



SUMMER
OF SURF

WHANGAMATA CLASSIC

9.12.23
WHANGAMATA BEACH

BEACH / WATER EVENTS

AGE GROUPS:
U15 - OPENS



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 is the first event that brings competitors around the regions for racing.

We are once again teaming up with Summer of Surf with some amazing prizes attached to this event.

Event Timings:

Tide Whangamata: 10.46am Low / 5.02pm High

When	Involved
7.00am	EMC briefing – EM, ER, ESO, WSO
7.15am	Event Guard briefing - ESO, WSO, Event guards
7.45am	Officials Briefing
8.00am	Event Briefing – EMC, Team Managers
9.00am	Event Starts

Briefings:

- It is important that all surf officials, managers and competitors attend their required briefings



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Event Programme:

- U15/U17 age groups will race together in gender groups
- U19/Open age groups will race together in gender groups.
- Rounds racing will be applied to Board and Ski events.
- Round 1 of the surf boat series will be held on Saturday 9th December, being run by SLSNZ with a separate entry process ([click here](#))

Events	Individual / Team	Age groups	Gender
Board Race	Individual	U15/U17/U19/OPEN	M/F
Surf Race	Individual	U15/U17/U19/OPEN	M/F
Ski	Individual	U15/U17/U19/OPEN	M/F
Iron	Individual	U17/U19/OPEN	M/F
Diamond	Individual	U15	M/F
3 Person Taplin	Team	U17	M/F
6 person Mixed Taplin	Team	OPEN	MIXED
Sprints	Individual	U15/U17/U19/OPEN	M/F
Mixed Beach Relay	Team	OPEN	MIXED

Event Curtailment:

Events will be prioritized as the below:

Priority 1

- Swim
- Board
- Ski
- Sprints

Priority 2

- Taplin/Mixed Taplin
- Iron/Diamond
- Mixed Beach Relay

Event programme will be provided once entries have closed.

The final programme will also be influenced by the conditions of the day. The Event Management Committee may alter competition courses/events 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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Entry Process:

- \$35 per person
 - All entry fees will be calculated following the completion of the event and clubs will be invoiced directly.
 - Entries close **Tuesday 28 November 2023 at 11am**
 - For Club members search for “2023 Northern Region Whangamata Classic” on the SLSNZ online entry portal [here](#)
 - Please ensure your Team Management & Surf Official information is up to date on the online system.
 - Failure to list a team manager may mean that you will miss out on vital information.
 - It is the expectation of the event organisers that clubs will only enter competitors that have the requisite ability to compete safely in any given event.
 - By entering this event clubs & competitors agree to SLSNR using any images and video taken during the event for media and promotional purposes.
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Cancellation Policy:

- If an event is cancelled for any reason clubs will not be invoiced for entries.
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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 2023.
 - 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).
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Competition Uniform:

- All competitors must wear their club cap.
 - All competitors are to wear a High Visibility Vest
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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) prior to entry cut off if this applies to you.
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Briefings:

- It is important that all surf officials, managers and competitors attend their required briefings
 - Updated event Information will be posted up via the TeamReach app – group code is WHACCLASSIC23, as well as on the Northern Region website
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Event Courses:

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

- If you are wishing to take photos at our competition then please fill in the [Media Agreement Form](#) and send to entries@lifesaving.org.nz
 - Please note Use of Cameras and Video devices rules are covered under [2.25 in the Surf Sports Competition Manual](#).
 - Only applications from Surf Life Saving Members and Media Agencies will be accepted for consideration
 - If access is gained then a Vest will be issued and must be worn at all times
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Competition Safety Plan:

A Competition Safety Plan will be completed for 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.

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.

Parent, Guardian, Coach, Team Manager and Club Obligations

It is the responsibility of clubs, through their coaches and manager, to ensure that each individual competitor is competent to safely compete in the conditions that prevail on any given day.

It is therefore the clubs' responsibility to ensure that competitors who are not yet competent to compete in the prevailing conditions are withdrawn from an event rather than expose them to unnecessary risk or potential harm by encouraging or coercing competitors to compete, particularly against their will. Please refer to statement (e) of the Agreement to be bound by the Manual section of the Surf Sports Competition Manual. The Manual can be found here.

It is the expectation of the organisers that all clubs will only permit competent competitors to compete in an event.

Key Contact:

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact Donal.

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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
- 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@lifesaving.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.



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- **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.