# TE WHANGANUI A TARA
# SATURDAY 8 JULY 2017

WELLINGTON TENTHS TRUST

PALMERSTON NORTH MAORI RESERVE TRUST

TE WHAREWAKA O PŌNEKE

Hikoikoi
WAKA AMA

## Nau mai, haere mai ki a koutou!

Thanks for participating in Hikoikoi Waka ama Club Matariki Celebrations in Te Whanganui a Tara. Supported by Ngahuru Charitable Trust, Wellington Tenths Trust and Palmerston North Māori Reserve Trust we are pleased to offer this annual waka ama event.

**VENUE & DATE:**

**Te Raukura, Te Wharewaka o Pōneke**
**Wellington Waterfront**
**Saturday 8 July – postponement date Sunday 9 July 2017**

This event will be held on Wellington Harbour however if conditions determine the race venue may need to be changed due to unfavourable wind conditions then an alternative course has been arranged in Petone.

Paddlers will be advised of any venue change at least 24 hours prior to race to allow for alternative arrangements for those organising canoe trailers and waka.

**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:**

Our race course will be set out on Wellington Harbour within the boundaries of Shelley Bay, Evan's Bay and Oriental Bay.

The: **8 km novice race** is designed for paddlers who have trained but not raced **or** are unsure they can complete a 15-18 km course safely. This course has been set with novice to semi-novice crews and steerer's in mind.

Entries are welcome for all W6 Male/Female/Mixed crews for this distance. Junior teams J19/J16 must have an experienced steerer/or have some experience to complete course.

**15-18 km** competitive race is a nice blast for those with plenty of racing experience and capable of completing a 15-18-kilometre course in under 90 minutes. There may be challenging pieces within this course. A competent steerer and/or crew is advised.
**W6 Male/Female/Mixed events**.

**The Event Director reserves the right to amend the distance or course for any race in adverse weather conditions.**

**REGISTRATIONS DUE BY:**

**Wednesday 28 June 2017 (Midnight)**
Online registrations available at www.wakaama.co.nz and must be entered by **your club representative.** Open NOW
All paddlers competing in this event must be Waka ama NZ affiliated paddlers. Registrations received after the deadline will incur an additional late fee per paddler.

**REGISTRATION FEE:**

$25.00 per senior paddler
$15.00 per junior paddler
*Fee includes a hot soup and BBQ at end of each race.

**Payment will be not accepted on the day,** however we encourage fees being deposited into our bank account by 1 July 2017.
Account Number :
Ngahuru Charitable Trust
**Westpac**
**03-0502-0696175-02**
Ref: your team name 'waka"

**LATE FEE:**

**Late registrations will incur a late fee of $15 per paddler if received after 28 June 2017**

**There will be no refunds for crews who choose not to race on the day**

**TRAILER/WAKA PARKING:**

If you are bringing a Canoe Trailer/Waka into Wellington on Friday or early Saturday morning please contact Chris Fox 027 651 5379.

Parking for canoe trailers has been arranged on the wharf, Taranaki St and therefore access must be arranged with Chris (trailers parking by Wharewaka) with access to ramp for waka loading.

Tyres must be brought with trailer and will be required for all waka.

Drop off for paddlers only on Wellington Waterfront.

**WAKA ALLOCATION**

For those teams requiring waka please contact Chris 027 651 5379 we may be able to access waka for your race to ensure as many people get to paddle as possible with the resources on hand or put you in touch with local clubs who maybe able to allocate waka. Teams who borrow waka are responsible for any damage that occurs during racing.

**REGISTRATION PROCESS**

Race Registration opens at 8.00am, Safety checks at 8.30am. Karakia at approx. 9am 1st race will commence at 9.30am.

Registration Process for ALL Competitors

1. Report to Registration for your 'Race Pack'
2. Must have completed Waiver (spare available at Registration).
3. Take Safety Check list and race number
4. You need to get cleared by Safety Check Crew (wearing high vis vests) at your waka.
5. Waka that have passed 'Safety Check' will have tag tied on front kiato or marked as directed by Safety Check Crew
6. Make sure your crew stays by waka and is ready for 5min call before to race start.

7. Waka must be rechecked before every race – NEW NUMBER & NEW TAG.
8. This equipment is required for your safety, cheating the safety checks only endangers you and/or your crew.

**REQUIRED SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

Waka (W6)

- 1 x Cellphone in Waterproof Bag Or Flare
- 2 x spare paddles
- 2 x bailers
- 1 x 25 --- 30m Tow Rope attached to Waka (taumanu)
- **Sprayskirts are compulsory**
- One lifejacket or personal flotation device (PFD) for every person on board (All junior 16yrs and under must wear jackets during race).

**KAI**

PLEASE KEEP your 'meal tickets' located in registration packs in order to enjoy some delicious hot soup and BBQ after your race.

There are plenty of options for kai around Te Wharewaka o Pōneke.
Check out 'KARAKA CAFÉ' for great coffee☺ who knows we may have our hangi pit fired up!

**PRIZEGIVING RACE VIEWING**

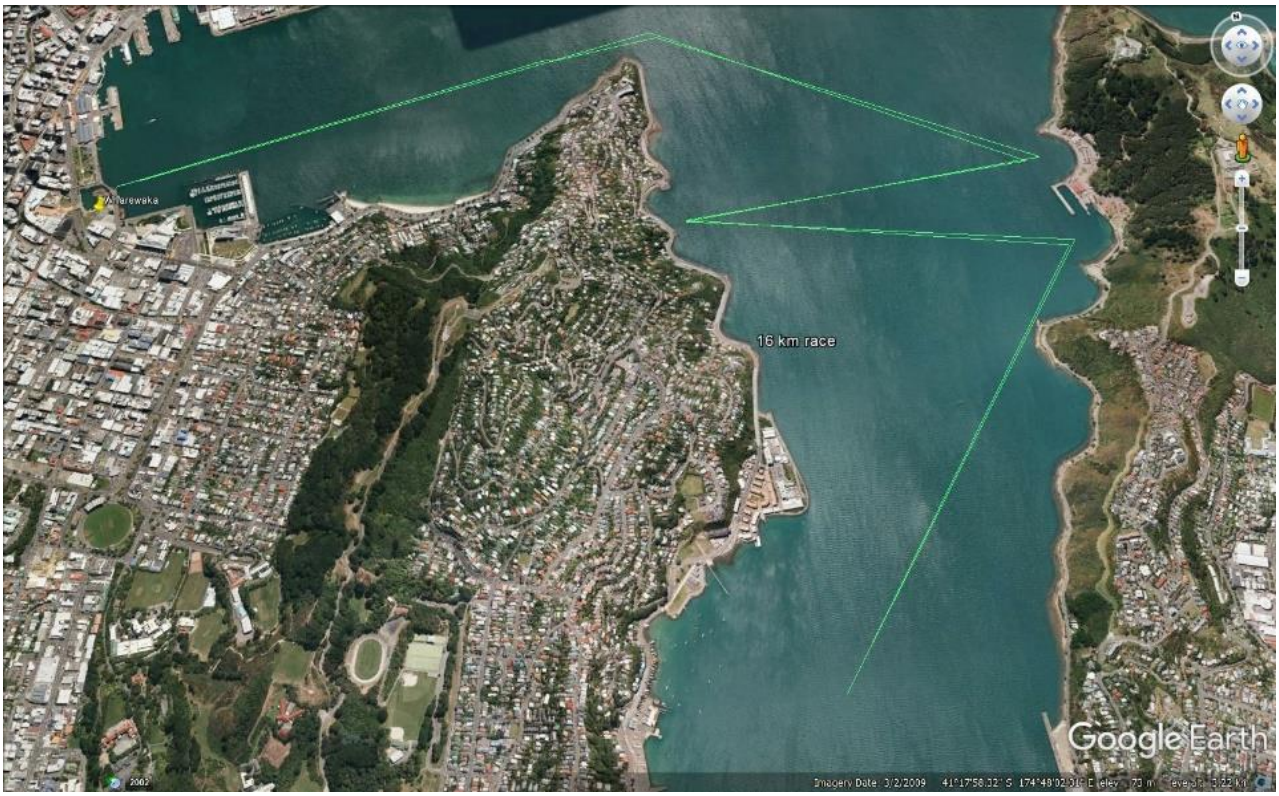
Prizegiving will take place at the end of all racing – Makaro, Te Wharewaka o Pōneke. Hoe Tonga race resources will be used at this event and races are able to be viewed in real time on the big screen inside Makaro.

## COURSE MAPS

The course may vary based on weather and water conditions on the day and this will be determined and advised by the Race Director. In addition to this the Race Director may request all paddlers wear PFD's (paddlers MUST follow the Race Directors Instructions) or risk not being able to participate in race and therefore face disqualification.

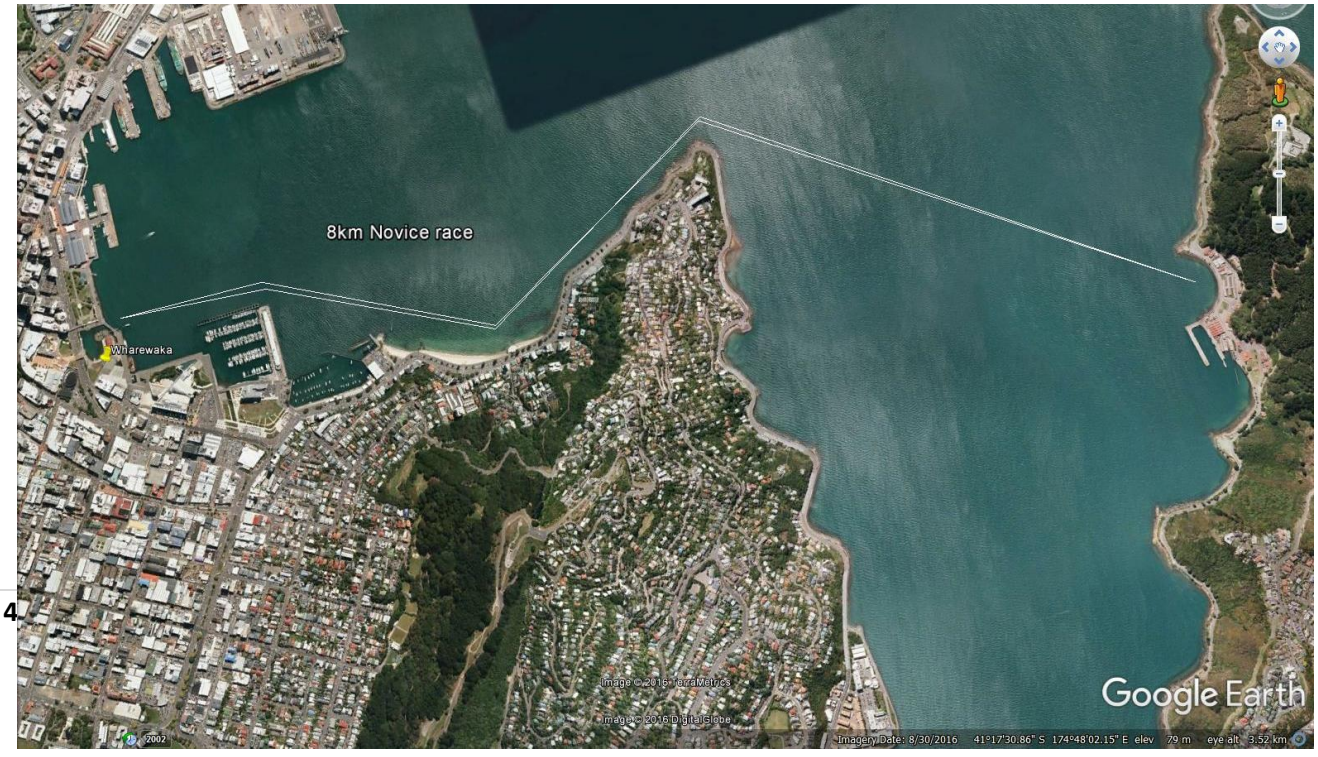
**Course 1**
Approx 15-18km

Open (Men, Women, Mixed) W6
*Any variation to this course will be determined by Event Director on the day (weather dependant).




**Course 2**
Approx 8km

Novice & Junior W6
Designed as inner harbour course with great spectator value our novice and junior paddlers will be racing on a circuit



## MATARIKI HARBOUR CHALLENGE -
## RACE PROGRAMME (DRAFT)

| Time | What | Where/What |
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| 7am | **Set Up** | **Te Wharewaka o Pōneke** |
| | **Volunteers – Event Directors** | |
| 7.30am | **Unloading/rigging waka** | |
| 8am | **Team Registration (Opens)** | **Makaro Room**<br>**Te Wharewaka o Pōneke** |
| 8.30am | **Safety Check Commences** | |
| 9.00am | **Karakia** | |
| | **Race Brief Race 1** | **15-18km Women's/Mixed** |
| 9.15am | **Teams Paddle out to start buoy** | |
| 9.30am | **Race 1 Begins** | |
| 10.45am | **Race Brief Race 2** | **8km W6 Men/Women/Mix** |
| 11.30am | **Race 2 Begins** | |
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| 11.45am | **Race Brief Race 3** | **15-18km Men's** |
| 12.30pm | **Race 3 Begins** | |
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| 3pm | **Prizegiving** | **Te Wharewaka o Pōneke** |

**Results for all races will be published online**
**All paddlers are welcome to hot soup and BBQ 'meal tickets in registration packs'**
**Changing facilities, showers and toilets on site and at Wellington Rowing Club**
**Fantastic Coffee at 'KARAKA CAFÉ'**
**We hope you enjoy your days racing and supporting Matariki 2017**
**Tracking systems on board (GPS)**
**BIG SCREEN VIEWING**

**Supported with thanks…….**
**Wellington Tenths Trust**
**Palmerston North Maori Reserve**
**Wellington City Council**
**Waka ama NZ**
**Hoe Tonga & and you, our paddling community**

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