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2023 BOP IRB Long Haul – Stage Race

Date: Saturday 13th May 2023
Where: Whakatane SLSC, Ohope to Mt Maunganui Main Beach
Time: 9am Start – 3pm approx. finish

EVENT OVERVIEW

The Bay of Plenty IRB Long Haul celebrates its 10th Anniversary with the 2023 race. This event calls upon some of the best IRB Teams in the region and invite those from further afield to join the 'stage race' and battle it out along the magnificent Bay of Plenty coastline, as they race from Ohope Beach to Mount Maunganui.

The 2023 **Stage Race**, will set off from Ohope Beach with location tasks set at Thornton Beach, Matatā, Pukehina, Papamoa, Omanu and concluding at Mount Maunganui. All teams will begin as a Mass start, racing to the next destination, where they will receive instructions to complete each challenge before making their way to the next location and stage challenge.

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

Event Information

Registration:	Entries must be made using the SLSNZ Online Waves Event Entry System Entries close Monday 1st May 2023 at 2pm
Entry Fee:	\$90.00 per team (Late entries will incur a \$50 late fee)
Racing Uniform:	Club Helmet Identification is recommended, all required PPE as standard to IRB Operation
Divisions:	Open Male Open Female Open Mixed U19 Male U19 Female
Team Composition:	Club or Composite Team are accepted

- Event Rules:** Each IRB must have a crew of three current and refreshed SLSNZ members. Of the three crew there must be one refreshed IRB Driver, and at minimum two qualified IRB Crewperson.
- PFD's and Helmets are compulsory and must be worn by each crew member.
- All equipment must comply with the [SLSNZ Equipment Specifications Manual](#). **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.

Important Times

- Tides 15 May 2023:**
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| Whakatane | Low | 6:59am | High | 12:42pm |
| Mt Maunganui | Low | 7:19am | High | 1:22pm |
- Registration:** 7:45am
Scrutineering: 8:15am
Race Briefing: 8:30am
Start Time: 9:00am
Prize Giving: Approximately 30 minutes following the conclusion of the race at Mt Maunganui Surf Club
- Support Crews:** Each team is required to have a support crew
 Support crew vehicles **will not** travel along the beach or have access to the beach
 In the event of an IRB suffering mechanical breakdown, access may be approved by the Event Manager
- Event Course & Rules:** A comprehensive event circular will be sent to all teams at the close of entries. This will outline the details and locations of the race stages, course and rules
- Please ensure all Team Manager and Support Crew details are entered correctly at time of submitting team entry
- Event Support:** Please contact Sonia Keepa if you would like to be part of the event crew as either;
- Water Safety Team
 Beach Set-up Crew
 Event Race Command Centre

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