



MATARIKI

HARBOUR CHALLENGE

PRESENTED BY HIKOIKOI WAKA AMA CLUB

SATURDAY JUNE 15 | SUNDAY JUNE 16
TE WHAREWAKA Ō PONEKE, WELLINGTON WATERFRONT



2019 MATARIKI HARBOUR CHALLENGE – PANUI 1 NAU MAI HAERE MAI

Hikoikoi Waka ama is proud to host this event to celebrate Matariki at Te Raukura -Te Wharewaka o Poneke on Wellington Waterfront. Thanks to all our supporters who have helped make this event come to life - Wellington Tenth Trust, Palmerston North Maori Reserve Trust, Ngahuru Charitable Trust, Hoe Tonga Pacifica Waka ama Association, Waka Ama New Zealand and Wellington City Council.

Key to our success is of course YOU!



IMPORTANT DATES

- **10 June 2019** Entries Close Monday
- **13 June 2019** Roster Close Thursday
- **15 June 2019** W6 Race Day
- **16 June 2019** Small Craft Event

RACE VENUE

If the weather and water conditions make it unsafe to paddle any one of the allocated days in Wellington organisers have the option of changing our race venue to Hikoikoi in Petone.

ENTRY FEES

- Senior Paddlers - \$35/person
- Junior Paddlers - \$20/person
- Small Craft Event – \$15/person
- Fees include KAI at the end of each race and eligibility for spot prizes.

Race fees for all entries must be paid by 10 June 2019. **PAYMENT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON THE DAY!** Race fees are non-refundable. Payment is to be made to account: 'Ngahuru Charitable Trust'
Westpac 03 0584 0295411 02 Ref: your team name, followed by 'waka'

Any club that withdraws teams after being invoiced will still be charged the full entry fee.

ENTRY PROCESS – SATURDAY 15 JUNE (W6)

- Entries and roster must be done by your online at www.wakaama.co.nz via your club co-ordinator.
- All paddlers competing in this event must be Waka Ama NZ affiliated paddlers.
- Entries must be completed and entered online by **10 June 2019**. Any late entries will incur a **\$15 late penalty fee**
- Roster must be completed online by 13 June 2019. Any late additions to the roster will incur a **\$15 late penalty** for each additional paddler

RACE DISTANCES AND COURSES

All race courses are on Wellington Harbour. The race courses will be set closer to the event based on the weather and water conditions to provide all paddlers with an enjoyable, challenging and safe experience.

Short Course 8-10km	J16/J19/U23/Novice/Senior	Men, Women, Mixed
Long Course 18-20km	J19/U23/Senior	Men, Women, Mixed
Small Craft Event	5-6km Rowers	Men, Women, Mixed
*all paddlers must have some experience	J16/J19/U23/Senior	
	10-12km (all other craft)	Men, Women, Mixed
	J19/U23/Senior	

COMPETITORS ABILITY

Our W6 short course 8-10km will be suitable for all junior (J16/J19), novice and senior paddlers who may not have trained for the longer distance during winter but have some experience. All novice and junior teams must have an experienced steerer and must wear lifejackets (PFD's) while racing. Teams racing in the novice category can be a combination of different age groups J16 – J70+. All paddlers must be affiliated to a Waka Ama club and Waka Ama NZ.

Clubs are responsible for ensuring that all paddlers are competent to paddle in the divisions that they have been entered into. The Race Director has the discretion to withdraw a team of an individual who is deemed to be unfit or unprepared to complete the race.

Our W6 18-20km event will suit the more experienced teams who have been training for long distance paddling with the experience to manage challenging water.

NEW ADDITION IN 2019 - SMALL CRAFT EVENT - SUNDAY 16 JUNE

This year Hikoikoi Waka Ama Club will also include a small craft event for single and double craft encouraging a variety of water sports the opportunity to get on the water. This event is open to paddlers of the following craft:

- Waka ama singles and doubles
- Surf ski singles and doubles
- Sea kayak/Canoe singles and doubles
- Rowers - Singles and Doubles

Once again the venue is at Te Wharewaka o Poneke. Should conditions not be suitable on Sunday 16 June an alternative venue will be advised and all registered paddlers informed. There are a variety of options available to organisers of this event.

ENTRY PROCESS –SMALL CRAFT EVENT

- All Waka ama entries and roster must be done online at www.wakaama.co.nz via your club co-ordinator as per W6 process.
- All paddlers competing Waka ama must be Waka Ama NZ affiliated paddlers.
- All other small craft will email hikoikoiwakaama@gmail.com to register. Further information will be provided once registration is received.
- All entries must be completed and entered by 10 June 2019.
- No registrations will be accepted on the day.
- Payment must be made prior to competition and an invoice will be sent for payment as registration closes.

PROGRAMME

Saturday 15 June - W6 Races

7.30am	Set Up Volunteers, Key Personnel, Event Manager, Race Director	Te Wharewaka o Pōneke Support Boats, Whairepo Lagoon
8.00am	Unloading/rigging waka	Odlins Plaza
8.30am	Team Registration (Opens)	Makaro Room Te Wharewaka o Pōneke
8.45am	Safety Checks Commence	
9.15am	Karakia Race Brief Race 1	8-10km W6 Short Course
9.30am	Teams Paddle out to start Buoy	8-10km W6 Short Course
9.45am	Race 1 Begins	
11.00am	Race Brief Race 2	18-20km Women/Mixed
11.15am	Race 2 Paddle to Start Buoy	
11.30am	Race 2 Begins	
1.00pm	Race Brief Race 3	18-20km Men
1.15pm	Race 3 Paddle to Start Buoy	
1.30pm	Race 3 Begins	
3:30pm	Prizegiving	Makaro Room

Sunday 16 June 2019 - Small Craft Races

Time	What	Where/Who
7:30am	Set Up Volunteers, Key Personnel, Event Manager, Race Director	Te Wharewaka o Pōneke Support Boats, Whairepo Lagoon
8:00am	Registration Opens	Makaro Room
8:30am	Safety Checks Commence	
9am	Karakia Race Brief 4 and 5	Makaro Room
9:15am	Race 4 Move to Start Buoy	Rowers
9:30am	Race 4 Begins Race 5 Move to Start Buoy	Waka Ama W1/W2 Surf Skis Singles and Doubles Sea Kayaks/Canoe Singles and Double
9:40am	Race 5 Begins	
11:30am	Prizegiving	Makaro Room

WAKA AND TRAILER PARKING

W6 CANOES

Parking for canoe trailers **ONLY** has been arranged in Odlin's Plaza, Taranaki St. Wharf access must be arranged prior to the race for waka and trailers hikoikoiwakaama@gmail.com

Please register the number of waka and trailers arriving for your club, along with time of arrival on site. This can be done by emailing hikoikoiwakaama@gmail.com and making arrangements with race organisers. There are a number of events happening on Wellington Waterfront on this weekend and pedestrian traffic takes priority at all times.

Wharf Access is on Friday 14 June (between 3 – 6pm) or between 7 – 9am Saturday 15 June. Due to limited access, you will need to be prompt with arranged drop off times. If you are bringing a Canoe Trailer/Waka into Wellington on Friday or early Saturday morning, please contact our representative at hikoikoiwakaama@gmail.com

- **NO** public parking is available on the waterfront Odlin's Plaza, as we require space for rigging and set up of waka.
- Tyres must be brought with trailer and will be required for all waka. Please bring a waka trolley if your club has one available to save time at crew loading.

SMALL CRAFT

Wharf access for small crafts will only be between 7 – 8.30am Sunday morning 16 June and once again **NO** public parking is available on the waterfront. Due to limited access you will need to be prompt with arranged drop off times.

Paddlers are asked to be considerate of other participants crafts. The event organisers will not accept any responsibility to any damaged vessels before, during and after the race.

More information regarding our small craft event will be sent to those paddlers who register and will be available by contacting hikoikoiwakaama@gmail.com Please reference 'Small Craft' in the subject line.

WAKA HIRE

Teams requiring waka please contact hikoikoiwakaama@gmail.com as Hikoikoi Waka Ama may be able to arrange a waka for your race to ensure as many people get to paddle as possible with the resources on hand. **If you are a visiting team from out of Wellington please contact us as you will be given first priority.**

Alternately check www.hoetonga.co.nz for contact details of local clubs.

Club hiring waka are responsible for any agreements with team using their waka and therefore any damage that occurs during racing. Race organisers will not accept responsibility for any damages and does not set waka hireage fees on behalf of any clubs.

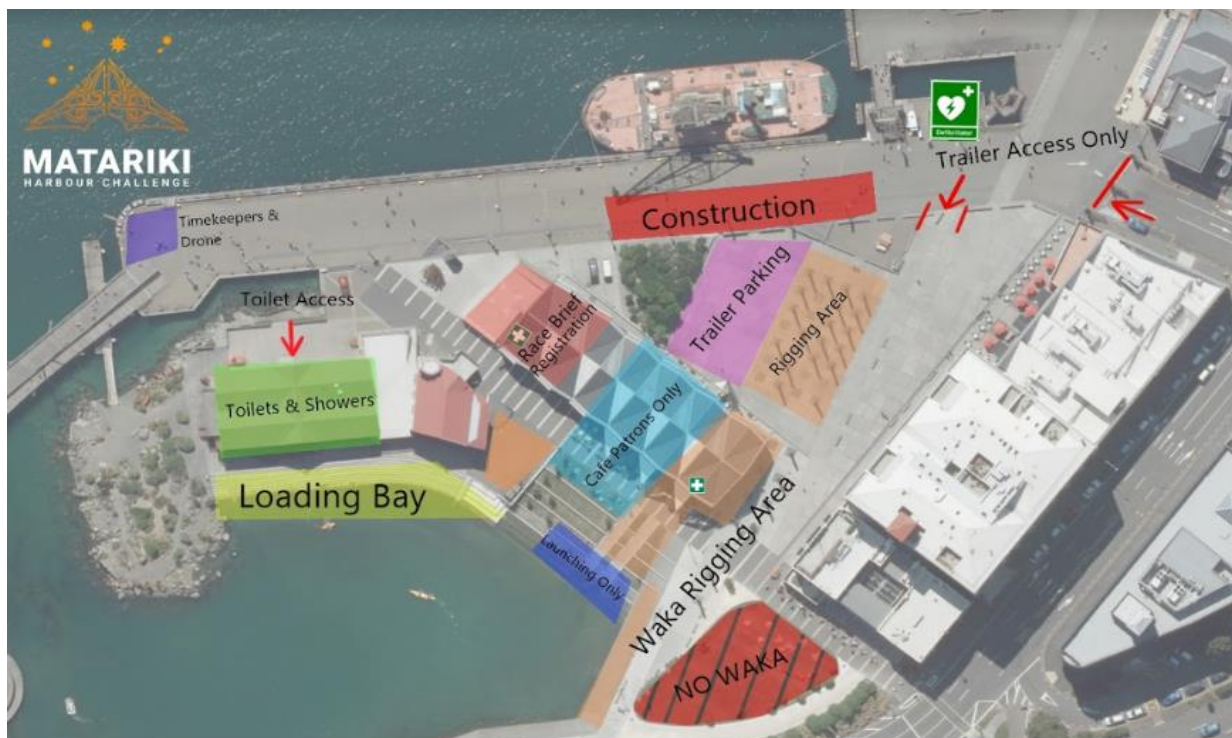


OUR SITE

Venue: Te Wharewaka o Pōneke, 2 Taranaki St, Wellington Waterfront.

Alternate Venue: Hikoikoi Waka Ama Club, 24 Marine Parade, Petone (next to the Executive Offices of Wellington Tenth's Trust/Palmerston North Maori Reserve).

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.



REGISTRATION PROCESS

1. Report to Registration to collect your Race Pack (safety checklist and race number)
2. Safety Waivers must be submitted (spare available at registration).
3. Your waka needs to get cleared by Safety Check Crew (wearing high vis vests) at your waka.
4. Waka that have passed 'Safety Check' will have tag tied on front kiato or marked as directed by Safety Check Crew
5. Make sure your crew stays by waka and is ready for 5min call before to race start.
6. Waka must be rechecked before every race – NEW NUMBER & NEW TAG.
7. This equipment is required for your safety, cheating the safety checks only endangers you and/or your crew

SAFETY CHECKLIST

Waka (W6)

- 1 x Cell phone in Waterproof Bag or Flare
- 2 x spare paddles per W6
- 2 x bailers per W6
- 1 x 25-30m Tow Rope attached to taumanu of Waka accessible above spray skirt.
- **Spray skirts are compulsory for W6.** One appropriate fitting lifejacket or personal flotation device (PDF) for every person on board (all J16/J19/Novice paddlers must wear jackets during race).

Single Craft (W1/W2)

- 1 bailer
- 1 leg Leash (If Sit on Top)
- 1 Life Jacket for each paddler on board
- 1 flare, cell phone in waterproof bag or personal locator beacon
- 1 Spare Paddle (Waka Ama only)
- All other small craft must be seaworthy and meet their sports safety regulations.

KAI

PLEASE KEEP your 'meal tickets' located in registration packs to enjoy some delicious hot soup and hot food after your race. Bring \$\$ for additional kai.

There are plenty of options for kai around Te Wharewaka o Pōneke and on the Waterfront. Check out KARAKA CAFÉ for great coffee ☺ and food!

PRIZEGIVING AND RACE VIEWING

Prizegiving will take place at the end of all racing – Makaaro Room at 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.

SHOWERS AND TOILETS

Showers and toilets are available at Wellington and Star Rowing Club. You are most welcome to use these facilities but please do not touch any equipment inside and keep the premises clean and tidy.

Toilets and changing facilities are located in Te Wharewaka for you to use during the days event.

WHATS ON IN WELLINGTON!

15 JUNE – Hurricanes v's Blues at Westpac Stadium – kick off 7.30pm



15 & 16 JUNE – [Second Unit](#) 'What we do in the Shadows' (R16)

There's a new normal in Wellington - and it's distinctly paranormal. Second Unit is an immersive experience that gives you the chance to experience live-action drama on a chaotic film set, where nothing is quite as it seems... Filming starts at the Wellington Waterfront set on 13 June.

Check this out on eventfinder – shows each night at 8pm on Wellington Waterfront. <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2019/second-unit/wellington>



Organisers are creating a festival atmosphere inside Te Raukura – Te Wharewaka o Pōneke celebrating Matariki! From mirimiri, raranga, paddle competitions or just catching up with the whanau there is something for everyone!

A big mihi to all our Matariki race sponsors!

Check our Matariki Harbour Challenge facebook page [here](#) for event updates and competitions!

Information will also be posted on [Hoe Tonga Pacifica Waka ama Association](#) and [Waka Ama NZ](#)

Hikoikoi Waka ama bringing you Wellingtons Premier Waka ama Event!