



AROCA W6 and W1 RACE SERIES

2017

Welcome to the 2017 AROCA W6 and W1 Race Series.

This panui contains important information. We suggest you print it off and keep it in a safe place!!

- This year there will be 4 W6 and 4 W1 events between March and July.

The Series Dates are:

W6 Series
18 March (part of The Great Waka Ama Race event) – Takapuna
6 May (Narrowneck) Ocean Blue Hosting
10 June (venue to be confirmed)
15 July (Pakuranga OCC hosting)
12th August (saver date)

W1 Series
1st April - Birkenhead
14th April (Easter Friday) – Panama Road POSTPONED to 22 July
20th May (venue to be confirmed)
17th June (venue to be confirmed)
22nd July (saver date)

- The short course 5k will be as per 2016 – anyone can enter this race, but they are particularly suitable for paddlers new to the sport and juniors.
- Following feedback on last year's series the long course races will be of the extended length of 15km, with a 20km race for the last event of the series.

- In each event of the series the race format will be:

Race 1: 5km short course (Novice, Men, Junior and Women, all divisions)

Race 2: Women / Mixed 15km Long Course

Race 3: Men / Mixed 15km Long Course

With the exception of Event 1 which is part of the Auckland University Great Waka Ama Race Day

Race Schedule for Event 1 will be:

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| • 8am Start | 15km Women/Men and Mixed |
| • 10:15am Start | Auckland University Race |
| • 10:30 am Start | 5km All Divisions (including Novice) |

- Mixed may paddle with either the women or men and placings will be determined on times across the two races.
- Entry fee
 - Short course (5km) \$10, Long Course (15km) \$20
 - Both events \$30
- There will only be four divisions this year Novices /Juniors / Open / Masters.
- In the W1 races there will be no separate divisions for ruddered and unruddered.
- All entries for Series events will be required to be online through the Waka Ama NZ website.
- All entries will close the Sunday the week prior to the event (8 days prior). This is to ensure safety boat numbers are confirmed and the club has time to get all details confirmed.
- Points will be tallied from each race and trophies for division winners and medals for the first three placings will awarded at the end of the series. There will also be cash prizes for overall AROCA club winner in junior and senior categories (\$500 each category) – points to be tallied over both the W6 and W1 events.
- Teams or W1 paddlers that compete in both short course and long course events at the same event will be awarded points in one race only – teams and W1 paddlers will be asked to elect which race they wish to have points recorded against at the time of registration.
- **Please note that all paddlers need to be registered and affiliated with a club and Waka Ama New Zealand.**

Club / Group Hosting Applications

Clubs or groups can send an Expression of Interest for hosting a series event to admin@aroca.co.nz on the Hosting Application form – **contact Michelle at admin@aroca.co.nz by 10th March** please. The expression of interest should include details of proposed race committee and ability to host the event. Preference will be given to but not limited to local clubs of the allocated venue. If a club or group would like to host a series event outside their local area this will also be considered. Please refer to roles and responsibilities document and club hosting application form. **(Note: The 1st W6 and 1st W1 event are already hosted)**

Hosting clubs / groups will receive \$5 from per paddler from the \$20 entry fee. Clubs are able to submit combined applications. However note there will have to be one club contact appointed for the collective group and allocations of the money will need to be agreed prior to the event.

Should the event go ahead with sufficient numbers, AROCA will underwrite the event so that the minimum income received by a hosting club / group will be \$1,000.

If more than one application is received for hosting an event the AROCA Board will look at applications on the following criteria

- Local club
- Are they hosting any other events
- Have they given an indication of their race committee and ability to host.

2017 AROCA Series Race Rules

- The series is open to paddlers / teams from within and outside the AROCA region
- All clubs must bring their own Safety Equipment
- As a Waka Ama NZ Sanctioned event Rules will be as per Waka Ama NZ Race Rules (exception being the crew composition rules – see below)
- All paddlers must be affiliated to Waka Ama NZ through an affiliated Club
- Minimum age for Series event (Non open ocean) is 11 years of age
- All juniors and novice (1st year teams) must wear an appropriate PFD (MSA approved and correctly fitted) anytime they are on the water while associated with the event. Failure to do so will result in disqualification
- Definition of a Novice team – a minimum of 4 paddlers who are in their first year of paddling.
Crew Composition
- Mixed teams – no less than 3 women
- Mens teams – 1 or 2 women can be included if required but this needs to be notified to AROCA at the time of entry.
- However teams cannot change their short course / long course entry (we need to know exactly how many teams in each race for support boat reasons)
- All teams in the long course event must wear a club uniform

- W6 Canoes must have 6 lifejackets, tow-rope, flare or cellphone, 2 bailers and 2 spare paddles. All waka must have spray skirt available on the day. Race officials reserve the right to make spray skirts compulsory if required
- W1 Canoes must have lifejackets, flare or cellphone and a spare paddle, and a bailer for cockpit waka (NB spray skirts may be required for cockpit waka at the Race Director's discretion in the case of adverse weather conditions).
- All waka will have to pass a safety check before racing
- Competitors should dress appropriately for the conditions (if cool conditions polypropylenes are recommended)
- All W6 steerers and team captains and all W1 paddlers must attend the race briefing
- Should a waka require assistance during the race, a paddler must hold their paddle up vertically so that an official rescue boat or any passing waka can render assistance
- The Race Director and their officials have absolute control of the event
- AROCA will work with the hosts of each event to arrange support boats. All safety Boats must have 1 driver and one support person
- A waiver form must be signed by all paddlers at Registration on the day. AROCA will provide this waiver

AROCA SERIES POINTS SYSTEM

- Teams get points, not the paddlers in the teams. You may change paddlers provided that the team name remains the same.
- Your division category will not change depending on entry numbers. If you are the only entry in that division your points will still be recorded in that division.
- Note: Teams or W1 paddlers that compete in both short course and long course events at the same event will be awarded points in one race only – teams and W1 paddlers will be asked to elect which race they wish to have points recorded against at the time of registration.

Points System

3+ In Division

1st :	25 points
2nd :	18 points
3rd :	15 points
4th :	12 points
5th :	10 points
6th :	8 points
7th :	6 points
8th :	4 points
9th :	2 points
10th :	1 point

Less than 3 In a Division – 1st 12 points, second 10 points.

Any enquiries about the Series to Michelle - admin@aroca.co.nz