



Hikoikoi
WAKA AMA

MATARIKI – GREAT HARBOUR CHALLENGE

Hosted by Hikoikoi Waka ama Club
Supported by Ngahuru Charitable Trust, Wellington Tents & Palmerston North Māori Reserves Trust

Saturday 4 July 24 Marine Parade, Petone

Alternate Venue: Churchill Park, Seatoun

Kai throughout day and prizegiving at conclusion of racing

Race Programme

7.00am	Volunteers arrive (meeting Support Boat/Crew)	
7.30am	Teams arrive and begin Rigging	
8.00am	Registration & Safety Checks ***	
	Checks will be done throughout day for all races	
8.40am	Karakia	
8.45am	Race Brief ① 12-15km	W6 Women/Mixed
9.00am	Race 1 Start	
10.30am	Race Brief ② 8km	W6 Women/Mixed/Men (Novice/Junior)
10.45am	Race 2 Start	
11.45am	Race Brief ③ 8km	All W1/W2 single craft (SS, Kayak, Canoe)
12.00pm	Race 3 Start	
13.30pm	Race Brief ④ 12-15km	W6 Men
13.45pm	Race 4 Start	
15.00pm	Prizegiving	

All Race enquiries – contact: hikoikoiwakaama@gmail.com 027 651 5379

***All waka for w6 Race 1 to be ready on beach for Safety Checks

NOTE: All waka are to be unloaded at McEwen Park, Hikoikoi Reserve, rigged and then taken down to the beach for safety checking by our volunteers.

PARKING & VENUE



	Toilets	Hikoikoi Reserve, McEwen Park
	Waka loading on lawn area	Hikoikoi Reserve
	Registration Tent, Safety Checks	Foreshore
	No parking inside this area	Reserved for group staying on site
	Public parking areas	

REGISTRATIONS

Online registrations and entries via www.wakaama.co.nz - close Wednesday 1 July at midnight – Paddler rosters and entries to be completed by your club representative.

Register early to avoid disappointment – entries will not be accepted on the day as we need to observe Waka ama NZ sanctioning process and ensure paddler safety is a priority.

All entry fees are non-refundable but can be transferred to a paddler from that team.

All race participants must register and attend race brief. All waka ama paddlers must be affiliated to a club and Waka ama NZ.

Novice and junior teams must have an experienced steerer and be able to complete this 8km distance within the hour. The 8km race is designed for junior teams J16 and above and Senior teams who may not have done so much training.

Waiver Form

All race participants are required to read and sign the race waiver form (attached). Any paddlers 18 years or under must have a parent or guardian sign for them.

Course

A map will be provided on race day. Any changes to the course due to weather conditions will be notified at the race briefing. **Alternative Venue:** Should we experience southerly conditions forecast (Sat), notification for a change of venue will be made by the Race Director on Friday 3 July by noon. Our alternative venue is Churchill Park, Seatoun.

Fees for races

Junior	\$20.00pp	\$120.00 per crew
Seniors (Novice)	\$30.00pp	\$180.00 per crew

Paddler capability/skills

Any paddler competing must:

- Unless a novice – be capable of competing in Senior races
- As a W1 paddler capable of handling an outrigger canoe in any condition
- Be trained in and capable of self-rescue techniques (e.g. to right a capsised waka)
- Be able to swim and be comfortable in conditions relative to their skill
- Have an adequate degree of skill and fitness to finish the race in conditions that might be expected
- Be dressed appropriately – thermal clothing a must in winter conditions
- Carry/have access to adequate food and drink for the race.

Important please note:

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.

- All novice and junior paddlers will wear PFD's at all times during racing
- All W6 Waka will have spray skirts - single, double craft unless self bailing
- All W6 waka will have a tow rope secured to the taumanu prior to racing in the event your waka needs to be towed.

Waka Hire

If your waka is available for one of the races and you can support other clubs hiring your waka please let us know. We will do what we can to connect clubs/teams requesting waka.

*Koha for hire can be sorted out directly with the club concerned.

All waka arriving for this race **MUST** be seaworthy and have spray skirts and safety equipment. The Race Director has the authority to exclude any crew/waka from competing should the team/waka not be considered safe and able to complete in the conditions.

Thanks for being part of our Matariki Great Harbour Challenge....

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**WAKA AMA NEW ZEALAND
EVENT WAIVER and AUTHORITY FORM**



HIKOIKOI WAKA AMA CLUB

I declare that:

1. My accepted entry will not be transferred to another entrant.
2. In the event of any "act of God" conditions causing a cancellation of the event, my total entry fee is not transferable or refundable.
3. I acknowledge that there are risks involved with Waka Ama and fully realise the dangers of participating in an event such as this and fully assume the risks associated with such participation and my wellbeing during the event.
4. I understand and agree that situations may arise during the event, which may be beyond the immediate control of officials or organisers, and I must continually participate in a manner that does not endanger either myself or others.
5. Neither the organisers, the sponsors nor other parties associated with the event shall have any responsibility, financial or otherwise, for any risk incident that might arise, whether or not by negligence, from any direct or indirect loss, injury or death that might be sustained by me or any other party directly or indirectly associated with me, from my intended or actual participation in the event or its related activities.
6. I authorise my name, voice, picture and information on this entry form to be used without payment to me in any broadcast, telecast, promotion, advertising, or any other way pursuant to the Privacy Act 1993.
7. I agree to comply with the rules, regulations and event instructions of the Matariki Great Harbour Challenge.
8. I consent to receiving medical treatment which may be advisable in the event of illness or injuries suffered during the event.
9. I confirm that I can swim 50 Metres/OR if I cannot swim 50 Metres I will wear a PFD during the race

Full Name or competitor _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Date of birth _____

If Competitor is under 18 the Waiver must be signed by Parent or guardian:

Full name of Parent/guardian _____

Signed _____ Date _____