



Bay of Plenty IRB Long Haul – Stage Race

Date: Sunday 2nd May 2021
Venue: Whakatane SLSC - Ohope Beach, Whakatane
Time: 10:00am start, to approx. 3:00pm

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Event Overview

The Bay of Plenty IRB Long Haul is back for its eighth year after a COVID cancellation last year. This event calls upon some of the best IRB crews in the country to battle it out along the magnificent Bay of Plenty coastline, as they race from Ohope Beach to Mount Maunganui.

The 2021 event will again be a **Stage Race**, set over 5 stages, where all teams will all start together in a Mass start, and then race side by side to the next destination, where only seconds will separate first to last when they hit the beach to start each of the physically demanding stage challenges. Crews will have 10 minutes to recover before the next mass start setting them on their way to the next stage challenge.

Depending on conditions, Crews will race for approximately 3 – 4 hours. At each of the 5 stages, Crews may be required to assemble and break down their equipment, perform rescues and carry out a number of other challenging exercises.

Do you have what it takes to take on the "Long Haul?"

Event Information

Team Captain Briefing: 9:00am
Registration/Scrutinising: 9:15am
Race Briefing: 9:45am
Start Time: 10:00 am
Registration: Event entry is via the new [SLSNZ Online Entry system](#)
Entries Close: Tuesday 27th April @ 2pm
Entry Fee: \$75.00 per crew. (Late entries will incur a \$50.00 late fee)

Divisions:

Open Men
Open Women
Mixed
U19

National Partners



Regional Partners

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Whakatane Tides:

Low: 04:53am

High: 10:49am

Mount Maunganui Tides:

Low: 05:13am

High: 11:29am

Course Details

Course details will be posted online shortly.

Event Rules

- Each IRB must have a crew of three current and refreshed SLSNZ members. Of the three crew there must be at least one refreshed IRB Driver, and two qualified IRB Crewpersons.
- PFD's and Helmets are compulsory and must be worn by each crew member.
- All equipment must comply with the [SLSNZ Equipment Specifications Manual, September 2017](#) **Crews must carry a VHF radio (capable of VHF Ch 16) and a cell phone contained within a waterproof bag.**
- Crews can use **two** fuel bladders per IRB, however only one bladder to be carried at any one time.

Support Crews

- Each team is required to provide support crew/s, and transport throughout the race.
- Support crew vehicles **will not** travel along the beach or have access to the beach. However should an IRB suffer mechanical breakdown, access may be approved by the Event Manager.

Prize giving

A prize giving will be held at The Island in Papamoa at 5pm.

Event Support

If you would like to help at the event as part of the Water Safety Team or Beach Set-up Crew, please contact the Event Manager.

Event Course & rules

A more comprehensive flyer will be posted soon on the website, outlining the finer points of the race stages/course, and rules.

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