



SURF LIFE SAVING
NORTHERN REGION

2019 Whangamata Classic

Saturday December 7 & Sunday December 8

Final Event information

(to be read in conjunction with pre-event information)

Tides:

Date	Low Tide	High Tide
Saturday December 7	0947	1611
Sunday December 8	1040	1659

Key Timings:

When	What	Who
Saturday December 7		
7.30am	Event Safety Briefing	EM, ER, ESO & WSO
8.00am	Officials Briefing	EM, ER, ESO, WSO & Surf Officials
8.15am	Team Managers Briefing	EM, ER, ESO, WSO & Team Managers
	Warm up starts	Competitors
8.45am	Marshalling	All
9.00am	Events Start	All
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Briefings

- Will take place at the event management portacom as shown on the site map
- Attendance at briefings is compulsory (including Boats and Canoes) to receive all important information
- An additional Boat/Canoe Sweep/Captain meeting will be held at 15 minutes prior to events starting in the Boat/Canoe arena. This will contain race related information.

Programming:

- Saturday - Surf Race, Board Race, Ski Race, Iron/Diamond, Beach Sprint, Beach Flags, Beach Relay, Boats and Canoes.
- Sunday - 4-Person Mixed Board Relay, Ski Relay and 6-Person Mixed Taplin Relay.
 - 4-Person Mixed Board Relay require 2x Male & 2x Female competitors.
 - 6-Person Mixed Taplin Relay requires 1x Male & 1x Female per discipline.
- U16 M & F Ironman: This event will be run as per the program. If conditions are deemed unsuitable to run this event, any changes will apply to both the Men's & Women's event.
- Event Clashes – Events will not be held for any competitor. If a competitor has not registered for an event, or is not on the line ready then they will not start in that heat or another heat.
- The final programme will be influenced by the weather 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.

Waves & RFID Tags:

- This event will be run using the Waves system & will require athletes to have RFID tags.
- No tags=no racing
- If individuals are missing tags, please contact the Event Manager before event cut off (entries@lifesaving.org.nz)

Composite Teams:

- Clubs that are struggling to make up numbers in mixed relays events, may form composite teams.
- 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.

Large-Craft (Boats & Canoes) Composite Protocol:

- Clubs that are unable to field single gender crews but can field mixed crews within their club will be permitted to do so, under the below guidelines:
 - The crew is entered into the 'Mens' category
 - The crew is entered into the oldest age-group within the boat
 - I.e. (3x U19W + 1x U23M= U23M Category)
- If this applies to your club, contact the Event Manager (entries@lifesaving.org.nz) prior to entry cut off.

Club Tents

- Please see the Event Site Plan for positioning
- Tents to the North of the club (Arena 3 – boats/canoes) are to be on the grass area, please do not put your tents on the beach.
- Tents to the south of the club can be put on the beach behind Arenas 1, 2 and sand

Dune Protection

- Whangamata SLSC has been involved in an environmental programme to enhance the dunes. Can all Clubs please ensure they utilise the allocated tracks and do not enter any fenced off areas. Your adherence would be greatly appreciated.

Surf Boats & Canoes

- Confirmations - A representative from your club MUST confirm all your boat and canoe crews registrations via text message to **Michelle Newton 0274598897** before **7.00am** at the latest on Saturday 7th December.
- Team Declarations - are to be completed and handed at the team managers meeting
- Beach Access - Boats/Canoes will be taken onto the beach by Whangamata vehicles from 7.00am to 8.15am. No other vehicles are permitted to access the beach.

Health & Safety:

- A Competition Safety Plan is completed for every SLSNR 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](#)
- **Event Management request that all clubs & competitors bring fins and goggles to be able to support the Missing Competitor Plan if required**

Competition Uniform & Equipment:

- All competitors must wear their club cap.
- All competitors are to wear a High Visibility Vest during water events (this includes warm ups & cool downs)
- All clubs are required to supply their own competition equipment which must comply with the SLSNZ equipment specifications as specified in the SLSNZ Equipment Specifications Manual.

Warming Up

- 8.15 – 8.45am is the designated on water warm up period from.
- Arena 1 – Boards and Skis, Arena 2 – Swimmers, Arena 3 – Boats and Canoes
- All athletes are required to wear a Competition Safety Vest during the Warm Up.

Surf Officials:

- Please see the separate list for Surf Officials
- All Clubs are required to provide at least 1 surf official for every 8 competitors (or part thereof).
- We will try to accommodate where Officials wish to be placed however the first priority is to ensure that all Arenas are adequately covered.
- Please come prepared with suitable clothing for all types of beach activity; Starters and Finish Judges may get wet in the water. Please also bring a drink bottle as we are moving away from single use bottles.
- Officials need to wear Blue SLSNZ uniforms. If you do not have a blue shirt please contact Zac/Donal to arrange
- Any new Surf Officials please also remember to bring your Assessment Booklet.
- Catering will be provided throughout the competition

Rules:

- The event will be conducted under the rules contained in the [SLSNZ Surf Sport Competition Manual](#), SLSNZ Code of Conduct, Sport Policies and any additional amendments as detailed on the website and any additional requirements as communicated by the Event Management Committee(s).
- Combined club teams for relays may be permitted at the discretion of the Event Management Committee

Best,

SLSNR Event Coordinator



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