



SURF LIFE SAVING®
NEW ZEALAND

Competition Entry Circular



**New Zealand Surf Boat Series
Whangamata Classic
Whangamata Beach (South)
December 9, 2023**

Competition Purpose:

The [New Zealand Surf Boat Series](#) is an action-packed series of events held at key competitions throughout the season and is designed to celebrate the comradery and competition of Surf Boats while finding the most committed and consistent crews

Whangamata is the 2nd event in the series and will also host the NZ Surf Boat Trial the following day.

Entry Information:

This document provides you with all the information you need to know in order to enter the competition. While it contains the typical logistical information surrounding the event, it also includes very important details that every athlete, parent and/or guardian must be aware of this before entering the event.

It is the expectation of the SLSNZ that clubs will only allow members with the appropriate awards and capability to participate in the event.

Entries must be made using the [SLSNZ Online Event Entry System](#). Each club has access to this system and will process entries. Clubs will be invoiced for payment following the event.

Entries Close:	10.00am, 27 November 2023
Entry Fee:	\$200 per crew
Eligibility of Competitors:	Please see Section 2.2 of the SLSNZ Competition Manual for a comprehensive breakdown of eligibility criteria.

Team Manager's contact details must be updated on the online system to ensure that the relevant person receives all updated information directly. Failure to list a team manager may mean that you will miss out on vital information.

Entering Teams: You must enter the entire team for all team events otherwise your entry will not be accepted.

Age Groups & Divisions

The following age groups will be available at the Event. Age groups are determined by the competitor's age at midnight on 30th September 2023:

- Masters Men & Women
 - Open Men & Women
 - U23 Men & Women
 - U19 Men & Women
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Events & Programme:

The programme will be communicated to crews following the close of entries. The intention is to provide a 5 Long Course races. Race order will depend on final entries.

Rules & Regulations:

This event will be conducted under the rules contained in the following documents.

[SLSNZ Competition Manual](#), including any additional amendments as detailed on the website and any additional requirements as communicated by the Event Management Committee.

Additionally members entering events are bound by the following rules, which can be found on the SLSNZ website:

- [SLSNZ Constitution](#)
- [SLSNZ Regulations](#)
- [Drug Free Sport New Zealand](#)

Key Timings (approx.):

Time	Activity	Personnel
4.33am	High Tide	
7.30am	Event Safety Evaluation	
8.00am	Boats onto beach	Boats Crews via Event Staff
8.00am	Event Safety Briefing	EM, ER & ESO
8.30am	Officials Briefing	All Officials
9.00am	Sweeps meeting	Sweeps, ER & Selectors
9.30am	Events Start	All
10.35am	Low Tide	

Logistics:

Preparation:

- Please come prepared for a typical competition situation, ie: food, water, shade and appropriate clothing for the time of year.
- Please note there is another event (the Invitational) running at the same time on Whangamata main beach.
- There are limited immediate amenities to purchase food or water.

Boat Parking & Transport

- Boats can be parked on Island View Reserve on Island View Road.
- Boats will be transported by SLSNZ staff from Island View Reserve onto the beach from 8.00am, by Event personnel. No personal vehicles are to be used on the beach

Competition Uniform & Equipment:

- All competitors must wear their club cap and a High Visibility Vest (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.
- All competitors must wear a helmet, if deemed necessary due to conditions.

Environmental 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 support would be greatly appreciated.
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Health & Safety:

Competitor, Parent/Guardian, Coach, Team Manager and Club Obligations

- It is the responsibility of clubs, through their coaches and managers, 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.
- It is the expectation of the organisers that all clubs will only permit competent competitors to compete in an event.

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 to the Event Manager prior to the close of entries.

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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

Competition Safety Plan

- A Competition Safety Plan will be completed and 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.

Warm Ups

- Please note that all SLSNZ rules and regulations apply during warm-ups, as they do throughout the event. Please ensure compliance and follow the instructions of Event Management and officials.
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Series Points:

Points will be determined based on the results from each of the individual events that make up the series. Crews must attend minimum of two events to be eligible to accrue points towards the series. The highest number of points accrued from up to any three events will be used to determine overall rankings.

Points will be allocated as follows:

- Finals = 1st = 20, 2nd = 18, 3rd = 16, 4th = 14, 5th = 12, 6th = 10
- Semi Finals (if 6 in each semi) = 4th in either semi = 9, 5th = 8, 6th = 7
- Placings after rounds = 13th = 6 all the way down to 18th getting 1 point

In the case of a tie at the end of the series, final places will be determined by/in order of:

- I. Placing count back from each event (most first places = higher placing)
- II. Placing count back from each round (worst result = lower placing)
- III. The crew that has the best result at the North Island Surf Boats round of the series will be declared the higher placing.

Communications:

Event Management utilise a variety of tools to keep you updated with the latest event information and news.

[SLSNZ Website](#)

[SLSNZ Surf Boats Facebook Group](#)

[WAVES Results](#)

If you have any queries, please contact:

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