

# 26<sup>th</sup> Portage Crossing 1992-2018

Saturday 03 February 2018

- VENUE:**
- **Okahu Bay** (Auckland to Ian Shaw Park)
  - **Manukau Harbour** (Railway Lane to Mangere Bridge)
- FESTIVAL:** **Waterfront Reserve Mangere Bridge, Auckland 10-6pm**  
**1.00pm waka arrive...powhiri...2pm prize giving ceremony**  
Cultural Groups, children's rides, stalls, various performers, art displays etc.
- HIGH TIDE:** 10.30am Waitemata  
01.30pm Manukau
- COSTS:** \$20 per paddler - \$120 per team includes meal and refreshments.  
Tainui Chief Hoturoa & his wife Whakaoterangi on Tainui Waka.  
Be a part of this great **revival of an ancient Maori route**...Ocean to Ocean
- COURSE:** *Start at Okahu Bay head past Ladies Bay, right turn into **Tamaki Estuary to Auckland Rowing Club.** 18km*
- Waka place on trolley's or single axle trailers, push through **Panama Rd to Portage Rd, Sales yards Rd to Manukau Harbour - Railway Lane Otahuhu.** 5km*
- Paddle from **Otahuhu to Mangere Bridge** buoy. Turn around – 5km finish.*
- 6.30am **Okahu Bay:** Lash canoes  
6.45am **Safety Check Requirements - Spray Skirts (recommended)**  
Buoyancy tubes x2 or life jackets x6. Bailers x2 per canoe
- 7.00am Race debrief  
7.10am Karakia Ngati Whatua  
7.20am **W1, W2** J19/Open/Masters/Snr Masters Women  
7.30am **W1, W2** J19/Open/Masters/Snr Masters Men  
7.40am **W6** J19/Open/Masters/Snr Masters Women  
7.50am **W6** J19/Open/Masters/Snr Masters Men
- 10.00am **Auckland Rowing Club (Ian Shaw Park):** Each team to organise own waka trolley or single axle trailer for road parade.  
Trolleys or trailers must be dropped of at Panama Rd estuary (Auckland Rowing Club) ready for waka's arrival after first leg of race (Okahu Bay to Auckland Rowing Club). Parade begins.
- 11.00am Leave Otahuhu Panama road with **police escort**
- 12.00noon Waka arrive at **Railway Lane, Otahuhu for Mangere Bridge.**
- 12.45pm Re-launch waka's and race to finish (buoys will mark finish line at Mangere Bridge).
- 1.30pm Arrival of all waka's at **Mangere Bridge Reserve, Powhiri & Welcoming mihi from Tainui.**
- 2.00pm Prize giving / **Lunch** and enjoy the entertainment Free family festival....Great day for the whole family!