

Rotohoe 1 – Lake Rotoiti 15th April 2023

Venue: Korokitewao Bay (if you google it)
aka Te Tāhuna (Hinehopu Reserve)
Tamatea Street, Rotoiti

Tēnei te karapu waka ama o Ruamatā te pōhiri atu nei ki a koutou kei ngā tini mātāwaka huri noa. Ruamatā Waka Ama Club warmly invites you to attend the first race in the 2023 Rotohoe Series at Te Rotoiti.

EVENT SCHEDULE

From 6.30am	Ruruku waka (rig waka)
7.00am	Registration opens and waka checks begin
8.00am	Karakia and managers meeting
8.15am	Race & safety briefings
8.30am	Racing starts
3.30pm	Racing finishes
3.45pm	Karakia whakawātea

HŌTAKA - RACE SCHEDULE

Time	Race
7.00am	Registration opens, waka checks may begin
8.00am	Registration closes for Race 1
8.15am	Briefing for Race 1
8.30am	Start of Race 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10km W1, W2, W3 • 10km junior (J16 and/or J19) W6 and novice W6
9.30am	Registration closes for Race 2
9.45am	Briefing for Race 2

10.00am	Start of Race 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14km women W6 and mixed W6 • 22km women W6 and mixed W6
12.30pm	Registration closes for Race 3
12.45pm	Briefing for Race 3
1.00pm	Start of Race 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14km men W6 • 22km men W6
3.30pm	Pack down
3:45pm	Karakia whakawātea

RACE DAY INFORMATION

Car Parking:

- Parking is available by street parking. Please note all parking is under Rotorua Council management, you will need to read the signs and park accordingly.

Trailer parking:

- Trailer parking will be on the grass opposite waka drop off point. Due to restrictions, this may only be available for trailer drop off – you may need to park your car elsewhere for the day.

Kai:

- To manaaki our manuhiri, we provide hot soup and some kai after racing. We encourage you to bring your own cups, as we are trying to do our part for our taiao. We will have a limited supply if you forget.

Wharepaku:

- Toilets are located at the far end of the driveway, you will see them as you come off the main road.

First Aid:

- First Aid will be available at the registration tent.

Rāpihi - Rubbish/Recycling:

- We encourage you to please take what you bring. However, the main rubbish and recycling station is located by the main toilet block.

Auahi Kore - Alcohol/Smokefree:

- Alcohol, smoking, vaping and any other substance use is not permitted at this event, including all premises of the event.

WAKA DROP OFF & SAFETY CHECKS

Waka drop off:

- Waka drop off will be available from 6.00am on the event day
- Waka drop off will be on the beach front landing and will be clearly signed with entry & exit
- Trailer parking is on the opposite side of the road, please be aware of your surroundings through this process

Safety checks:

- All waka will have to pass a safety check and be signed off before racing. Any waka not signed off will not be permitted to race.

Spray skirts:

- Please ensure you bring spray skirts with you to the event. Monitoring the ever-changing conditions on the lake, the Race Director (alongside the on-water safety team) will make the determinations as to whether they will be needed. This decision will be communicated to you prior to race briefing and a reminder given at race briefing.

RACE RULES

All entrants must be familiar with the Waka Ama New Zealand race and safety rules.

Refer to the following link for more information: [Waka Ama NZ Race Rules](#)

AGE DIVISIONS & RACE EVENTS

WAKA	DISTANCE	DIVISIONS	GENDER
W1 W2	10km	junior (comprising J16 and/or J19), open, master, senior master, golden master	women, men, mixed
W6	10km	junior (comprising J16 and/or J19), novice	women, men, mixed
W6	14km	J19, open, master, senior master, golden master	women, men, mixed
W6	22km	J19, open, master, senior master, golden master	women, men, mixed

COST

- \$20 per senior paddler, this will pay for entry into as many races as you like.
- \$15 per junior (comprising J16 and/or J19) paddler, this will pay for entry into as many races as you like.

ONLINE ENTRIES & PAYMENT

- Online entries are to be completed using the Waka Ama NZ online entry system.
- Entries to be completed through your club admin – contact your club admin to process your entry
- Entries close on Tuesday, 11th April 2023 at 11:59pm
- Rosters close on Wednesday, 12th April 2023 at 11:59pm, rosters must be completed by close date
- Ānei te nama mō ngā utu ā-ipurangi, here are the bank account details for which to make online payments:
 - Ruamatā Waka Ama Club
 - 38 – 9003 – 0278797 – 00
 - Use your club, team name and division as your reference

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Safety Waiver

- The waiver must be signed by each crew member.

Junior/Novice Paddlers

- Junior = J16/J19 combined 13yrs – 19yrs of age. Even though race rules stipulate a J16 paddler is from 11 – 16 years old, for Rotohoe races the minimum age for Junior entry is 13 years old.
- All J16 paddlers must wear a PFD when racing.
- Any paddlers not able to swim 200m should also wear a PFD when racing.
- In the spirit of fair competition, the novice race is intended for “new-ish” paddlers to compete with other “new-ish” paddlers. Apart from one or two experienced/competitive paddler/s, who can provide steering and general support, please respect the Kaupapa of this race.

Checklist

W6 waka	W1/W2/W3 waka
2 spare paddles	1 spare paddle
6 PFDs	1 PFD per paddler
2 bailers	1 bailer (or self-draining)
25m tow rope (secured to taumanu)	spare lashings
Spray skirt (may be required)	bungs

INDIVIDUAL & TEAM WAIVERS

- Individual and team waivers must be completed by all paddlers/teams
- All paddlers U18 must have their waiver signed by their parent/guardian
- Waivers can be sent to ruamata.wakaama.club@gmail.com or handed in to the registration desk on the day
- Individual & team waivers can be found here:
<https://www.wakaama.co.nz/racecalendar/lookup/2141>

CONTACT INFORMATION

- All enquiries please email: ruamata.wakaama.club@gmail.com
- All urgent matters please call: (021) 189 2835
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RuamataWakaAma>

HE KŌRERO TĀPIRI (IN ADDENDUM)

Competition Points

- Points are allocated to crews and are based on results at each Rotohoe Event and will be totalled at the end of the series. These totals will then determine the winner of each division over the series. Crews can only accumulate points in ONE division over the series.

For Championship placements on the points table:

- Crews are required to have at least **three of the same** crew members in each race.
- Crews need to compete in **at least three** Rotohoe races.
- Crews must paddle in their scheduled race. Mixed crews **must** compete in the women/mixed race (Race 3) to be eligible for points.
- There **must** be a minimum of three participants (W1, W2, W3 or W6) in a division. In the event that there are insufficient participants in a division, paddlers/crews can enter a lower division e.g., senior master women can choose to race in the master women division if there are only one or two senior master women teams.
- Point allocations are 1st = 4pts, 2nd = 3pts, 3rd = 2pts. All other entries = 1pt.

NB: Please ensure you register with the same crew's name at each event.

How to find the venue:

- From Rotorua
 - Head north along Te Ngae Road and State Highway 30 from the Rotorua township.
 - About 9km north of Tarawera Road intersection (Redwood Forest) turn right onto State Highway 30 (signposted: Whakatāne).
 - Stay on State Highway 30 for 17.3km.



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- Turn left onto Tamatea Street.
- From Tauranga
 - Head south through Ōkere Falls and Mourea on State Highway 33.
 - 3.6km south of Mourea turn left onto State Highway 30 (signposted: Whakatāne).
 - Stay on State Highway 30 for 17.3km.
 - Turn left onto Tamatea Street.
- Please be aware of both oncoming and following traffic when turning.