

Rotohoe 4 – Lake Rotoiti

Saturday, 8th July 2023

Venue: Korokitewao Bay (if you google it) aka Te Tāhuna Reserve, Tamatea St
Rotoiti – note the change in venue.

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 **fourth and final** race in the 2023 Rotohoe Series at **Lake Rotoiti**.



As the whakaahua (photos) show, Lake Rotomā is flooded and therefore we are unable to hold our final race of the series here.

Consequently, due to extreme environmental conditions, the kōmiti has had to look for an alternative race venue. Given most of the lakes in Rotorua are full and/or flooding, finding a location where paddler and equipment safety are prioritised are extremely limited.

Therefore, we have carefully weighed up a number of options and found Lake Rotoiti to be the most suitable alternative. We are mindful that our first race of the series was held at Rotoiti, but given the challenging situation we find ourselves in, Rotoiti is the only alternative that meets most needs. Nō reira e te iwi, we will still have an excellent day of racing, and the opportunity to whakanuia (celebrate) together at the Series prizegiving following the last race.

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 (all divisions).
9.45am	Registration closes for Race 2.
10.15am	Briefing for Race 2.
10.30am	Start of Race 2. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7km – W6 (junior, novice, golden master)
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 – W6 (men). On Lake Rotoiti, the weather may impact racing at this point and the conditions may become quite challenging.
12:15pm	Registration closes for Race 4.
12.45pm	Briefing for Race 4.
1:00pm	Start of Race 4. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16km – W6 (women and mixed).
3.30pm	PRIZEGIVING. (This is the final race of the series and as such, division prizes are awarded to the team/paddlers with the most points accumulated throughout all 4 Rotohoe events).
4:00pm	Karakia whakawātea.

Important note:

Whilst we are preparing to hold 4 races on this day, it is HOPED we can combine races 3 and 4 together, so that men, women and mixed all race at the same time.

This will be dependent on the number of entries and the ability for clubs to negotiate resource allocation (mainly waka allocations). Therefore, we wish to advise that we will plan to hold 4 races, but depending on the entries and whether clubs can fairly and safely distribute enough waka to accommodate all teams, then we would like to combine races 3 and 4.

Comms as to whether this is possible or not will be posted on our Rotohoe Series page on Facebook soon after online registrations have closed. Matakitaki mai whānau (keep an eye out).

RACE DAY INFORMATION

Car and trailer parking:

- Off street parking is available. To avoid congestion, everyone is asked to follow the signs and adhere to traffic personnel's directions for safe and orderly movement of vehicles, trailers and waka on the grounds at Lake Rotoiti.
- Trailer parking will be on the grass opposite the waka drop off point. Due to restrictions, this may only be available for drop-off then you may need to park elsewhere for the day.

Kai:

- To manaaki our manuhiri, we provide hot soup and sausage sizzle 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. Alternatively, there is a rubbish and recycling station located by the main toilet block.

Waipiro/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. Please follow the direction of traffic management personnel.

Safety checks:

- Waka must pass all safety check requirements 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. The Race Director will continually monitor conditions and decide as to whether or not spray skirts will be needed for each race.
- This decision will be communicated prior to and during 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](#).

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, 3 July 2023 at 11:59pm.
- Rosters close on Wednesday, 5 July 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:

For W6 waka

- 2 spare paddles
- 6 PFDs
- 2 bailers
- 25m tow rope (secured to taumanu)
- Spray skirt (may be required)
- Flare/phone/VHF radio

For W1/W2 waka

- 1 spare paddle
- 1 PFD per paddler
- 1 bailer (or self-draining)
- spare lashings
- bungs
- flare/phone/VHF radio

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/2144>

CONTACT INFORMATION

- All enquiries please email: ruamata.wakaama.club@gmail.com.
- All urgent matters please call: (021) 189 2835.

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 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.>