



Wakatu Inc

## **SPRING CHALLENGE**

### **September 8th 2018**

Entries:

\$30 per senior paddler

\$10 per junior paddler (J16-J19)

Senior paddlers are encouraged to assist the novice/junior teams (e.g., by steering) in the short course. (There is no extra cost for senior paddlers also competing in the long course event.)

Food and drink will be available at the Tahunanui Beach carpark for all competitors.

The race course is very tidal, so an early start to coincide with high tide

Prize giving will commence after the last race is completed.



Programme:

6.45am	Volunteers arrive, safety boat briefing
7.00am	Registration, Rigging waka and safety checks
7.30am	Karakia
7.45am	18km race brief W6/OC1 and OC2
8.00am	OC1 & 2, 18km start
8.20am	W6 18km start Women
8.30am	W6 18km start Mixed
8.45am	W6 18km start Men
10.15am	Novice 5km briefing
10.45 am	Novice start
1.00 pm	OC1 & OC2 relay briefing
1.15 pm	Relay start
2.30 pm	prize giving

\*Depending on entries men/women/mixed race may not have a staggered start, so please keep yourselves in contact with race director

\*Times will be adhered to and events will start without you if you are not ready.

**UNIFORMS:** Club colors are encouraged

## **NO PROTESTS**

**WAKA:** It is the responsibility of the club entering to arrange the use of eligible waka. All waka must meet the safety requirements and safety standards as set out in the Nga Kaihoe O Aotearoa Long Distance Race Rules.

## **SAFETY EQUIPMENT:**

Spray skirts will be at Race Directors discretion on the day, and must be fitted to all W6 and all OC1 & OC2 with a cockpit if the conditions dictate.

All W6 must carry a bailer, 2 spare paddles lashed to the Kiato in such a way that they can be accessed if need be, extra rubber in-case of repair to lashings and an approved tow rope of 12mm x 25m in length.

One end must be securely fitted to the front taumanu with the rest stored either in a bag or fastened to the front taumanu.

All OC1 & OC2 with cockpit must carry a bailer. All OC1 & OC2 must carry a spare paddle lashed to the kiato in such a way that it can be accessed if needed.

**All competitors must wear an MNZ approved buoyancy device.**

**DRESS:** Competitors must dress appropriately for conditions. Polypropylenes/merino are recommended.

**RANGATAHI W6: J16** (12 to 16 years) **J19** (17 to 19 years). This age must be reached on or before the day of competition. There can be a maximum of six paddlers in a crew. The steerer must be experienced and there may be one other experienced paddler in the crew.

**NOVICE W6:** Must be at least 17 years old. Must have an experienced steerer and may have one other experienced paddler in the crew. A novice W6 paddler will have been paddling for a year or less.

**W6 MIXED** must have a minimum of three women paddlers.

## **CREW EXPERIENCE:**

ALL PADDLERS must be suitably skilled, experienced and comfortable to handle waka in all conditions. Paddlers must be capable of swimming in rough ocean water conditions. All crew must be trained in and capable of righting and bailing an overturned or swamped waka. Paddlers must be able to get back into the waka from deep water. It is the responsibility of the captain to ensure that this is the case.

**SUPPORT BOAT:** Race officials will arrange official support boats. Should a waka require assistance during the race, the paddler in #3 seat must hold their paddle up so that an official support boat or passing waka can render assistance.

**SAFETY:** The race director and her/his officials have absolute control of the event. They have the discretion to withdraw any competitor or waka, which in their opinion is or will be endangering their own or the safety of others or will not complete the course in the time frame allowed.

### **SAFETY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**Please complete and email with your entry form by the 26 August 2018**

Club  
Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Team  
name \_\_\_\_\_  
  
Event \_\_\_\_\_

These are the terms and conditions for participation in the Spring Challenge 2018.

Participants agree to abide by the Spring Challenge Race Rules.

Participants accept all the risks of injury to paddlers or damage to property that may arise from their participation in the Spring Challenge 2018

Participants understand that the Whakatū Marae Waka Ama Club, their appointed officers, race officials and sponsors will not be held responsible whatsoever during the course of the day's racing.

Participants agree that the Whakatū Marae Waka Ama Club race organizers will have the final decision on withdrawing their entry due to inadequate waka and/or equipment and/or the capabilities of said crew paddlers.

Participants understand that during the course of the race, officials may withdraw the above named team if, in the official's opinion, it is considered that the crew is in danger or likely to be unable to complete the race.

All persons participate at their sole risk. No organizer associated in any way with The Spring Challenge will be liable in any way or accept any responsibility for death, injury, loss, damage or expense suffered or incurred by any participant or in any other way in connection with the participation of that person as a team member in the Spring Challenge 2018.

*I have read, understood and agree to the terms and conditions set out as above and in consideration for the above entry and participation in the Spring Challenge 2018*

*I hereby*

*(i) agree to abide by the Race Rules,*

*(ii) Accept and agree to be bound by and observe the terms and conditions set out above and*

*(iii) Waive any claim or claims I may otherwise have against any one or more of the persons specified above, in respect of any death, injury, loss, damage or expense suffered or incurred by me during racing or in any other way in connection with my participation in the Spring Challenge 2016*

**Paddlers' names (print.)** If paddlers are also racing in OC1 and OC2 events please write the event by their name. Parent/Guardian signature required for all paddlers under 18 years of age!

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

**Signed by Team Captain** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print name** \_\_\_\_\_

(On behalf of team)

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

