

*Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke in association with
Te Waka Pounamu Outrigger Canoe Club present the*

PIOKE PURSUIT

Rātapu/Sunday 29 Ono/October 2023

Te Rāpaki o Te Rakiwhakaputa



RACE PACK & ENTRY DETAILS

18 Rima / September 2023

Karanga ki te uru
Karanga ki te tonga
Karanga ki ngā hau e whā
Ko te karanga o te kaihao pioke e karanga nei. Tēnā koutou.

Nau mai, tauti mai ki te rā whakanui waka ama ki Te Rāpaki o Te Rakiwhakaputa.

Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke would like to invite you to compete in the 2023 Pioke Pursuit to be held on Sunday 29 October 2023 at Rāpaki. The name Pioke Pursuit refers to one of our local taonga species, Pioke / Rig or Spotted Dogfish that is a significant part of our identity and mahinga kai (food gathering) traditions.

This race is based on a pursuit style event that was first undertaken at Rāpaki in 2003 and hosted by Te Waka Pounamu Outrigger Canoe Club. The idea is to have a fun event, requiring little set up and minimal equipment, but that helps both novice and experienced paddlers and crews gain practice in both sprint racing and turns, and as a way to prepare for the Te Waka o Aoraki Regional Sprints in December. We are also holding the event as a way of getting our own whanau from Rāpaki involved in waka ama.

The pursuit races will be competed over approximately 1000m for W6 Open/Adult teams and over 400m for W6 Junior crews. All racing is in Mixed teams for both Opens and Juniors – with a maximum of 20 teams across all grades. Included below is the race information you will need to get your team entered and to understand the race format. Steerers will be provided for teams who may require them, so please indicate this when completing your entry.

We would like to ask that participating clubs please bring along a mahimahi W6, as well as your own paddles, lifejackets and bailers. Other equipment, including buoys and facilities will be provided. We are hoping to have food available for purchase on site as well as getting some prizes for the event. If you can help out with providing waka and anything else to assist with the event, please let us know. The day will begin with a mihi whakatau and karakia in front of Wheke marae, followed by a race briefing for all competitors and spectators.

Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke and Te Waka Pounamu look forward to your participation and seeing you all there.

PLEASE ENTER BY Friday 13 OCTOBER 2023

Please enter online at: <https://www.tewakapounamu.com/events-1/pioke-pursuit-2023> or email your entry to tewakapounamu01@gmail.com

Nāhaku noa, nā

Andrew Scott
Manager, Te Hapū o Ngāti Wheke

Craig Pauling
Race Director, Te Waka Pounamu

Pioke Pursuit

RACE INFORMATION

Venue: Rāpaki Bay, Whakaraupō / Lyttelton Harbour

Course: Juniors 400 metres (2 turns)
Adults 1000 metres (2 turns)

Date: Sunday, 29 October 2023, 8.00am-3pm (Back up race day is Sunday, 6 November 2022)

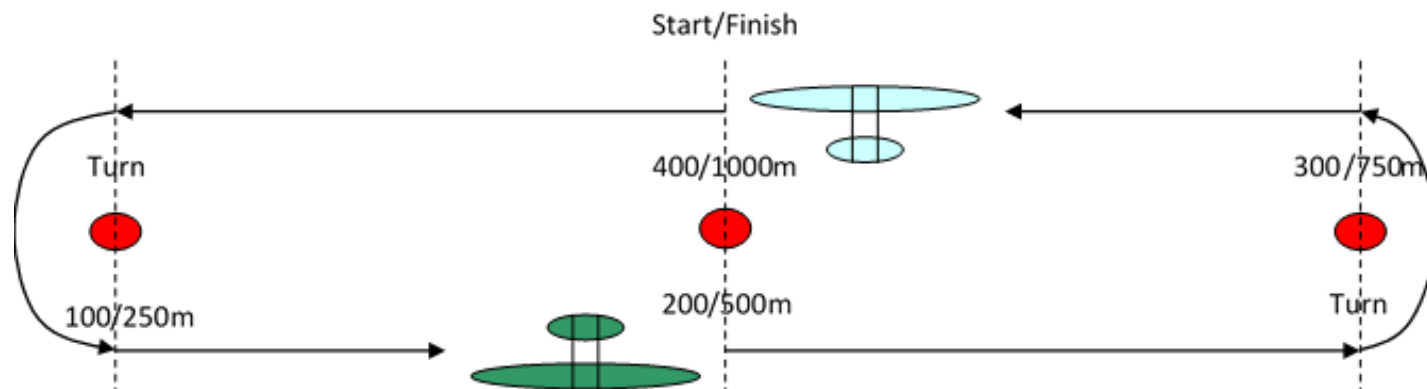
Races: We hope to enable each team to have 2-3 races, however it will depend on the number of teams registering. We aim to have the following race categories: Open Mixed, J19/J16 Mixed, Intermediate/Midget Mixed.

Entry Fee: \$2 per junior paddlers & \$5 per open paddlers

RACE RULES

❖ **GENERAL:** Waka Ama NZ Sprint Race rules apply, except where otherwise noted below.

❖ **PURSUIT RACE FORMAT:** Races will be run on a specially designed 'pursuit course'. Only 2 canoes will be in each race. Each crew will line up, facing opposite directions, on a start/finish line in the middle of the course. Once started, the crews will travel in opposite directions towards opposite ends of the course where they will turn around a turning buoy then proceed back past the start/finish line to the other end of the course where they will turn again and head back to the start/finish line.



- ❖ **COURSE:** The course has a simple three buoy set up. One buoy in the middle of the course indicating the start/finish line and one turning buoy at each end of the course. The turning buoys for 1000m races are 200 metres from the start/finish buoys, and at 100 metres for 400 metre (junior) races.
- ❖ **TURNING:** There will be no limitations on how wide or short the turn needs to be, however waka must finish no wider than 20 metres from the start/finish line buoy. Furthermore, race organisers reserve the right to disqualify crews if any paddling is deemed to be dangerous. It is also important to remember that closer turns are what are required to compete at the Te Waka o Aoraki and National Sprint Championships.
- ❖ **RACE RESULTS:** We hope to give each team four races, which will be timed. Times from the first 3 races will be added together and averaged resulting in a rank which will determine the places for the finals (Final A, B, C etc). If a crew DQ or DNF they are nominally granted with the slowest heat time of that round to allow their average time to be worked out.
- ❖ **WAKA:** Mahimahi W6 canoes will be used and we are asking each participating club to bring one each. A total of 4 mahimahi are needed as a minimum. Waka will be randomly allocated to crews for each race.
- ❖ **SAFETY EQUIPMENT:** All waka are to carry at least 1 bailer and 1 spare paddle, and lifejackets must be worn by each paddler. This is to create one simple rule for all paddlers and support our Whakaraupō/Lyttelton Harbour by-law.
- ❖ **MIXED CREWS:** All crews must be mixed and must consist of a minimum of three (3) wāhine/female paddlers.
- ❖ **JUNIOR CREWS:** J19/J16 is for paddlers aged 19-14. Intermediate is for paddlers aged 11 to 14 (although they can be younger). Midgets is for paddlers aged 6-10. Adult steerers are able to be used for all junior grades but can only 'jam' steer, and cannot provide forward propulsion. Steerers can be provided for junior crews and can be indicated on your entry form. Please note that some J19 crews may be put in the open mixed grade depending on entry numbers and capability.
- ❖ **SAFETY:** The race director (Craig Pauling) has overall control and responsibility for the event and all event related directions from race officials must be complied with. Lifejackets, bailers and spare paddles are to be carried / worn as stipulated above. Weather and water conditions will be assessed ahead of the event, as well as throughout the day of the event. Constant high winds, strong gusts, high swells and dangerous current, as well as poor water quality could mean racing is cancelled or suspended. Race officials also have the discretion to withdraw any competitor, crew or waka, which in their opinion is or will be endangering their own safety or the safety of others. A pre-race briefing will provide an update of conditions, key risks as well as rules ahead of the event starting. All waka will also be safety-checked ahead of racing and it is hoped that Coastguard will be on site to provide additional safety support.
- ❖ **PENALTIES/DISQUALIFICATIONS:** If you are over the start line on the starting call you will receive an automatic 10 second penalty. If you are deemed to be paddling dangerously you may be disqualified.

ENTRY FORM - Pioke Pursuit 2023

Club Name: _____ Team Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

EVENT AND GRADE: (Please tick the category you wish to enter and if you need steering assistance)

W6 Open Mixed

W6 J19 Mixed

W6 J16 Mixed

W6 Int Mixed

W6 Midget Mixed

Steering Support Needed

PADDLERS NAMES: (Please enter the names of crew members for the teams entered in the categories above)

	Crew 1:	Crew 2:	Crew 3:
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

If you require a steerer for your crew, please indicate this by ticking the box above and note you will only need a minimum of 5 crew members. Please also note what grade each crew will be competing in if entering more than one team on this form.

Please complete the above form and forward together with the waiver to: tewakapounamu01@gmail.com

If entering by email - please pay your entry fee to the following account: 03-1355-0801178-00

You can also enter and pay your entry fee online at: <https://www.tewakapounamu.com/events-1/pioke-pursuit-2023>* (includes a small fee)

For any other enquires please contact: **Craig Pauling on 021874317**

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EVENT WAIVER and AUTHORITY FORM (one form for each team/crew)

Team: _____ Club: _____ Category: _____

I/we declare that:

1. My/our accepted entry will not be transferred to another entrant.
2. In the event of any extreme water conditions, state of emergency or natural disaster causing a cancellation of the event, my/our total entry fee is not transferable or refundable.
3. I/we 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/we 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/we authorise my/our 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/we agree to comply with the rules, regulations and event instructions of the Pioke Pursuit.
8. I/we 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 will wear a PFD during the race.

If Competitor is under 18 the Waiver must be signed by Parent or guardian. Please ✓ if so.

Date	Paddlers full name	Signed	✓Parent/guardian signed.	Medical Conditions	Date of Birth

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH ENTRY FORM to: tewakapounamu01@gmail.com

DRAFT - Pioke Pursuit Race Schedule Sunday 29 October 2023 - DRAFT

8:00 REGISTRATION OPEN

8:30 KARAKIA TIMATANGA / RACE BRIEFING

TIME	RACE	GRADE	WAKA	DISTANCE	LANE 1	LANE 2
9:00	1	OPEN MIXED - Round 1 Heat A		1000m		
9:08	2	OPEN MIXED - Round 1 Heat B		1000m		
9:16	3	OPEN MIXED - Round 1 Heat C		1000m		
9:24	4	OPEN MIXED - Round 1 Heat D		1000m		
9:32	5	OPEN MIXED - Round 1 Heat E		1000m		
9:40	6	OPEN MIXED - Round 1 Heat F		1000m		
9:48	7	J16/19 - Round 1 Heat A		400m		
9:52	8	J19/J16 - Round 1 Heat B		400m		
9:56	9	INT/MID - Round 1 Heat A		400m		
10:00	10	INT/MID - Round 1 Heat B		400m		
10:04	11	OPEN MIXED - Round 2 Heat A		1000m		
10:12	12	OPEN MIXED - Round 2 Heat B		1000m		
10:20	13	OPEN MIXED - Round 2 Heat C		1000m		
10:28	14	OPEN MIXED - Round 2 Heat D		1000m		
10:36	15	OPEN MIXED - Round 2 Heat E		1000m		
10:44	16	OPEN MIXED - Round 2 Heat F		1000m		
10:52	17	J19/J16 - Round 2 Heat A		400m		
10:56	18	J19/J16 - Round 2 Heat B		400m		
11:00	19	INT/MID - Round 2 Heat A		400m		
11:04	20	INT/MID - Round 2 Heat B		400m		
11:08	21	OPEN MIXED - Round 3 Heat A		1000m		
11:16	22	OPEN MIXED - Round 3 Heat B		1000m		
11:24	23	OPEN MIXED - Round 3 Heat C		1000m		
11:32	24	OPEN MIXED - Round 3 Heat D		1000m		
11:40	25	OPEN MIXED - Round 3 Heat E		1000m		
11:48	26	OPEN MIXED - Round 3 Heat F		1000m		
11:56	27	J19/J16 - Round 3 Heat A		400m		
12:00	28	J19/J16 - Round 3 Heat B		400m		
12:04	29	INT/MID - Round 3 Heat A		400m		
12:08	30	INT/MID - Round 3 Heat B		400m		
45 mins - LUNCH BREAK - 45 mins						
1:00	31	OPEN MIXED - F FINAL		1000m		
1:08	32	OPEN MIXED - E FINAL		1000m		
1:16	33	OPEN MIXED - D FINAL		1000m		
1:24	34	INT/MID - B FINAL		400m		
1:28	35	INT/MID - A FINAL		400m		
1:32	36	J19/J16 - B FINAL		400m		
1:36	37	J19/J16 - A FINAL		400m		
1:40	38	OPEN MIXED - C FINAL		1000m		
1:48	39	OPEN MIXED - B FINAL		1000m		
1:56	40	OPEN MIXED - A FINAL		1000m		

2.30pm PRIZEGIVING

3:00pm KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA

Total Races: 40 / 3 Rounds (x10) + Finals (10) / Total Teams: 20 Max - Made up of: Open = 12 / J19-16 = 4 / Int-Mid = 4