

Wahine Toa - International Long Distance Racing

Date: 26 January 2007

To: All Senior Women (Open and above) interested in long distance international racing training and selection opportunity

cc: Peter Reaburn, NKOA – High Performance Development Coordinator

In follow up to the meeting with senior women on Friday 19 January 2006 (at Results Area at the National Sprints Competition), this panui serves to reconfirm Corrina Gage's korero seeking out senior women (open division and above) who are interested in a selection opportunity for international long distance racing.

At this meeting Corrina outlined the following, that:

- **UPDATED 24.01.07:** This is not a NKOA activity but efforts are being made to work with NKOA High Performance Development activity to align ourselves with NKOA and thereby gain sanctioning
- The aim is to build on NZ paddler capability from the work done pre-World and at World sprints to take it to another level in distance paddling
- It targets generally interested long distance paddlers for ocean racing
- **UPDATED 24.01.07:** It has the ultimate aim of the women's Molokai'i race (Na Wahine o Ke kai Outrigger Canoe Race) 2008 in Hawaii. Goals towards this will be:
 - Kona in September 2007 (Queen Lili'uokalani Outrigger Canoe Race)
 - Molokai'i race in October 2007 (Na Wahine o ke kai Outrigger Canoe Race)
 - Hauraki Hoe and Tauranga Harbour Challenge competitions in 2008
 - Molokai'i race in Sept/Oct 2008 (Na Wahine o ke kai Outrigger Canoe Race)
- **Note:** it is anticipated that paddlers who make the cut would choose between Kona and Molokai'i as there is 3 weeks between these races.
- It will at this time be self funded but efforts will be made to seek funding

Key Dates

- **04.02.07** - Expression of interest form to be completed and received
- **UPDATED 24.01.07:** 10-11 March 2007 – Long Distance Trials – byo singles, distance approximately 6kms preferably in rough water
- 31 March 2007 – FYI only is Tauranga Moana Harbour Challenge
- 14-15 April 2007 - Weekend camp @ Tauranga – training camp byo singles
- 09-10 June 2007 - Weekend camp @ Tauranga – racing camp byo singles
- **???** July 2007 – Weekend camp (for discussion at trials)
- 04-05 **or** 11-12 August 2007 - Weekend training camp (option of ocean race in Opotiki)
- 01-02 September 2007 – Queen Lili'uokalani Canoe Race (plan to leave NZ 25 August)
- **UPDATED 24.01.07:** 24 September 2007 – (Na Wahine o Ke Kai Outrigger Canoe Race)
- 2008 – Hauraki Hoe, selected teams expected to compete as racing units
- 2008 – Tauranga Moana Harbour Challenge, selected teams expected to compete as racing units
- **UPDATED 24.01.07:** 23 September 2008 – (Na Wahine o Ke Kai Outrigger Canoe Race)

Long Distance Trials (1)

Date: 10 March 2007

Time: 0800hrs (weigh-in Friday night and Saturday)

Venue: Pilot Bay, Tauranga – meet at the boat ramp, at the northern end of the bay, at the foot of Mauao (Mt Maunganui)

Distance: Approximately 6kms with rudder - **UPDATED 24.01.07**

Waka weight: Minimum weight 20kgs to accommodate those paddlers who have older / heavier waka (byo weights and we'll check 'em) - **UPDATED 24.01.07**

Age: Minimum age considered will be 18years (in 2007) - **UPDATED 24.01.07**

We are aware that there are other events on this weekend (Hoe Aroha Corporate and Thunder Cats), however, based on the information we have or don't have it is not anticipated that this

will be a conflict with what we do as you will be using your singles and doing distance work away from these areas.

Requirements:

- Advise if arriving Friday so arrangements for canoe weigh in can be made to minimise delays on Saturday (see form)
- Paddlers provide own W1 canoes – but they will be weighed before racing
- Paddlers make own accommodation and meal arrangements

Accommodation options:

- **UPDATED 24.01.07 - Nil feedback at this time** - Marae accommodation options are being sought and will be advised
- \$175-200 per night – Capri apartments on Pilot Bay (can sleep four – 2 in queen and 2 in 2 singles), see link for details and map
http://www.caprionpilotbay.co.nz/Capri_on_Pilot_Bay/Apartment_so=2176_.html
- For a range of accommodation options and specials see link www.wotif.com
- For yellow pages listing of accommodation at Mt Maunganui, see link
http://www.yellowpages.co.nz/Pages/Search/Results/0,2878,a6001_c968_m0,00.html?businessName=&location=mount+maunganui&keyword=&pageNum=1&street=

Costs as known at this time:

\$10	Safety boats
\$5	Admin
\$10	Fitness and training programme
\$25	Total payable at the trials

Other costs as known at this time:

- \$150** Deposit for Queen Lili'uokalani Race (hotel and airfares) – this money will be reimbursed if not non refundable but allows us to secure good airfares for you and ensure all your arrangements are handled – this will be expected to be paid at the first training camp (not the trials)
- \$1769** Qantas airfare quote – AKL-HNL-AKL – 25.08.07 to 03.09.07 (as at 23.01.07) – without accommodation deal – we are likely to pickup specials further down unless billeted / private accommodation is secured or on www.zuji.co.nz you can get a \$1298 fare.
- US\$375** King Kamehameha Hotel accommodation online quote for two with breakfast 31-03.09.07 – per night rate, see link www.reservations.konabeachhotel.com
- US\$119** Uncle Billy's Hotel accommodation internet specials range from \$89-99 currently with internet rates showing from \$109-119 – non kitchen units – per night rate.

Key Links:

- Online airfare option - www.zuji.co.nz
- 2006 Queen Lili'uokalani Canoe Race (guide as to what to expect, event and costs)
<http://www.kaiopua.org/ql/index.html>
- 2006 Na Wahine O Ke Kai Molokai'i Outrigger Canoe Race
<http://www.nawahineokekai.com/>
- Oahu Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association
http://www.ohcra.com/race_dates/racedates.htm
- Hawaiian Canoe Racing Association – 10 year race schedule
http://www.hcrahawaii.homestead.com/files/HCRA_10_2004.htm

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO TRIAL AND PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL LONG DISTANCE RACING

(email response to marinna@paradise.net.nz or fax to 04 4962112 attention Marinna)

Name (full name as on passport)	
Preferred firstname (if any)	

NKOA id #	
Birthdate / age in 2007	Birthdate ___ / ___ / ___ Age in 2007 = ___ yrs

Club	
Region	

Home address	
Cellphone	
Home phone	
Work phone	
Email address	

Please tick as appropriate and complete information as indicated below:

- € Based on the meeting of 18 January and this panui I am interested in progressing with the planned selection and training process as outlined.
- € I am available to participate at the 10 March trials and confirm my arrival and accommodation arrangements as per below:
- € Arriving in Mt Maunganui / Tauranga @ _____hrs on ___ / ___ / _____
- € I live in the town of the training camp **OR** will be arriving on the day as I live nearby.
- € I am happy to billet _____ paddler/s for the 10 March trial if required.

Signed (by paddler): _____ / ___ / _____