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NEW ZEALAND

2024 BOP IRB Long Haul – Stage Race

Date: Saturday 27th April 2024
Where: Whakatane SLSC, Ohope to Mt Maunganui
Time: 9am Start – 3pm approx. finish

EVENT OVERVIEW

The Bay of Plenty IRB Long Haul celebrates its 11th year with the 2024 race. This event calls upon some of the best IRB Teams in the region and invites 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 2024 **Stage Race**, will set off from Ohope Beach with location tasks along the coastline. 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 Friday 19th April 2024 at 12pm
Entry Fee:	\$90.00 per team
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 (Composite Team entries must be emailed directly to Sonia.keepa@surflifesaving.org.nz)

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 27th April 2024:

Whakatane	Low	3:05am	High	8:57am
Mt Maunganui	Low	3:42pm	High	9:37am

Registration: 7:00am
Safety Check: 7:30am
Warm up: 7:45-8:15am
Race Briefing: 8:30am
Start Time: 9:00am

Support Crews: Each team is required to have a support crew
Support crew vehicles **will not** travel along the beach or have vehicle 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 Logistics

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