



**AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND
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Aotearoa New Zealand Paddler Pack

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Message to Aotearoa New Zealand Contingent

Kio ora koutou

Congratulations on being selected to represent Aotearoa New Zealand at the World Vaá outrigger canoe championships. This is the 13th Bi-Annual Championship event and is one of the hi-lights on the calendar of Waka Ama both Aotearoa and the greater Vaá community. Aotearoa has had a strong representation at every Worlds Sprint Championship and Sacramento 2008 will be no different.

We have 202 paddlers registered and a number of coaches, managers and supporters who are all part of the contingent. The event itself is a culmination of months, if not for some, years of training and the effort of every individual, to get to Sacramento has in its self been no easy task, the monetary cost and time sacrificed from family in order to pursue the goal of competing at this event is recognised and we hope every individual is able to bring home an experience to share with the wider Waka Ama community.

We know that you will all do your best and represent Aotearoa with pride. We wish everyone the best of luck on the water.

Kia uu. Kia toa. Kia manawanui.

Be steadfast in your intentions. Be a warrior, be a champion, be a winner. Be of great heart.

On behalf of the NKOA committee and the WMC

1 Introduction

The purpose of this paddler pack is to provide relevant information to you the paddler before the Worlds held in Folsom, Sacramento, USA. It's intended to be a guide and reference to you whilst travelling and participating in this event.

2 Passports and Visa's

2.1 Requirements to Enter the USA

- Passport plus valid visa (passport should be valid 6 months beyond the intended date of departure from the USA)
- Visa not required if travelling under the [U.S. Visa Waiver Program](#) (VWP – see below) and meeting the following conditions:
 - Effective October 26, 2004 holds a [Machine Readable Passport](#) (MRP)
 - Travels for pleasure or business purposes only
 - Is a non-immigrant
 - Stays up to 90 days or less
 - Holds a correctly completed and signed Form I-94W (Visa Waiver arrival/departure form issued either by a carrier having signed the agreement I-775, or by a travel agency)
 - Meets all conditions of the U.S. Visa Waiver Program
 - Holds onward/return ticket (or electronic ticket record or return passages) with a final destination to a country, other than Canada, Mexico or countries/islands situated in or bordering the Caribbean sea, unless passenger holds proof of residence in such country/islands in which case onward/return tickets to that country are accepted
- Vaccinations: none required

2.2 Requirement for VWP country entry into USA

Currently, 27 countries participate in the Visa Waiver Program: Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, **New Zealand**, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom*.

*For citizens with the unrestricted right of permanent abode in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man.

Travellers coming to the U.S. for tourism or business for 90 days or less from qualified countries may be eligible to visit the U.S. without a visa if they meet the visa waiver program requirements.

To qualify for the VWP, you must:

- Intend to enter the U.S. for 90 days or less
- Have a passport lawfully issued to you by a VWP country that is valid for six months beyond your intended visit
- Be a national of the VWP country that issued your passport
- Have been checked using an automated electronic database containing information about inadmissible aliens to the United States
- Have tickets and documents for return or onward travel

- Present to the Immigration Inspector a completed and signed Form I-94W, Non immigrant Visa Waiver Arrival/Departure Form
- Not pose a safety threat to the United States
- Not have failed to comply with the conditions of any previous admission under the visa waiver program
- If arriving by air or sea, arrive on a carrier that signed an agreement (signatory carrier) guaranteeing to transport you out of the U.S. if you are found to be inadmissible or deportable
- Present evidence of funds to cover expenses in the United States
- Present evidence of compelling social and economic ties abroad
- Have a residence outside the U.S. as well as other binding ties which will insure your return abroad at the end of the visit.

3 Uniforms

3.1 Paddler Uniform

As a paddler you are being provided two race tops (one white and one black), a cap and an off water T-Shirt. Your team manger has provided your sizes and you should liaise with them about where and when to pick them up, unless of course you already have them ! They look like this;



3.2 Coordinator

The regional and area coordinators will be wearing these brightly coloured yellow and red T-Shirts.



4 Code of Conduct Summary

You the paddler should have received the code of conduct agreement when you received your uniform, if not then please refer to appendix 1.

In reading the code of conduct you will now be aware that you must always wear the provided uniform on the water whilst racing, full uniform if receiving medals and not to tamper with the uniforms until the completion of the event.

You have been asked to conduct yourself in a manner consistent with cultural sensitivity in the USA and to be helpful to all NKOA administration staff with regards to information.

You have read that the drinking age in the United States is 21 and regardless of being of legal consent age 18 in New Zealand you will not if under the age of 21, consume alcohol. You have also read that as an *over* 21 year old, you are not to supply or provide alcohol to *under* 21 year olds.

With regards to drugs and the abuse of drugs you have also been advised not to partake in any associated or direct activity. In fact have no paraphernalia whatsoever !

NKOA is a non smoking organisation, we encourage you not to smoke at all, and particularly not in your uniform.

The disciplinary system and consequences are clearly expressed, it is at your own risk if you choose not to follow this code of conduct.

5 Opening Ceremony

5.1 Attire

There is an expectation that you the paddler / coach / manager will wear the provided cap and off water T-shirt to the opening ceremony at 4 PM on Sunday 3rd August 2008.

5.2 Cultural Presentation

Each participating country has been provided 10 minutes with which to present at the opening ceremony. The regions have grouped together to form a national presentation as follows in Appendix 2. All the contingent are encouraged to join if they can, it is however not compulsory.

6 Travel Details

6.1 Planes and Coaches

You should have either received your HOT travel plans or organised your own travel arrangements. Contact your team coach / manager or regional representative if you have not received anything from HOT and your expecting it.

There are coaches run by Silverado Stages from San Francisco Airport to the hotels for those that have not yet booked, please contact HOT.

6.2 Travelling Tips

Checking and confirming your flights is a good idea, ensuring your passport and visas are all sorted and ensuring your travel insurance is in place is a great place to start. For other tips refer to the Waka Ama web site as below;

<http://www.wakaama.co.nz/site/story/1001288/>

<http://www.wakaama.co.nz/site/story/1001347/>

7 Contingent Head Quarters

7.1 Location of the WMC Head Quarters

The contingent size of over 200 people needs a head quarters. At these head quarters the WMC meetings will be held, information disseminated and when we all get there I'm sure we will find other uses for it !

The venue is close to Lake Natoma : **Larkspur Hotel, 121 Iron Point Road, Folsom**

7.2 Worlds Management Committee Meetings

Everyday from 31st July until 8th August there will be a meeting in the evening at the contingent HQ for all the regional coordinators. If you the paddler, have an issue then tell your coach or manger who will inform the regional co-ordinator who will then bring this to the meeting. On the 9th August there may be a closing meeting, the time and venue will be determined at the 8th Meeting.

8 Emergency Phone Numbers

8.1 NZ embassy in US

SACRAMENTO

(Central California, Nevada)
New Zealand Consulate
44733 North El Macero Drive
El Macero, CA, 95618
United States of America
Telephone: (530) 756-8013
Facsimile: (530) 756-7032

SAN FRANCISCO

(Northern California)
New Zealand Consulate
PO Box 330455
San Francisco, CA 94111
United States of America
Telephone: (415) 399-1255
Facsimile: (415) 399-9775

8.2 HOT Insurance

Ben Bleach Email – benb@hot.co.nz DDI – 04 5690964
Emily Newrick Email – emilyn@hot.co.nz DDI – 04-5690965



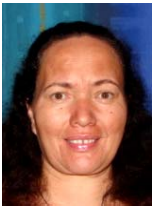



House of Travel Lower Hutt
6 Margaret Street
Lower Hutt
Phone – 04 – 5690950
Free phone – 0800 023 638
Fax – 04 570 2845 Air New Zealand

8.3 Air New Zealand in USA

USA Passenger Reservations & Enquiries

Toll Free (from within USA): 1-800-262-1234

8.4 Regional Coordinators and Officials

Region	Name	Faces	Mobile / Email	Hotel Address
TPOTI	Marinna Millanta-Lowrey		+64 21 717 786 (text only in US until other US mobile available) marinna@wahinetoa.com	Residence Inn 2555 Iron Point Road Folsom, California 95630 USA +1-916-983-7289
HTPWAA	Samantha Tamanui		+64 27 497 7911 samantha.tamanui@gamil.com	Residence Inn 2779 Prospect Park Dr Rancho Cordova, CA 95670, United States +1 916-851-1550
TTCPA	Mere Taylor-Tuiloma		+64 274 967 934 mere.taylor-tuiloma@hotmail.com	Larkspur Landing Folsom Hotel 121 Iron Point Road Folsom, CA 95630 +1 916.355.1616
TUOTR	Tim Marshall		+64 27 6344 021 mitamarshalls@yahoo.com	Residence Inn 2779 Prospect Park Dr Rancho Cordova, CA 95670, United States +1 916-851-1550
TWoA	Shaun Hardcastle		+64 21 99 44 89 Shaun.hardcastle@baseplusworld.com	Hilton Garden Inn hotel, 221 Iron Point Road Folsom CA +1 916-353-171
Event Official	Lara Collins		+64 275484612 lara@collegesport.co.nz	Residence Inn 2555 Iron Point Road Folsom, California 95630 USA +1-916-983-7289

8.5 Radio Communication

Getting hold of a regional coordinator should be easy. Text using the numbers above, email them or find them in either yellow or red T-Shirts at the event or leave a message at the hotel they are staying at. Failing any of the above, make your way to the contingent HQ and leave a message, this will be picked up at the next meeting.

9 Calendar of Key Events

Below is a remainder of key events, (TBC = To be confirmed), please check with your regional coordinators as dates and times may change. We only expect officials, Managers and coaches at the 'Manager Meetings'

Team trainings and Racing schedules were not published or available at the time of issue. The WMC meetings will ensure this information is distributed.

Day	Date	Event	Where	When	Status
1	Friday, 1 August	Outrigger Blessing	Lake Natoma	6:00 a.m.	Confirmed
		Team Training	Lake Natoma	10:00 a.m.	TBC
		Manager Meeting	WMC HQ	7:00 p.m.	Confirmed
2	Saturday, 2 August	Team Training	Lake Natoma	8:00 a.m.	TBC
		Manager Meeting	WMC HQ	7:00 p.m.	TBC
3	Sunday, 3 August	Team Training	Lake Natoma	8:00 a.m.	TBC
		Opening Ceremony	Historic Folsom	6:00 a.m.	Confirmed
		Manager Meeting	WMC HQ	7:00 p.m.	TBC
4	Monday, 4 August	Team Training	Lake Natoma	8:00 a.m.	TBC
		Manager Meeting	WMC HQ	7:00 p.m.	TBC
5	Tuesday, 5 August	Racing	Lake Natoma	8:00 a.m.	TBC
		Manager Meeting	WMC HQ	7:00 p.m.	TBC
6	Wednesday, 6 August	Racing	Lake Natoma	8:00 a.m.	TBC
		Manager Meeting	WMC HQ	7:00 p.m.	TBC
7	Thursday, 7 August	Racing	Lake Natoma	8:00 a.m.	TBC
		Manager Meeting	WMC HQ	7:00 p.m.	TBC
8	Friday, 8 August	Racing	Lake Natoma	8:00 a.m.	TBC
		Manager Meeting	WMC HQ	7:00 p.m.	TBC
9	Saturday, 9 August	Racing	Lake Natoma	8:00 a.m.	TBC
		Manager Meeting	WMC HQ	7:00 p.m.	TBC
		Closing Ceremony	TBC	TBC	TBC
10	Sunday, 10 August	Travel back or sight seeing !			

10 National Anthem

At presentation time the national anthems and flags will be deployed, appendix 3 contains the lyrics to New Zealand's National Anthem (like you need it !)

11 And Finally

If you have any questions or suggestions, speak with your managers, who in turn will speak with the NZ coordinators. The structure is in place to assist you the paddler and WMC are working very hard for you and for each other. Have a safe trip, treat each other with respect and see you in Folsom, Sacramento.

APPENDIX 1: Code of Conduct



CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

For 13th World Sprints Outrigger Championships Sacramento, Northern California, USA

This Code of Conduct takes effect from the time contingent members depart officially from NZ shores to the conclusion of the Worlds campaign which may also be their arrival back in NZ. As some paddlers are taking extended vacation the agreement also takes into consideration for this activity and further adds that in any situation, post event, where the contingent member wears official attire or acts as representative of the contingent then this agreement is in force.

Uniforms

The following will be the standard required and is not negotiable:

- all individuals must wear provided National racing strips when racing;
- during medal presentations full racing uniform must be worn;
- Uniforms will not be tampered with or adjusted until the competition is finished.

Alcohol Consumption

The United States Legal age limit is 21 years (for our intent and purposes this age limit will apply)

Senior members of the NKOA contingent have a responsibility to role model healthy lifestyles for the younger members of the group. There is concern that under age as well as uncontrolled drinking will discredit teammates, NKOA and offend the tangata whenua. Therefore, the following requirements are to be adhered to:

- All individuals who are under 21, WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO CONSUME ALCOHOL
- Team managers must take responsibility for those paddlers under the age of 21 and ensure that they do not consume alcohol.
- Any adults who are found to be supplying alcohol to junior members of the contingent will be dealt with in the same manner as if they had consumed the alcohol.
- Monitoring of this policy will be the responsibility of all individuals travelling with the NKOA contingent.
- Consumption of Alcohol by over 21's is permitted within usual culturally acceptable boundaries, as role models, it is the over 21's prerogative to drink responsibly.

Drugs

The consumption of substances detailed in the New Zealand Sports Drug Agency policy will not be permitted. Please ensure that you have verification from your doctor for any long or short-term, prescribed medication you are currently taking.

Monitoring of this policy will be the responsibility of all individuals travelling with the NKOA contingent.

Smoking

Our Waka Ama sport is smoke free, this is true of events in NKOA sanctioned events in New Zealand. We request that if you must smoke you do so as per the law in the USA and you DO NOT do so in the supplied Uniform of New Zealand.

Enforcement

We must each take self responsibility for our own actions.

You are representing yourself, your team mates, the contingent and finally all New Zealanders.

Any contingent member in breach of any of the above code of conduct items or other behaviour which is not satisfactory will be dealt with by the Worlds Management Committee. The outcomes of the breach may result in non participation of NKOA sanctioned events in New Zealand or in extreme cases representing New Zealand abroad.

This code of conduct is offered as advice and as a reference point for behaviour by all contingent members. If you wish to discuss any matter here, please make it known to a member of the Worlds Management Committee. A copy of this code is presented with every issued uniform, is in each paddler pack and will be held by each member of the Worlds Management Committee.

APPENDIX 3 : National Anthem

God Defend New Zealand / Aotearoa

E Ihowā Atua,
O ngā iwi mātou rā
Āta whakarangona;
Me aroha noa
Kia hua ko te pai;
Kia tau tō atawhai;
Manaakitia mai
Aotearoa

God of Nations at Thy feet,
In the bonds of love we meet,
Hear our voices, we entreat,
God defend our free land.
Guard Pacific's triple star
From the shafts of strife and war,
Make her praises heard afar,
God defend New Zealand.