



Rotohoe 3 – Lake Rotorua (Te Rotorua nui ā Kahumatamomoe)

3rd June 2023

Venue: Ōtauirā (Hannah's Bay Reserve)

Willow Avenue (off Lee Road), Waikawau (Hannah's Bay)

Ōtauirā is the name of the wetland area around the southern end of the Rotorua Airport. The adjacent area of the lake (Rotorua) is called Waikawau. It is now also known as Hannah's Bay.

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

We have taken into account a number of points of feedback and pātai (questions) received from you, our waka hāpori (community), and have amended the hōtaka (the race schedule) to reflect this. Please note the following changes:

1. a later start time for race 1,
2. a shift to 4 races from our previous 3,
3. the mens race moving to race 3 so that they can better support the pack up/de-rigging effort for their individual clubs,
4. more time in between races 3 and 4 to allow those racing in race 3 a bit more of a 'breather' before racing again in race 4.

HŌTAKA - RACE SCHEDULE

Time	Details
7.15am	Registration opens, waka checks may begin.
8.15am	Registration closes for Race 1. (Please note: all administrative and waka checks need to be completed by our team by race briefing at 8.45am; therefore, to enable race 1 to start on time, we need you to have registered no later than 8.15am).
8.45am	Karakia whakatuwhera. Briefing for Race 1.

9.00am	Start of Race 1. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10km W1 and W2.
9.15am	Registration closes for Race 2.
9.45am	Briefing for Race 2.
10.00am	Start of Race 2. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6km – 8km junior W6 and novice W6.
10.45am	Registration closes for Race 3.
11.15pm	Briefing for Race 3.
11.30pm	Start of Race 3. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16km – 18km men W6.
12:30pm	Registration closes for Race 4.
1:00pm	Briefing for Race 4.
1:15pm	Start of Race 4. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16km – 18km women W6 and mixed W6.
3.00pm	Pack down.
3:15pm	Karakia whakawātea.

RACE DAY INFORMATION

Car Parking:

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

Trailer parking:

- Trailer parking will be under the direction of the traffic management crew on site on the day. Due to restrictions, it is likely that limited parking spaces will be made available for waka drop off only – you will likely need to park your vehicle and trailer 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 close by, 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 7.00am on the event day.
- Waka drop off will be directed by traffic management personnel on the day.
- Trailer parking will be communicated by traffic management personnel on the day also, 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	6km – 8km	junior (comprising J16 and/or J19), novice	women, men, mixed
W6	16km – 18km	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 Monday, 29th May 2023 at 11:59pm.
- Rosters close on Wednesday, 31st May 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 WANZ 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:

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| • W6 waka | W1/W2 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.

Check, Clean, Dry Initiative:

- In collaboration with Te Arawa Lakes Trust (TALT) and in accordance with Bay of Plenty Regional Council (BoPRC) Pest Management Plan 2020 – 2030, we tautoko the Check, Clean, Dry process where all waka undergo this process before entering each of our lakes in Rotorua to stop the spread of lake weeds and aquatic pests.

You can find more information at: <https://www.rotorualakes.co.nz/check-clean-dry#:~:text=To%20slow%20the%20spread%20of,in%20the%20Bay%20of%20Plenty.>