

30 YEARS OF

WAKA AMA

Sprint Nationals
2019



Lake Karāpiro

1990 - 2019

COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET



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Te Wānanga o Aotearoa

COVER IMAGE - 2019 NATIONALS LOGO

The logo uses the same logo image used at the 1990 World Sprints that were held in Auckland. This image was also used to promote the 1st Nationals at Karāpiro in 1990.

The image was drawn by artist and Waka Ama stalwart Paul Marshall-Slade, Nga Hoe Horo

Paul designed many of the early Waka Ama logos and event T-Shirts and was also part of the first Aotearoa men's team to compete at a world sprints when he raced for Nga Hoe Horo in 1988 in Hawaii.

Paul gifted Waka Ama New Zealand many of his early designs in 2013 when we were preparing for the 25th Annual Waka Ama Championship and we are so thankful for his dedication and love for the sport of Waka Ama throughout the years.

Unfortunately Paul passed away in 2018 and so this 2019 logo is not only a commemoration of 30 years of Waka Ama Sprint Nationals, but also a tribute to Paul and the contribution he made to our sport. One of the many generous souls who have added their touch to our Waka Ama tapestry. *Moe mai ra e te rangatira.*



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MANA WHENUA

Ngāti Koroki Kahukura Co-Chairs (Karaitiana Tamatea & Rahui Papa) and Chair of Ngāti Hauā Iwi Trust (Mokoro Gillett)

He mihi.

Tukua mai kia piri, tukua mai kia tata,
Tukua mai ki tō tātou Kīngi, a Pōtatau Te Wherowhero te Tuawhitu
me te Tumuaki hoki,
Pai Mārire ki a rātou.

Ki ngā kura wānanga kua tahuri
He kura rautangi, he maimai aroha.
Moe mai rā ki te okiokinga mutunga kore.
Ki ngā rangatira, ki ngā ope whakaeke
Nau mai, haere mai.

On behalf of Mana whenua we wish to acknowledge the 30th commemorative booklet of this National Waka Ama event. We celebrate this occasion by referring to our historical and future involvement with Waka Ama Aotearoa by referencing quotes gifted by King Tawhiao.

Historically, Waka Ama Aotearoa had humble people who ensured the continued growth and maturity of not only healthy river and it's food source but healthy people also. This aspect is captured in this proverb by King Tawhiao (1822 – 1894) “Māku anō e hanga tōku nei whare, ko ngā whare pou ō roto, he māhoe, he patatē ko te tāhuhu he hīnau. Me whakatupu ki te hua o te rengaranga me whakapakari ki te hua o te kawariki”

For future involvement Mana Whenua support the Waka Ama Aotearoa values as outlined in Waka Ama NZ. Constitution. “4.3 The Values of Waka Ama NZ which are:

- a. Manaakitanga: We encourage the practice of reciprocity through sharing of ourselves and our resources, nurturing all people and accepting our differences;
- b. Whanaungatanga: Is our sense of belonging, identification and collective strength, not only through kinship but being related to all within the Waka Ama community;
- c. Hauora: We support and promote the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of all our participants; and
- d. Tu Tangata: We are accountable for our actions. We have respect for each other, our waka and our environment. We stand proud in our integrity and passion.

This is captured in the following proverb by King Tawhiao (1822 – 1894)

“Ki te kahore he whakakitenga, ka ngaro te iwi. “

(Without foresight or vision the people will be lost.)

Mana whenua are honoured to celebrate with Waka Ama Aotearoa in this 30th edition and look forward towards the next 30 years.

Pai mārire.

Co-Chairs of Ngāti Koroki Kahukura Trust



(Karaitiana Tamatea & Rahui Papa)

Chair of Ngāti Hauā Iwi Trust

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(Mokoro Gillett)

PAORA HOWE

Waka Ama NZ Board Chair

Thirty Years on...Thoughts from the Board Chair

When the WANZ Board was first established in 2011, we embraced the 25 year vision that was set by the membership in 2009 , a vision that dared to dream big, where by 2035:

- We would become a world leader in the sport – strategically and operationally
- We would represent the best qualities of being a New Zealander by honouring the spirit of the Treaty of Waitangi in thought and practice and by holding firm to our values
- New Zealanders would know about and respect our sport and those who take part in it

Amazingly, much of our 25 year vision has been achieved in ten years. Our congratulations go to all those club and regional administrators and leaders over the last thirty years, and in the last ten years in particular, who together have helped paddlers and coaches support and meet these aspirations.

Adhering to basic principles of sound planning, transparency, acknowledging excellence and sound communication, means we are a long way towards achieving even bigger dreams. These principles will hold us in good stead as we move towards the next thirty years of development, where we will see:

- Sponsors that continually seek us out because of the high added value we provide them
- Increased opportunities for both social and competitive paddlers of all ages – perhaps with Olympic honours the end result
- ‘Learning’ through waka ama that is formally tied into the broader education system in a uniform way
- Paid national and regional coaches systematically leading us to world domination
- Waka ama known as a sport that is synonymous with notions of wellbeing (waiora), courage (kaha), and sound family relationships (whanaungatanga).

Thirty years? Bring it on!

Ngā mihi

Paora Howe

LARA COLLINS

Waka Ama NZ Chief Executive and Paddler

From humble beginnings Waka Ama Nationals has come a long way.

Today there are more paddlers, more clubs, more waka, more age groups, and more races. But the essence of the event and the whānau spirit has not changed. The racing is exciting and competitive on the water. Off the water it is a great opportunity to catch up with friends from around the country that you haven't seen in ages, see whānau and make new friends. I have attended every nationals since 1998 and over my time with the sport I have never met a paddler that didn't agree that Waka Ama is more than a sport. They all agree it is a way of life and that the Waka Ama community is to many an extended family. The phrase "waka whanau" is often heard.

There is no way we would be where we are today without the aroha, dedication and commitment from hundreds of people who have contributed towards this event over 30 years. Those who have laid lanes, re-laid lanes, commented, processed results, laminated ID cards, swiped ID cards, helped in the loading bay, marshalled paddlers with mega phones, set up venues, designed t-shirts, towed waka, weighed waka, built waka, fixed waka, lifted and loaned waka. Started races, drove boats, fixed boats, Stopwatch holders, photo finish operators and tower spotters. The caterers, the vendors, and the car parkers. Those who stayed up all night to do lane draws. The race directors, the coaches, the managers, the parents, the drivers, the organisers, the committees, the administrators and the spectators, Those who shone their car lights on the lake so that races could be completed (true story). The visionaries, the founders, the funders, the sponsors, those leading the way and the ones behind the scenes. And of course the Paddlers! Everyone's involvement no matter how big or how small over 30 years has contributed to our waka ama tapestry and created the event that we know and love today. The times when things maybe didn't go so well...are now the stories which are 'hardcase' and how we learnt to do things differently. The good and the bad, all as important as each other when we look back now.

Having people at this event who have attended every nationals is inspirational. Matahi, Louise, Hotu, James, Corrina and Raipoia. Their commitment and passion for our sport is as strong today as it was in 1990 and their enthusiasm is infectious. So many paddlers and clubs have been introduced, coached, inspired and in some cases coerced by them and there are also many others who unfortunately are no longer with us today. It is this passion and commitment that drives Waka Ama New Zealand to continue the vision and to grow and share our sport with new clubs and paddlers throughout Aotearoa New Zealand. There is no other sport that gathers together such a wide range of ages. and people from all walks of life. Where grandparents, mums, dads and their kids can all come together for a week of paddling and fun and then look forward to do it all again in 12 months time.

This week we have paddlers with us from Kaitaia to Dunedin and everywhere in between from Taranaki to the East Cape, Gisborne to Wellington and Nelson too. Our newest club: Ratana Pa is represented at the nationals for the first time and we are also joined by paddlers from Raiatea, Fiji and even one from the UK. Our youngest paddler competing this week is 5 and our oldest turns 82 this year. It is truly an amazing event and I am so proud and humbled to have been able to be a part of it as a paddler and administrator.

The future for Waka Ama is exciting and we have the last 30 years to thank for that. Have a great week everyone - See you on the water!

Lara

TE URUROA FLAVELL

Te Wananga o Aotearoa Chief Executive

E ngā kaihoe o ngā waka o te motu tēnā tātou. Koia nei a Te Wānanga o Aotearoa, te hoa haere o Waka Ama NZ e mihi nei, i a tātou e whakanui ana i te toru tēkau tau kua hipa, ka mutu ko te tupuranga anō hoki o te motu ki te whai i tēnei ara o te waka ama. Nō reira, me whakanui ka tika, me hūrei ka tika, tēna tātou katoa.

It is my pleasure on behalf of Te Wānanga o Aotearoa to offer our congratulations to Waka Ama NZ and indeed all of you competitors in celebrating 30 years since the Waka Ama Sprint Nationals started. Some might suggest that the sprints started a long way further back in time in the Pacific but for the sport to be revitalised, then interest generated to have a National Competition, growing from 43 participating teams from 14 clubs to upwards of 3,500 paddlers from over 70 clubs is a major testament to the work done at Club and National level, and Te Wānanga o Aotearoa is hugely proud to be a strategic partner with Waka Ama NZ in presenting this competition to you.

We have been with this kaupapa for a number of years now. Whānau ora (whānau wellbeing), kotahitanga (unity), whakapakari i te tinana me te wairua (preparation of body and spirit), hoetahi (working in cohesion), kotahi te aronga (being focussed), ki te hoe (being at the ready) are all concepts that resonate with Te Wānanga o Aotearoa and Waka Ama people. Working together is as it should be.

In recent discussions, both parties believe we can do more to promote Waka Ama across the country and support one another more. That is absolutely appropriate for if there is one thing everyone associated with Waka Ama Nationals talks about despite the results, it is “whanaungatanga”. We at Te Wānanga o Aotearoa are about extending on that kaupapa by focussing on, “whānau transformation through education”. Working together means both organisations gain.

Te Wānanga o Aotearoa is proud to be associated with the National Waka Ama Sprints as a major sponsor. We wish you all well this year and into the future as we continue to build on the gains thus far.

Ki te hoe!

Nāku,

Hon. Te Ururoa Flavell
Te Taiurungi

A PADDLE DOWN MEMORY LANE

A few memories from individuals who have attended all 30 Sprint Nationals - James Papali'i, Corrina Gage, Hoturoa Kerr, Louise Henderson, Raipoia and Matahi Brightwell.

What is your favourite Nationals memory?

JAMES: My daughter Kalina winning 5 medals in her first waka ama Nationals in Karapiro. She paddled for the Cook Island midget girls division and was coached by Walter Tongiamua. In that same Nationals my sons Jesse and Poutoa also winning medals in their respective divisions. I remember telling my daughter 'I paddled for 10 years before getting my first National medals, and you get 5 on your first time....not fair' ha ha...

CORRINA: The 1990 Nationals event admin allowing my team mate to draw a 'likeness' of me because I didn't have a photo for my ID card. I suspect it was because I was paddling in a mixed W12 with Michael Jones, a well known All Black at that time.

HOTUROA: Seeing my kids race for the first time.

LOUISE: The introduction of the rangatahi (6yrs to 13yrs) and Golden Masters 60 competed for the first time at Lake Karapiro.

RAIPOIA: No 'favourite memory' or maybe too many. All I can say is that I take pride in watching our young ones take the stage on the water...the legacy is right there...and I am privileged to be able to train with them on the water, reaching over the age barrier and becoming just one of the kaihoe...

MATAHI: The first Nationals - not many clubs, like a big whanau event. Lots of cheek but also fierce competition

What is your funniest Nationals memory?

JAMES: Paddling with Manukau Open Mens in 500 mtrs with a turn, around 1998 I think. Warming up we went too far and as heading to start line the red flag had gone up by the time we got there the race had already started. We quickly made up ground on some of the slower teams despite our late start, only to paddle past the 250 flag as our steerer Barry Tumai was looking at wrong flags....help...

CORRINA: Forgetting that I needed an ID photo for the 1991 Nationals, cutting a picture of Bart Simpson out of a magazine and using that as the photo on my ID card. I raced 14 races at that event and no one at registration noticed. The following Nationals my team mate forgot her ID photo so we cut a picture out of a magazine of a woman, in a crowd, wearing sunglasses.

HOTUROA: 3000m races that took some clubs forever to finish.

LOUISE: The story of the Smoking Oak trees which began, when Smoke free ban was introduced at Lake Karapiro.

RAIPOIA: Nationals at Lake Pupuke somewhere in the 90s ...Our lane flag was black, and was blending with the horizon. I was steering the 3000m (?) heat. Off we went for our first lap. 300m down a dragon boat crossed our lane and I started yelling at them to get out of the way and wondering how on earth they had ended up there....until I looked to my left...and saw all wakas heading for their first turn on a 90 degree angle from us...yes, we had got out of our lane and were heading towards the bank...we made a huge Uturn, got back in our lane, paddled like in a final and made it through to the next round...through sheer panic paddling...

MATAHI: Again the first Nationals. There were no clear lanes and I had to say 'Go' from my waka at the start line for the race to start. Then Ace took over the 'Go' call for all other races.

What was it like at the 1990 National Sprints?

JAMES: Attending the first ever N.Z waka ama Nationals in 1990 at Karapiro was an amazing experience. Tumeke...We had just completed our clubs first international waka ama worlds at Orakei Basin February 1990 as Manukau Outriggers Canoeing Club which we had founded in 1988. From our club the Otara contingency broke away to start their club called Mulivai. Although it was a small event with around 15 clubs attending the competition and rivalry was of a high standard, and the friends made still exist today. I was with my partner Vanessa Batistich and our mates from Mangere. Back then we paddled for fun and made life time friends in the process.

CORRINA: Scary racing. I came from racing kayaks and multisport endurance events so the 1990 Nationals seemed more like tribal warfare with the majority of us caught in the crossfire between Ngāti Porou and Te Taitokerau.

HOTUROA: Fast. We used to be able to run the whole event in a day and a half

LOUISE: We definitely had humble beginnings whereby a handful of people organised the event, and the handful of clubs at that time brought their waka or two. Without the extended whanau we would not have achieved our goals for the governing body Tatou Hoe o Aotearoa to organise the inaugural National Waka Ama Sprints Championship at Lake Karapiro.

RAIPOIA: I have very fond memories of the early building years, like paddling 3000m with 5 turns at the 500m mark. Felt very much like a whanau atmosphere then as you had whanau groups leading from each region. It was a big social event...the start of all our lives revolving around waka ama...Felt very proud of the 'waka ama movement' gliding forward on its own, without the big funding other sports were getting.

What has changed the most?

JAMES: The growth of the sport especially in the junior divisions and the professionalism in the running of the event linked with the events world class facilities makes the N.Z waka ama nationals the best in the world. What has changed is that now we have 3-4 generations of paddlers from the same whanau participating, making waka ama a way of life that has cultural relevance to the indigenous people of Aotearoa.

Also having our N.Z paddler Lara Collins, as the world waka ama president, is an amazing feat for a small country that has really just started in the arena of waka ama.

CORRINA: It has become a sport of disciplined athletes and one of the most professionally run sports in New Zealand. Racing 1500m in a Mahimahi instead of 3000m in a 1990 waka (you could go to a cafe and back in between races). I don't think I could use my Bart Simpson ID photo at registration anymore.

HOTUROA: The professionalism around organising and running the event

LOUISE: The name from Tatou Hoe o Aotearoa to Nga Kaihoe o Aotearoa (Waka Ama NZ) Inc. The introduction of technology into the sport, with Alex Ryder at the helm to develop a waka ama race program, ID, and the popular Go To website www.wakaama.co.nz

Nga Kaihoe o Aotearoa strategic action plan to be governed by a board of executives and appointing a CEO. Lara Collins (CEO) and the Board have moved the sport over the years towards a more professionalism approach.

RAIPOIA: Waka ama has settled into an organisational frame that allows for growth... providing clear pathways for paddlers...still early days but moving forward.

MATAHI: Lots...more clarity in processes, international pathways created, a springboard for our young aspiring paddlers, the development and strengthening of our Polynesian heritage and connections...yes much has happened... On the other hand I also want to highlight the absence of mixed races, which had been taken out of the Nationals programme. They were core events which we enjoyed and which were about whanau participation. Also want to comment on the rise of 'elitism'. This has had consequences for clubs, as core paddlers leave to prop up elite teams.

Who are some of the outstanding paddlers and teams you've come across since 1990?

JAMES: Some of the best paddlers that come to mind are Pita Williams and Rudolf Berking from Mulivai and Corrina Gage and Raipoia Brightwell to name a few. There are so many great N.Z paddlers like Mark Williams and Brad Anderson from Manukau Outriggers. In terms of rivalry one of my toughest competitions has been with Matahi Brightwell's 6 man team from Mareikura. My first N.Z National medals came when our Manukau Outriggers Masters men beat Matahi Brightwell's team by a photo finish to win us gold in early 2000s. Since then our competition has been from the Taniwha clubs and Tauranga.

CORRINA: Raipoia Brightwell. Raipoia dominated waka ama singles paddling for many years. When that humble, wouldn't-hurt-a-fly fluffy lamb gets to a starting line she turns into a wolf with big teeth. Bo and Chrissy Herbert either coached or competed in so many winning crews. This booklet would be twice as long if I listed all of the great paddlers who have

HOTUROA: In Aotearoa clubs used to be made up of local paddlers of that town or region and we saw some very strong teams. It's changed a bit now because paddlers tend to be swept up from smaller clubs to bolster renowned clubs. But back in the day Pokohinu had great kids teams and Hawaikinui had great open men and masters men's crews. Mulivai was great too with strong young paddlers.

LOUISE: I would like to acknowledge those that were instrumental to 1990 Nationals event and waka ama, who are no longer with us. They are: Late Bo & Chrissy Herbert, Rick Nu'u, Kris Kjeldsen, Greig (Ace) Cuthers, and Dame Te Atairangikaahu (Maori Ariki)

RAIPOIA: The Northland paddlers were always the ones to look to in terms of competition. I have been privileged to paddle with paddlers I consider as 'edgy' - I learnt so much from Corrina Gage in New Zealand, Nicole Montel in Tahiti, Mareikura women with their do or die attitude, and the Ruamata squad of paddlers I currently paddle for who keep making waka ama an awesome space to be in.

MATAHI: 1990 Tarawera Open men team was awesome. The famous Mareikura Master Blasters men, Bo Herbert who I admired through his rise to international paddling. In Hawaii, Myron Van Gieson, Nappy Napoleon. In Tahiti Karyl Maoni, Karlo Putoa, Lewis Laughlin and of course my friend and mentor Carlos Perez.

What is your advice for someone who is just starting out?

JAMES: Enjoy the sport and culture of waka ama and be prepared to get hooked, on the healthy life style and longevity that comes with participating, in the phenomenon that waka ama entails. You will meet interesting and welcoming people that will show you the cultural values and traditional paddling techniques that have been pass down through the generations of waka ama whanau. Buy a decent paddle from Conan Herbert to get you started.

CORRINA: Learn to steer as soon as possible: it increases your value to crews. Learn to paddle an OC1 or V1 as soon as possible: better to have paddle training options other than relying on 5 others to turn up for crew training. Train for an overseas long distance race as soon as possible: The big Hawaiian and Tahiti races are September - November so it's great motivation to keep training through Winter.

HOTUROA: Don't forget where you came from.

LOUISE: Welcome to the journey of waka ama whether competitive or recreational both pathways encompass the values of Waka Ama. Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga, Hauora, Tu Tangata.

RAIPOIA: Learn to love and play with Tangaroa. Do the basics right, develop that feel of glide, paddle WIs as it helps you not only refine your technique but it is also your time alone with Tangaroa to connect..

MATAHI: Find the perfect coach to make you a champion, and be loyal to your coach

Last words....

JAMES: I want to wish N.Z Waka Ama Sprint Nationals a happy 30th birthday. To all those paddlers, and your whanau and friends that have been lucky enough to have experienced these Nationals in the past and in the future. Keep it up and enjoy the friendship and culture of waka ama. To those that we have lost during these last 30 years, your memory and contribution will not be forgotten, as we paddle towards the start line of another National Sprint Championship in 2019. To all the organisers of these events we thank you for the long hours donated to ensure the high standards are always met. To my friends and aiga who I have paddled with over the past 30 years....Alofa atu oi...Tofa Soifua.

CORRINA: I've competed at sprint championships in Tahiti, Canada, USA, Hawaii and many of the other Pacific Islands. None of those countries run an event anywhere near as good as our Sprint Nationals. We've come from timekeepers holding 2 stopwatches each and races having to stop whenever there was a big wind which blew our lane buoys away, to an event which is the most well organised and best run sprint event in the World. Over the years, each event has happened through the dedication of so many capable, committed volunteers. However, the Waka Ama National Sprints of today is what it is because of the specific dedication of the Waka Ama NZ team, Alex Ryder and particularly Lara Collins. Ka nui te mihi ki a ratou!

HOTUROA: It's been lots of headaches but more fun than anything else.

LOUISE: 30 years. Still passionate about the dynamics of Waka ama, the competition, friendship, comradery, being part of an extended whanau other than your own immediate whanau. Who would have thought the voyaging canoe "Hawaiki Nui" from Tahiti sailed into Okahu Bay 1985 inspired to revive waka ama in Aotearoa.

RAIPOIA: Waka ama is more than a sport. It is part and parcel of my culture, where I come from, who I am...

MATAHI: We have come so far in just 30 years, from humble beginnings with my brothers Kris, Pili and Ace. For the future Waka ama NZ's support to help clubs get waka housing facilities through relationships with local authorities or iwi. It is also time for a Waka Ama center similar to Rowing NZ.



1990 Aotearoa Outrigger Canoe Paddling National Championship

The first Waka Ama Sprint Nationals or known as the 1990 Aotearoa Outrigger Canoe Paddling National Championship and were held in 1990 at Lake Karāpiro with 17 clubs and 43 teams in attendance.

Clubs that raced in 1990 are still racing to this day – Mareikura, Taniwha, Mitamitaga, Tamaki, Nga Hoe Horo, Tarawera and Manukau. In 1990 the events ranged from 500m sprints to 3000m sprints with 5 turns!!! We have come a long way since then and in 2019 there are 3575 paddlers from 65 clubs across Aotearoa.

1990 Aotearoa Outrigger Canoe Paddling National Championship Results	

Race Number :	1 Heat :1
Event :	OC6 WOMEN 1000 M
1	PARURI-KURIA (NORTH) 05:41.26
2	TARAWERA 05:52.68
3	NGA HOE HORO 2 06:09.00
4	MANUKAU 06:29.62
5	TAKEREKETE(IKI) 06:47.82

Race Number :	2 Heat :2
Event :	OC6 WOMEN 1000 M
1	TANIWAHA A 05:54.65
2	TAMAKI 06:02.62
3	MITAMITAGA 06:29.52
4	MELKONG-OTIHOA A 06:39.74
5	REKATI-KURU 07:02.76
6	TITIKAWA 07:47.52

Race Number :	3 Heat :3
Event :	OC6 WOMEN 1000 M
1	PARURI-KURIA (SOUTH) 05:50.21
2	NGA HOE HORO 1 06:10.27
3	MOVING ON TARAWI 06:15.14
4	TANIWAHA B 06:51.07
5	PAU-INGA 07:07.38

Race Number :	4 Heat :1
Event :	OC6 MEN 1000 M
1	TANIWAHA B 05:13.46
2	TAMAKI A 05:19.83
3	TAKEREKETE(IKI) 05:24.05
4	REKATI-KURU 1 05:24.66
5	MANUKAU 05:50.75

Snippet of the results from 1990



Teams turning in 1990.. check out those buoys!

2019 Event Statistics

No. of participants by club competing at the 2019 event

Adventure Wairoa	21	Taranaki Outrigger Canoe Club	96
Akarana	52	Tarawera Outrigger Canoe Club	26
Aratika Water Sports Club	27	Taupo Waka Ama Club	18
Cook Islands Outriggers Association	110	Tauranga Moana Outrigger Canoe	6
Haeata Ocean Sports Inc	25	Te Aputa Tira Hoe	22
Hauraki Waka Ama	20	Te Au Rere Waka Ama Club	61
Hawaikiniui Tuarua Waka Ama	30	Te Awa Haku	6
Hawkes Bay Outrigger Canoe Club	12	Te Paerangi Waka Ama Inc	117
Hei Matau Paddlers	100	Te Pou Herenga Waka Ama Club Inc.	69
Heretaunga Ararau O Ngati Kahungunu	40	Te Puu Ao	29
Hikoikoi Waka Club	6	Te Rau Oranga O Ngati Kahungunu	104
Hoe Aroha Whanau o Mauao	66	Te Ringa Miti Tai Heke Whanganui	19
Horouta Waka Hoe Club Inc.	198	Te Toki Voyaging Trust	192
Kaihoe o Ngati Rehia Trust	28	Te Waka Pounamu	6
Maketu Hoe Waka	7	Te Whanau-a-Apanui Waka Ama Club	15
Manukau Outrigger Canoe Club	98	Tirohanga Waka Ama	6
Maraenui Rugby & Sports Association	21	TOA Waka Ama Club	73
Mareikura Waka Ama Club Incorporated	122	Tu Nui a Te Ika Outrigger Canoe Club	15
Mitamitaga o le Pasefika Va'a-alo Canoe	93	Tu Tangi Ora - Waka Ama Inc.	49
Nga Hoe Horo Outrigger Canoe Club	124	Tuakau Waka Ama Sports Inc	18
Nga Tai Whakarongo	53	Tui Tonga Canoe Club	30
Ocean Blue Sports Club	43	Turangawaewae Waka Sports	136
Orakei Water Sports	25	Uawa Tiaki Tai - Hinekura Waka Ama	7
Otaki Waka Hoe	115	Waiheke Waka Ama Club	31
Pakuranga Outrigger Canoe Club	84	Waikato Dragon Boat & Waka Ama	25
Parihaka Waka Ama Inc	36	Wairarapa Waka Ama Canoe Club	39
Porirua Canoe Kayak Club Inc.	61	Waitakere Outrigger Canoe Club Inc	132
Portage Crossing	27	Waka Ama O Whakatane	7
Rahui Pokeka Waka Sports	128	Whaingaroa Whanau Hoe Waka	7
Ratana Paa Kaihoe Trust	19	Whakatu Marae Waka-Ama Club	18
Ruamata Waka Ama Club	92	Whanganui River Outrigger Canoe	7
Tamaki Outrigger Canoe Club	83	YMP Waka Ama	49
Taniwha Outrigger Canoe Club Inc	50		


International Clubs/Countries

Raiatea - Tahiti **31** Fiji **27** United Kingdom **1**

2019 Event Statistics

No. of competitors by region

Auckland Region Outrigger Canoe Assn	1029
Hoe Tonga Pacifica Waka Ama Association	395
Tai Tokerau Polynesian Canoe Association	333
Te Puku O Te Ika	1080
Te Uranga O Te Ra	631
Te Waka o Aoraki	43

 Te Wānanga o Aotearoa



No. of Entries

1975

Youngest Paddler

Katalya Strickland Tamaki Outrigger Canoe Club

Oldest Paddler

Ngahuaia Morehu Hei Matau Paddlers

Age Division

	Male	Female
Midget	320	322
Intermediat	369	359
Junior 16	279	329
Junior 19	148	183
Open 23	51	50
Premier	126	170
Master	162	206
Senior Master	148	163
Golden Master	83	69
Master 70	20	14





SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**MONDAY
14TH**

Sunday 4:00pm - Managers meeting for Midget teams - Don Rowlands Centre

7:45am - Meet in car park outside Don Rowlands centre

8:00am - Powhiri

10:30am - Racing to start for all Midgets W6 & W12 races

6:00pm - Don Rowlands Centre - Managers Meeting

**TUESDAY
15TH**

8:00am - Racing starts for all Midget, Intermediate, J16 - W6 & W12 races

Day will conclude with Junior Medal Presentations

**WEDNESDAY
16TH**

8:00am - Racing for all Intermediate, J16 - W6 & W12 races

Midday - Corporate W12 Race

Day will conclude with Junior Medal Presentations

6:00pm - Managers Meeting for W1 Racing, Don Rowlands Centre

3:00pm-7:00pm - W1 weigh in

**THURSDAY
17TH**

6:00am - 7:00am - Last minute Waka Weighing

7:30am - All divisions including adaptive W1 Races

Day will conclude with W1 Medal Presentation

6:00pm - Managers Meeting J19 and Senior W6/W12 racing

**FRIDAY
18TH**

7:00am - Racing starts - J19 - Golden Master W6 & W12 events

Premier Regional W12 Races

Day will conclude with W12 Medal Presentations

**SATURDAY
19TH**

7:00am - Racing starts - J19 - Golden Master W6 events

Adaptive W6 Races

W1 Dash events

Final medal presentation

8:00pm - 12:00am - After Function Onsite at the Don Rowlands Centre

Enjoy the water but know how to recognise danger

Drowning
is the number

1 cause of
recreational
death

2nd highest cause
of death by
unintentional
injury for
1 – 24 year olds

3rd highest cause
of accidental
death in
New Zealand

Know the water safety code

Tiaki to whanau kia hoki haumaru
ai koutou – Look after your whanau
so you all return safely.

Be prepared

Watch out for yourself
and others

Be aware of dangers

Know your limits

For more information about how to be
safe in, on or around water check out:

Watersafety.org.nz
for news, education and information

Saferboating.org.nz
for safe boating tips

Maritimenz.govt.nz
for boating and marine information

Boatingeducation.org.nz
Coastguard Boating Education

Metservice.co.nz or
[Metservice Marine App](#)
for weather conditions

[Marinemate App](#)
for local bylaws, boat ramps and boating tips

[Coastguard NZ App](#)
for trip reports

[Boatie's best mate App](#)
for Coastguard membership and
boating safety resources

In the event of an emergency
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Nau mai, haere mai... we can't wait to see what the next 30 years brings!



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