AIR TAHITI NUI

12th & 13th JUNE 2026

6th EDITION

- Tahoe Event -

Tahiti

VODAFONE CHANNEL RACE TAHITI

PIRAE - AORAI TINIHAU

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The **VODAFONE CHANNEL RACE TAHITI** is an international va'a (Polynesian outrigger canoe) race that brings together each year the best local and international teams **in the legendary waters of Tahiti**.

Considered one of the most demanding and spectacular races on the calendar, it tests endurance, power, strategy, and the spirit of unity **that define this iconic Pacific sport**.

This major sporting event highlights **the va'a—a true cultural symbol of French Polynesia**—and enhances its global reputation through competition, cultural exchange, and sporting camaraderie.

The **VODAFONE CHANNEL RACE TAHITI** stands out for its **TECHNICAL COURSE** between Tahiti and Moorea—**a deep-sea challenge** shaped by shifting currents, swells, and winds, offering paddlers an **intense and spectacular athletic experience**.

EVENT OVERVIEW

MEN'S & WOMEN'S OPEN

9:00 AM START - FREE REGISTRATION

5 CATEGORIES :

- Men's Juniors
- Men's Seniors
- Men's Veterans 40+
- Men's Veterans 50+
- Open Women's

A top-level COMPETITION

THE RACE WELCOMES TEAMS:

- from French Polynesia (elite crews & local clubs)
- from the Pacific (Hawaii, New Zealand, etc.)
- and from around the world

An event with an INTERNATIONAL REACH

Beyond athletic performance, the Vodafone Channel Race Tahiti is a true va'a festival that showcases:

- Polynesian culture,
- sharing between nations,
- and the promotion of va'a on the global stage.

The event is also a driver of tourism, economic, and media appeal for the fenua, attracting supporters, media outlets, and teams from many different backgrounds.

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PROGRAM

Friday, June 12th

8:00 AM	Va'a registration - crew checks by the Tahiti Va'a Federation at Aorai Tinihau Square
	Sponsor stickers, jerseys and meal vouchers distribution (CO VCRT)
6:00 PM	End of the day's operations

Saturday, June 13th

6:30 AM	Crew assembly at Taaone Beach
6:45 AM	Jury preparation, followed by the Va'a launch
8:00 AM	Blessing of the day
9:00 AM	Race starts for the Open Women, Men's Juniors, Men's Seniors, and Men's Veterans categories.
10:00 AM	Start of the "King & Queen of the Dike" race
12:00 PM	Estimated arrival of the first "King & Queen of the Dike" race participants
3:00 PM	Estimated arrival of the first VCRT race participants at Taaone
6:30 PM	End of the day

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