



SUMMER  
OF SURF

# WHANGAMATA CLASSIC

**10.12.22**

**WHANGAMATA BEACH, NZ**



**SURF LIFE SAVING®**  
NORTHERN REGION

# EVENT INFORMATION

## Event Purpose:

The Whangamata Classic is an annual event bringing clubs together to have a chance to get some racing in ahead of the championship season. This year sees us teaming with Summer of Surf with some cool announcements to come.

## Event Timings:

**Whangamata Tides – 9.33am High / 3.35pm Low**

When	What	Who
<b>THURSDAY</b>		
7.00pm	Online briefing to provide some info on courses etc	Anyone who would like to jump on
<b>FRIDAY</b>		
7.00pm	Team Managers Briefing	ER, EM, ESO, DER, Team Managers
7.30pm	Officials Briefing	ER, EM, ESO, DER, officials
<b>SATURDAY</b>		
6.15am	Event Safety Evaluation	ER, EM, ESO, DER, WSC
6.30am	Event Safety Briefing	ESO, WSC, Event safety team
7.00am	Officials updates check in	ER, EM, ESO, DER, officials
7.15am	Team Managers check in	ER, EM, ESO, DER, Team Managers
8.00am	Event Start	
	Briefing for Invitational after Whangamata Classic	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>THE INVITATIONAL</b>	
9.00am	Event START	

- Eastern Region are holding a Missing Person at Sea scenario on the Friday evening if anyone would like to attend. Information and registration can be done [here](#)



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## Event Programme:

Male / Female arenas:

- Iron/Diamond - Heats/semis
- Surf Race - Heats
- Board Race - Heats/Semis
- Ski Race - Heats/Semis
- Taplin - Heats
- Flags/Sprints / and all water finals run at same time

Surf Boat Arena:

- Short course

There will be 4 arenas on the day:

- Surf Boat Arena – North of the surf club
- Arena 1 (male arena)
- Arena 2 (over flow arena)
- Arena 3 (female arena)

See further down for site map

- All water arena finals will be run in 1 arena and will be run at the same time as Sprints/Beach Flags arena.
- We will not be holding races so please ensure athletes are at the arena ready to race.
- There will be no pre race briefings before each race. Please ensure you brief athletes on courses as per the competition manual.
- Surf Boats must bring helmets.
- Ski will be a dry finish without the paddle.

Programme/times may change to allow for the relevant level safety requirements.

The final programme will also be influenced by the conditions of the day. The Event Management Committee may alter competition courses in order to address safety or to account for tidal, sea and beach condition changes. As far as possible we will undertake to provide all competitors with fair and equal conditions.

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## Event Categories:

- U19/Open age groups will race together in gender groups.
- Round 1 of the surf boat series will be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

	U15		U17		U19		U23		Open		Masters (30+)			
Event	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
Board	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Surf Race	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Ski	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Diamond	✓	✓												
Iron			✓	✓	✓									
6 person mixed taplin relay	✓													
Sprints	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Mixed Beach Relay	✓													
Beach Flags	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓									
Boat					✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Canoe					✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓		

## Eligibility of Competitors: Seniors

- This competition is open to any current & active SLSNZ member.
- Competitors age group is determined by their age as at midnight on 30th September 2022.
- Competitors must be a minimum of 14 years of age.
- Competitors need to be either a refreshed Surf Lifeguard for the previous season OR a newly qualified Surf Lifeguard in the current season.





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## Rules:

- This event will be conducted under the rules contained in the [SLSNZ Surf Sport Competition Manual](#), including any additional amendments as detailed on the website and any additional requirements as communicated by the Event Management Committee(s).

## Competition Uniform:

- All competitors must wear their club cap.
- All competitors are to wear a High Visibility Vest

## Composite Teams:

- Clubs that are struggling to make up numbers in mixed relays events, may form composite teams as long as entry numbers allow.
- This function is to promote smaller clubs fielding teams and encourage clubs to exercise this option in the spirit intended.
- Please contact the Event Manager ([entries@lifesaving.org.nz](mailto:entries@lifesaving.org.nz)) prior to entry cut off if this applies to you.

## Briefings:

- It is important that all surf officials, managers and competitors attend their required briefings
- Updated event Information will be posted up on Facebook on the Whangamata Classic event page as well as via the TeamReach app – group code is WHACCLASSIC, as well as on the Northern Region website

## Event Courses:

- Courses will be set closer to the time, taking into account wind & tide.

## Event Photography:

- We do allow photos to be taken at events but if you wish to take photos within the arenas you will need to fill in a photo application form which can be found [here](#).



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## Surf Officials:

- All Clubs are required to meet Surf Official/Competitor ratios of 1 surf official for every 10 competitors (or part thereof) but encouraged, to not meet but exceed supplied Surf Official numbers
- Clubs may be requested to provide more, should the need arise.
- If you are struggling to provide officials please either contact other clubs to arrange loan Surf Officials or contact [entries@lifesaving.org.nz](mailto:entries@lifesaving.org.nz) as there may be other ways for your club to help on the day.
- Surf Officials need to wear their Blue Officials Shirt and warm gear suitable for the days weather conditions & should come prepared with a water bottle and a whistle.
- If you need a blue official's shirt please contact Donal before the day.

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Boat Arena – Blue Box

Arena 1 (Males) – Peach box

Arena 2 (overflow) – Lime Green box

Arena 3 (Females) – Orange box



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## Health & Safety:

- A Competition Safety Plan is completed for every SLSNZ event and is available for viewing at the event.
- One key section of the Competition Safety Plan is the **Missing Competitor at Sea – Emergency Response Plan** and the roles and responsibilities of Officials, Team Managers, Competitors, Management and Event Safety Team will be outlined during briefings. Missing person at sea policy can be found [here](#).
- This is a hugely important plan to understand and know where you can assist as time is critical when dealing with a missing person in the sea. More information can be found [here](#)
- **Pre-Existing Medical Conditions:** All participants and officials with a pre-existing medical condition must complete and submit a 'Pre-Existing Medical Conditions Declaration' form prior to the close of entries. These forms are to be submitted to the Event Manager by email to [entries@lifesacing.org.nz](mailto:entries@lifesacing.org.nz). However, participants are encouraged to submit these as early as possible. Once submitted, the forms will be reviewed by SLSNZ and a decision will be made on whether a 'Competitor Waiver' form is required to be completed.
  - It is important to note that that a pre-existing medical condition includes a concussion event that has occurred prior to this event. These forms are available through the website [here](#).
- **Concussion Protocol**
  - Any person diagnosed with concussion within the 23 days (21 days for over 19 yrs) preceding a SLSNZ event or activity, who is not able to provide evidence of a Graduated Return to Play (GRTP), and provide a medical diagnosis and SLSNZ Medical Clearance, will not be permitted to compete in a SLSNZ event.
  - Any person observed or reported to have been unconscious during a SLS event is not permitted to participate in any further SLS event or activity, pending participation in a 23 day GRTP (21 days for over 19 yrs), and provide a SLSNZ Medical Clearance before further competition is permitted.
  - Any person suspected of a concussion during a SLSNZ competition may not participate in any further races for at least 24 hours, and must provide SLSNZ with the required SLSNZ Medical Clearance before further participation is permitted.
  - Any person suspected or diagnosed with concussion who wishes to return to a SLSNZ competition must provide SLSNZ with a copy of a SLSNZ Medical Clearance, which is to be completed by a medical practitioner, prior to returning to competition.
- All competitors and managers are reminded we as a management group have a need to be informed prior to the start of the event if any competitor who is under medical treatment or has suffered an injury that may impede their ability to perform. This requirement requires the competitor (or parent in competitor is under 18) to complete a waiver to enable participation. We have a need to understand who may be at additional risk during an event so that additional resources can be focused on the competitor while competing and ensure their safety.
  - Under 18 competitor waivers found [here](#).
  - 18 and over competitor waivers found [here](#).
- The Event Management Committee reserves the right, if conditions warrant, to require canoe and boat crews to wear helmets. All clubs should bring helmets to the competition in the event that conditions warrant their use.





# EVENT INFORMATION

- **Covid-19:** Stay home if you're sick and do not take part in the event. You must not participate in any gatherings if you have COVID-19 symptoms or if you need to be in isolation for any reason.