

HAURAKI COAST TO COAST

PANUI UPDATE

Excepting the appearance of Lusi, it's been tropical here in Hauraki for the last few weeks and it's looking like the tropical, paradise will be here to greet you. Please see below some important panui regarding the upcoming race.

Programme:

- 7.30am:** Registration & Safety Checks
- 8.30am:** Karakia /Opening Ceremony (we are asking all paddlers doing both legs to be present for the opening & Karakia)
- 9am:** Race Briefing
- 9.30:** J19 Teams/ Women/Master Women
- 10am:** Master Men/ Open Men & Mixed

IRON vs RELAY

Due to a large number of requests, if you are unable to field a team of 12 paddlers, you can choose to have some of your team members iron or you can iron the whole course as a 6. Should your team choose to iron as a 6 and complete the full 36km, you must still pull into Te Puru and a member of your crew is to run to the arrival tent on the beach and "check in" as if you were going to change.

A Few Awesome Extras Just For You.....

- ✓ ALL PADDLERS will receive a healthy packed lunch and a bottle of water. Paddlers doing the first leg will be welcomed to Te Puru and receive their lunch pack when they come off the water. Paddlers doing the second leg will receive their packs when they arrive back in Waihihī.
- ✓ You'll be spoilt for choice in terms of Kai Stalls. There will be stalls on both sides of the coast for you to check out.
- ✓ HĀNGĪ HĀNGĪ HĀNGĪ – if you feel like a really good feed after your paddle we are currently taking orders for Hāngī. You can order by emailing or texting me and pay on the day. Hāngī are \$10 and are filled with Pork, Chicken, Mutton, Potato, Kumara, Stuffing, Fry Bread and you will also get pudding. Pretty good for \$10 ne? The proceeds will go towards an awesome cause – Te Mātāwai Hoe Waka – an up and coming Waka Ama Rōpū who are starting on their Waka Journey and are

passionate about helping to support our Whānau in Hauraki to embrace the kaupapa of Waka Ama. We all love it, let's help our Hauraki Whānau love it just as much as we do!!

- ✓ **ACCOMMODATION** – There is a campsite across the road from the race start in Waihihi which is being offered to paddlers free of charge. The camp site is a powered camp site, has a kitchen and showers. Let me know if you wish to utilize this site and I will give you more information about it.

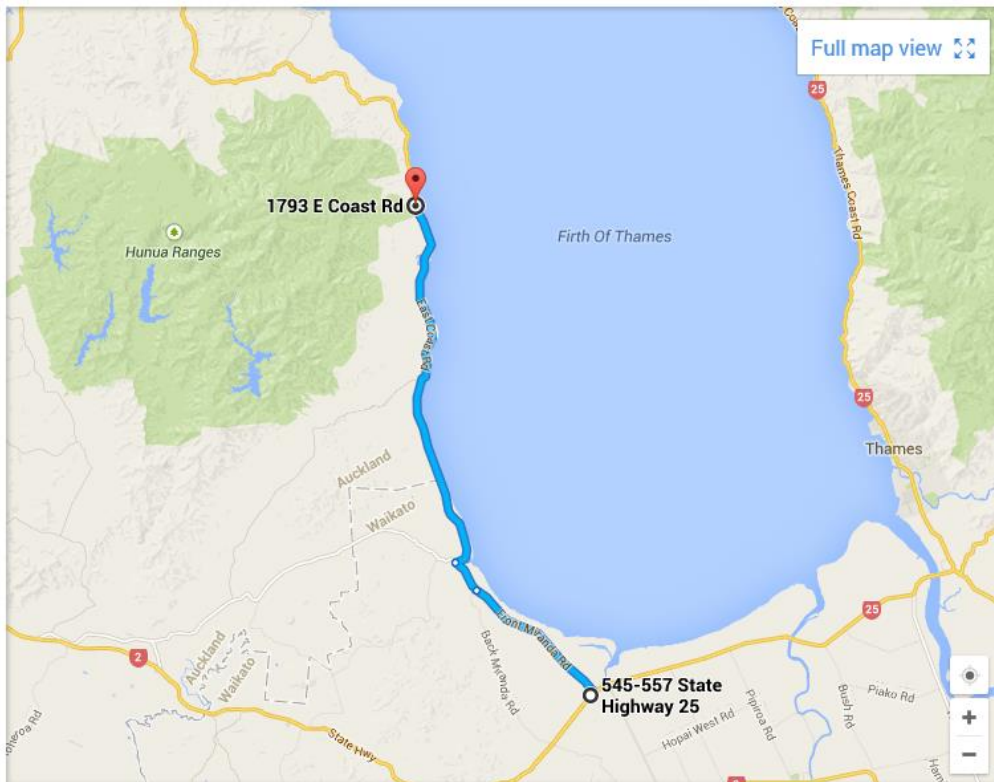
SAFETY REMINDERS

- ✓ Your team is responsible for the provision of all relevant safety equipment. You will not be allowed to race if you don't have the required gear.
- ✓ W6 must be in at least good condition, have skirts, carry a life jacket for every paddler, and carry two bailers, a tow rope, flare, and two spare paddles. Our race director is also asking that ALL waka be fitted with their spray skirts.
- ✓ If wind speed exceeds 20-25knots, we will require teams to wear life jackets, so come prepared with jackets that you will want to wear if required. We also recommend you carry adequate hydration and food.
- ✓ Before racing, all teams will need to fill in and sign a Waiver Form before they race, accepting their own responsibility for being on the water that day and acknowledging that they are competent in the conditions before them.
- ✓ As the race direction will depend on the weather conditions on the day, it will be crucial for us to have contact details for your team captains. We will send text messages the night before the race to inform you whether the race will be held across the Firth or in a confined area.

Can't wait to see you all here...
Carrie

How do I get there?

Destination:
Waihihi, Kaiaua (Race Start – First Leg)
1793 East Coast Road, Whakatīwai, 2743



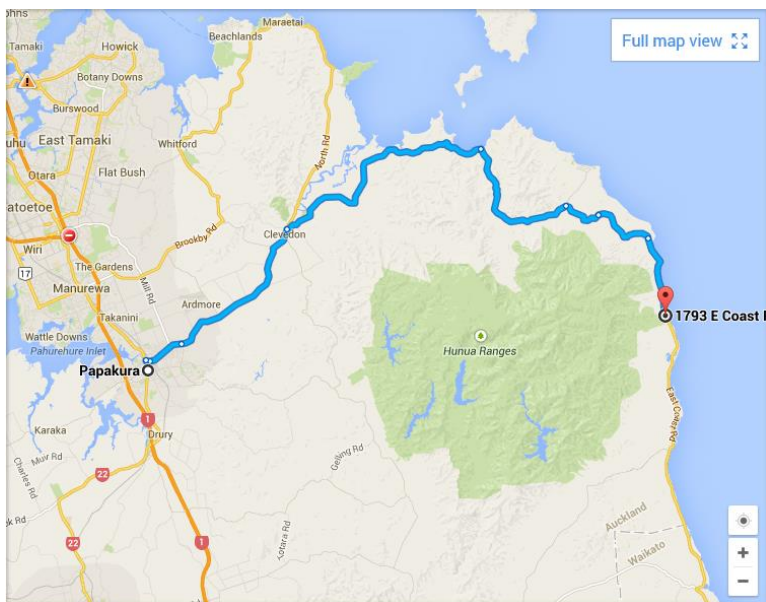
Best directions can be obtained from Google Maps using the above address. The turn off in the above map along State Highway 25 (in Waitakaruru) has road signs for Kaiaua & Miranda. Follow these signs. You will pass through Miranda, into Kaiaua and travel out of the township of Kaiaua along East Coast Road into an area called Whakatīwai.

You will know you've come to the right spot when you come to the Doc Reserve & Campervan Area as below.

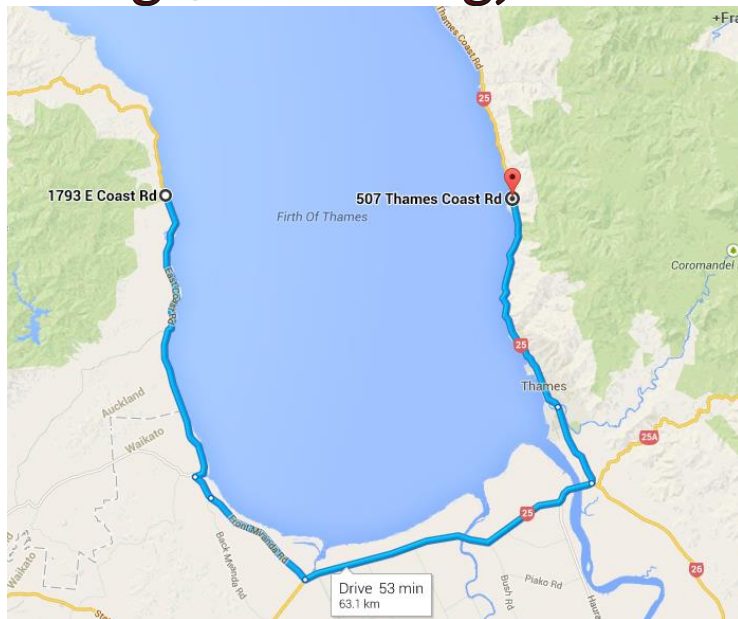


Waihihi, Kaiaua (Race Start – First Leg)

Those coming from Auckland may be given directions to come through Papakura, Clevedon and around Kawakawa Bay as above. It's a pretty windy road around that way, especially once you start coming through Kawakawa and wouldn't recommend towing a trailer along that coast road.



Waihihi, Kaiaua to Te Puru (Relay Change/Second Leg)



1. From Waihihi in Kaiaua, head back to the turn off at Waitakaruru on SH25.
2. Turn left onto SH 25 and head to and across Kōpū Bridge.
3. Take the second exit at the roundabout and head into Thames Township.
4. Continue to follow SH 25 North for another 13km's. You will be travelling along the Thames Coast Road.
5. You will pass through Tararu, Whakatete Bay, Ngārimu Bay, Thornton Bay and will then come to Te Puru.
6. Te Puru School is at the northern end of Te Puru. It is a colorful little school on left right on the beach. The race start for the second leg is down on this beach.
7. There will be car parks reserved for paddlers and traffic wardens will direct you to the right spot on the beach.