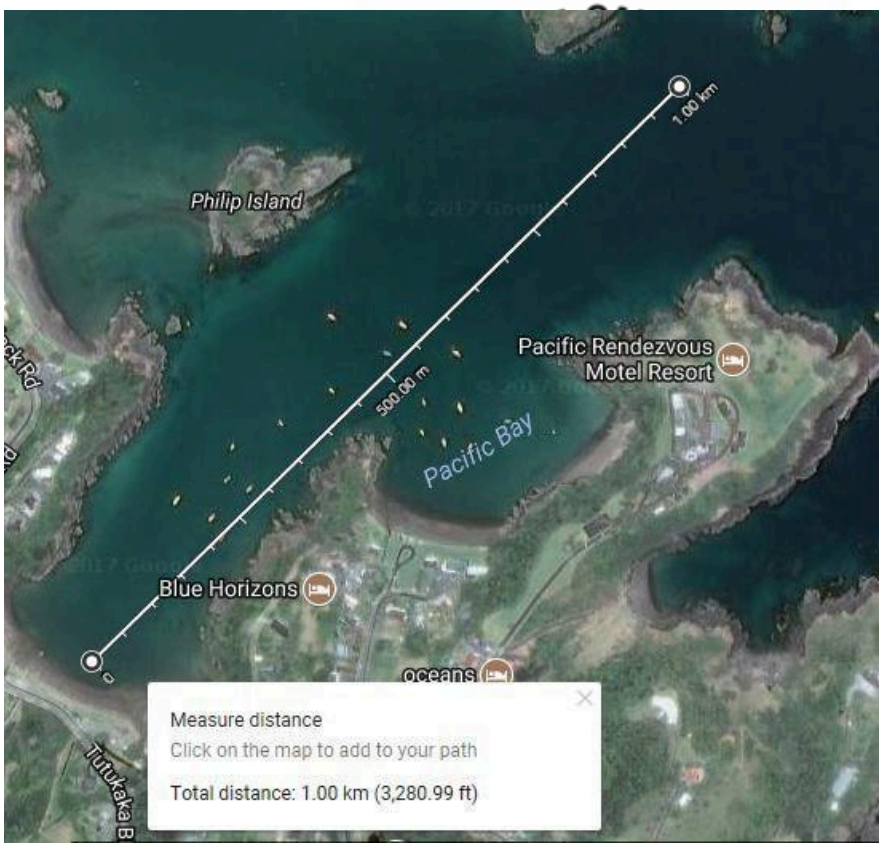
1000m Racecourse



500m Race course



- **High Tide - 05:03am 2.12m**
- **Low Tide - 10:54am 0.58m**