



# Tikapa Coast 2 Coast

**2 April 2017**

## What is The Tikapa Coast 2 Coast about?

The official name of the race is Te Matawaka Au Moana o Tikapakapa. Its nickname is Tikapa Coast to Coast. Back in the day our Hauraki Tupuna would race each other across Tikapa Moana (aka Firth of Thames). Each year the race would be hosted by iwi on the opposing coastlines of Te Puru and Kaiaua coastline. Te Āputa Tira Hoe teaming up with iwi and our local whanau and community to bring this race back to life.

## Who is the Coast to Coast for?

The coast to coast race is there for anyone who loves and is keen on paddling. If you are new to paddling or haven't done a long distance or ocean race, this race will not be for you. It is a 39km long distance race. Don't be fooled by the straight course or the fact that we are an inlet and protected by maunga on both sides of our coastline. Tikapa Moana will offer plenty of challenges to those who are keen to take them on.

## Race divisions are:

W1/ W2 – **39km** Marathon (Womens, Mens)

W1/W2 – **39km Relay** (Juniors, Womens, Mens)

W1/ W2 – **19km** (Te Puru to Kaiaua)

W6 – **39km Relay** (Mixed, Womens & Mens)

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Relay Teams will switch in the switching bay area at Waihihi. Any number of team members can be switched.

Marathon Teams will make an ama turn at the buoy in Waihihi and return back to Te Puru.

## Race Programme:

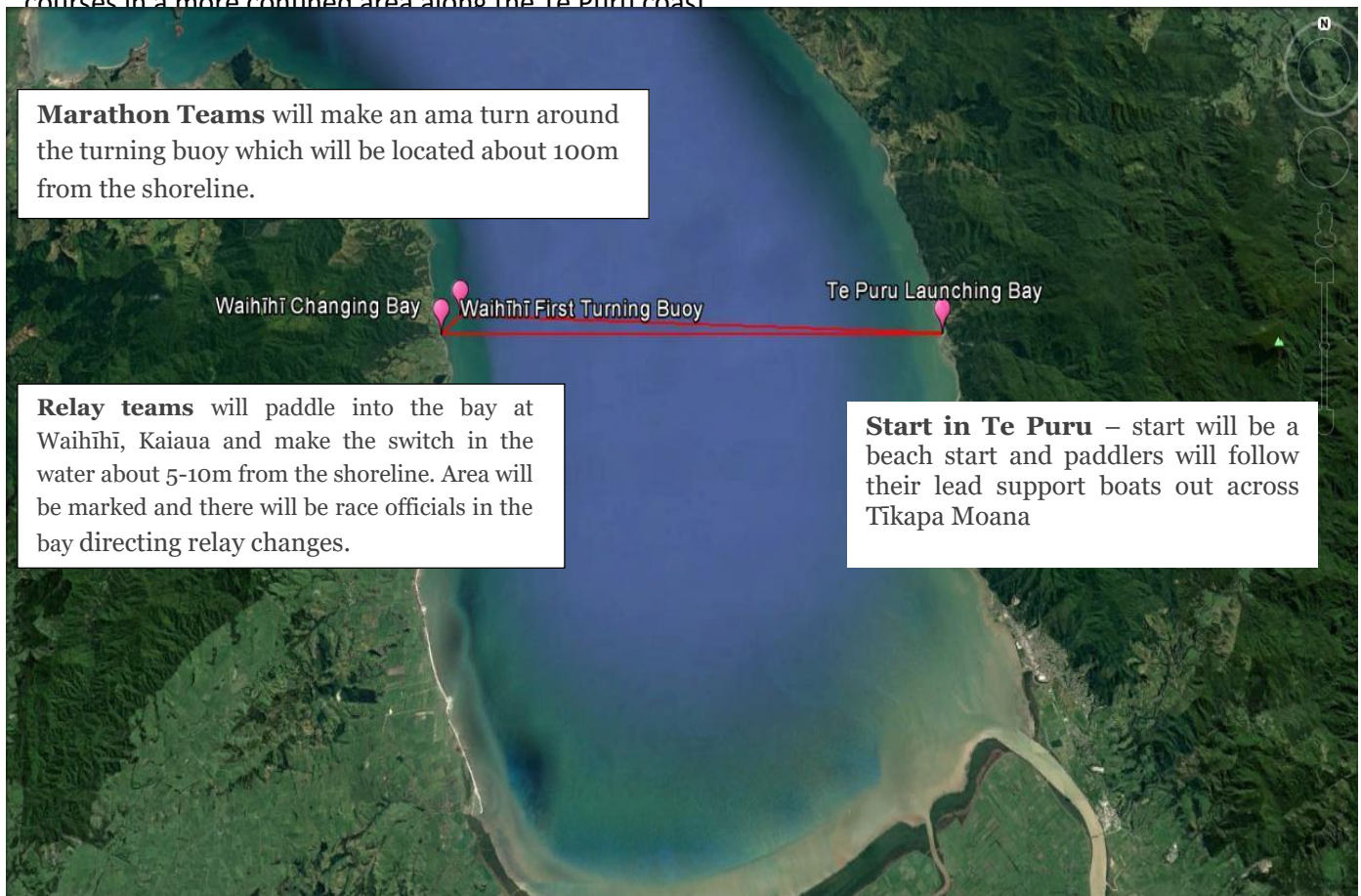
<b>7am</b>	<b>Race Registrations Open</b>
<b>7.20am</b>	Safety Checks Commence
<b>8.00am</b>	Race 1 & 2 Brief
<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Race 1 Start (W1 &amp; W2)</b>
<b>8.45am</b>	<b>Race 2 Start (Junior, Novice)</b>
<b>9.00am</b>	Race 3 Brief
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Race 3 Start (Women, Mixed)</b>
<b>9.45am</b>	Race 4 Brief
<b>10.15am</b>	<b>Race 4 Start (Men)</b>

## Tikapa Coast 2 Coast Course

For Te Matawaka Au Moana o Tikapakapa, we are heading just over 19.5kms West from Te Puru to Waihihī, at Waharau Regional Park, on the Kaiaua Coast and 19.5kms back again in a straight line. There will be support boats ensuring that our waka head in the right direction and stay on course.

Here in Hauraki, we are no strangers to good weather and smooth waka conditions, but on the odd occasion we can get some gnarly winds creating some excitement in the form of 1m swells. There is a 1.5 knot tidal flow in the middle of the course providing a little resistance paddling but nothing a bit of hard work and sweat won't fix.

These conditions coupled with wind speeds between 20-35 knots would be unsuitable for paddling across the firth. We will be keeping an eye on this and there are plenty of options for alternative courses in a more confined area along the Te Puru coast



## Race Fee:

\$30 per Adult paddler

\$20 per Junior Paddler

Payment can made via internet banking to:

Te Āputa Tira Waka

38-9016-0618893-00

Please use your Team Name as a reference when making payment.

## What does your race fee get ya?

- Really good team of support boaties and boats
- Race Shirt
- Kai
- An awesome atmosphere!

## Up for Grabs...

- Cash Prizes!!
- Spot Prizes
- Medals

## Need More Info?

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## Getting There:

Race Start is located at Te Puru School 507 Thames Coast Road. Parking is co-ordinated by the club and waka will be unloaded at the front of the school on the beach. Cars and Trailers will then be instructed to park within the school grounds.

Te Puru School is a colourful school (you'll see what we mean when you see the buildings) located 9.4km north along the Thames Coast. Approx 10 mins travel out of the Thames Township.

# SAFETY SAFETY SAFETY

## W1 Safety Gear

### MUST HAVE!!

1x Life Jacket

1x Spare Paddle

1x Bailer

### Recommended

Cell Phone in waterproof bag

## W2 Safety Gear

### MUST HAVE!!

1x Life Jacket

1x Spare Paddle

1x Bailer

### Recommended

Cell Phone in waterproof bag

## W6 Safety Gear

### MUST HAVE!!

6x Life Jacket

2x Spare Paddle

2x Bailer (Minimum)

Tow Rope at least 20m

Spray Skirt if winds are over 10 knots

### Recommended

Cell Phone in waterproof bag

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