

# **The Bridges Outrigger Canoe Race 2016**

## **8 October 2016**

**Hosted by: Waitakere Outrigger Canoe Club (inc)**

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On its 25<sup>th</sup> birthday Waitakere Outrigger Canoe Club is once again hosting the classic Bridges Race in the Upper Waitemata Harbour. The Bridges is an iron race following a circuit of the three main bridges around the Upper Waitemata Harbour – a total distance of 27km.

A Juniors and Novices Race over 10.5km is also on the Programme and there will be a fun race over about 5km for former Waitakere members' teams.

**Venue:** Te Atatu Boating Club, Bridge Avenue Te Atatu

**Date:** Saturday 8 October 2016 – High Tide 1.07pm

**Entry Fee:**

- \$35 per Senior Paddler
- \$10 per Junior Paddler
- No fee for the former Waitakere members' teams – fun race NB, no on-line entry for this race – either email the club with your intended entry or enter on the day)

**Entries Close on Saturday 1 October 2016**

**Programme:**

- All waka to be on-site by 8.30am
- Waka trailers to be parked behind the clubrooms (see site map)
- Juniors and Novices Race Briefing at 9.30am
- **Race 1 Start (Juniors and Novices) at 9.45am**

- **Juniors, and Novices:** Juniors and Novices will race at the same time, with staggered starts. Course is Te Atatu - Kauri Point and return (see the course map).
- Seniors Race Briefing at 11.00am
- **Race 2 Start (Seniors) at 11.15am.**
- **Seniors Course:** Seniors will race with staggered start for women, then mixed then men. Course is Te Atatu - Upper Harbour Bridge – Harbour Bridge – Te Atatu (27km)
- Former members Race Briefing at 2.00pm
- **Race 3 Former Members, at 2.30pm. Course:** To be determined on the day
- After racing - prizegiving over a Light Meal

### Race Categories:

**Juniors** – boys and girls divisions - one age category (no separate J16 and J19).

**Novices** – one category (any combination of men and women). Apart from the steerer, must be in your 1<sup>st</sup> year of waka ama paddling.

**Former Members** – team can be made up of any age or gender provided paddlers are former members of the Waitakere Outrigger Canoe club – contact your old mates!! Race will be 5km – 10km, at the discretion of the Race Director.

**Seniors** – mens and womens divisions - open, masters, senior masters. Mixed (one division – no more than 3 men).

Minimum entry of three (3) crews to make a division. If there are insufficient entries the team will be placed in the next age division.

Prizes will be presented to all 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> places overall in Race 1 and Race 2 and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> places in each division (provided minimum of 3 teams entered).

### Race Rules:

- Canoes must have 2 bailers, 6 lifejackets, tow-rope, flare/ cellphone and 2 spare paddles. All waka must have spray skirt available on the day. Race organiser's reserve the right to make spray skirts compulsory if required.
- All waka will have to pass a safety check before racing.
- Competitors should dress appropriately for the conditions (if cool conditions polypropylenes are recommended)
- All steerers and team captains must attend the race briefing.
- Should a waka require assistance during the race, the paddler in No.3 seat must hold their paddle up vertically so that an official rescue boat or any passing waka can render assistance.
- The lead canoe will have right of way at turns.
- In the 27k race the race start line is up the Whau River. All waka need to go under the Te Atatu Bridge, up and around a bridge pylon at the Upper Harbour Bridge, down the harbour and then the Harbour Bridge before returning back under the Te Atatu Bridge to the finish line at the Te Atatu Boating Club.

- The Race Director and his officials have absolute control of the event. You must, for safety reasons, follow the instructions of any official, including those on support boats.
- Race organisers will arrange official support boats. A waiver form must be signed by all paddlers at Registration on the day.

**From Out of Town and Want to Hire a Waka? Contact us and we'll see what we can do. [waitakereocc@gmail.com](mailto:waitakereocc@gmail.com)**

#### **Waitakere Harbour Bridges Race 8 October 2016 – Course Maps**



**27km Seniors Course – “Harbour Bridges”**



**10km Course – “Kauri Point”**