



**Rotohoe 20th Commemorative
Anniversary – Sprint Primer
2 November 2024
Reeme St Reserve, Ngongotahā
Nā Ruamata Waka Ama Club**

Tēnei te karapu waka ama o Ruamata e pōhiri atu nei ki a koutou kei ngā tini mātāwaka huri noa.

Ruamata Waka Ama Club warmly invites you to the final race in the 2024 Rotohoe Series at Lake Rotorua, Reeme St Reserve, Ngongotahā – a commemorative day of racing to mark the 20th year of the Rotohoe Series!

TE KAUPAPA

The Rotohoe Series is an annual series of open-water waka ama races held on several of the Te Arawa lakes. It caters to all abilities and age groups: novice and experienced, junior (J19) and senior kaihoe, providing racing opportunities to kaihoe who want to build their paddling experience as well as an opportunity for competitive kaihoe to test themselves against others in preparation for national and international races. Rotohoe is also about keeping ourselves well and being in connection with our waters.

2024 marks the 20th year of the Rotohoe Series. We acknowledge our tuakana club Te Aurere who started the Rotohoe as well as our other tuakana club, Hei Matau, who also helped carry this kaupapa. In light of this milestone, we have amended our day of racing to do something a little different to acknowledge and commemorate the past 20 years by having a bit of fun, coming together, and celebrating the successes of the year particularly coming off worlds, out of LDNs and before entering sprint season.

Nō reira, haramai, nau mai rā ki te Rotohoe 2024.

TE HŌTAKA

Time	Details
	Karakia whakatuwhera
8.00am	Check-in and safety checks open for Race 1
8.45am	Safety checks close for Race 1
	Race brief: Race 1
9.00am	Start of Race 1 (10km)
	Check-in and safety checks open for Race 2
10.15am	Safety checks close for Race 2
	Race brief: Race 2
10.30am	Start of Race 2 (10km)
	Check-in and safety checks open for Race 3 and 4
	Safety checks close for Race 3 and 4
11.45am	Race brief: Race 3 and 4
12.00pm	Start of Race 3 (1500m)
12:30pm	Start of Race 4 (1500m)
	Check-in and safety checks open for Race 5 and 6
	Safety checks close for Race 5 and 6
1.00pm	Race brief: Race 5 and 6

1:15pm	Start of Race 5 (500m)
1:45pm	Start of Race 6 (500m)
2:30pm	Prizegiving
	Competition division winners (from the 3 previous 2024 Rotohoe Series events)
	Random commemorative winners (from the day) for things such as:
	Most pumping start
	Most stylish finish
	Best turn
	Best ama fly (that'll be cool to see in a w6 lol)
	Best dressed
	Team spirit
3:00pm	Kai, keke, katakata – i a tātou, i a tātou, kotahi tātou 😊
	Pack down
	Karakia whakakapi

NGĀ REIHI/RACE SCHEDULE

Time	Race
9.00am	Race 1 start (10km all women teams racing together)
10.30am	Race 2 start (10km all men teams racing together)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If there are mixed teams, they will need to race in the men's race
12.00pm	Race 3 start (women 1500m)
12.30pm	Race 4 start (men 1500m)
1:15pm	Race 5 start (women 500m)
1:45pm	Race 6 start (men 500m)

HE PITOPITO KŌRERO/RACE DAY INFORMATION

Car Parking: Parking is available in the reserve. Please respect our traffic team as they direct you to the parking area. The reserve is grassy, with no seal/asphalt, and may therefore be prone to muddiness. There is also street parking. Please respect residents by not impeding driveways. Please do not block access to the boat ramp adjacent to the reserve.

Trailer parking: There will be an area designated for trailer parking in the reserve. Please follow the instructions of our traffic team on the day.

Kai: Rotohoe events provide hot soup, parāoa, and sausages for kaihoe after the races. You are also welcome to bring your own kai particularly if you have specific dietary requirements. If you have a keep-cup/reusable cup for soup, please bring it so that we can minimise the use of single-use cups.

Given this is the 20-year anniversary of the series, we would like to whakawhanaungatanga together at the end of racing with kai, in some form of kai hākari. More information regarding this will follow.

Toilets: Toilets are located at the entrance to Reeme Street Reserve.

First Aid: First Aid will be available at the Ruamata marquee.

Rubbish/Recycling: We encourage you to please take home what you bring. However, there will be rubbish/recycling bins on site.

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

ĒTEHI TIKANGA E PĀ ANA KI NGĀ WAKA/WAKA DROP OFF & SAFETY CHECKS

Waka Drop Off:

Waka drop off will be possible from 6.30am on the event day. Please follow the instructions of our traffic team.

Safety Checks:

All W6 waka will have to pass a safety check and be marked before racing. Any waka not checked off as having completed this process will not be permitted to race.

Biosecurity Checks:

All kaihoe will have to follow CCD procedures under the Biosecurity Act and the Te Arawa Lakes Controlled Area Notice to prevent the spread of the Asian Clam (*Corbicula fluminea*). Any waka not checked off as having completed this process will not be permitted to race.

Waka that have been on the Waikato River in the 30 days prior to the race must be cleaned following MPI protocols (<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/59212-Corbicula-fluminea-Controlled-Area-Notice>) Please refer to the Rotohoe Biosecurity Plan for further information.

NGĀ UTU/FEES

Age Group	Cost – one flat fee for the day
Juniors (J16s and J19s)	\$10 per paddler
Seniors (all adults, novice or experienced)	\$20 per paddler

TE URU KI NGĀ REIHI ME TE TIKANGA UTU/ONLINE ENTRIES & PAYMENT

Online entries can be completed using the Waka Ama NZ online entry system – contact your club admin to process your entry.

Entries close at 11.59pm, Tuesday, 29 October 2024. Rosters close at 11.59pm, Wednesday, 30 October 2024. Rosters must be completed by close date, no exceptions.

Once entered, payment can be made online to:

- Ruamata Waka Ama
- 38-9003-0278797-00

Use your club, team name and division as your reference.

NGĀ RITENGA E MAU AI TE ORA/SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

All waka must be safety checked. All kaihoe who identify as non-swimmers must wear life jackets. All kaihoe/waka must have:

- PFD - Personal floatation device (per person)
- Bailers (2 per waka)
- Flare, cellphone or equivalent in a waterproof case (1 per waka)
- Spare paddle (2 per waka)
- Spray skirt
- Tow rope

NGĀ KAWENGA A TE KAIHOE AKE E MAU AI TANA ORA/TEAM WAIVERS

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 registration on the day. Team waivers can be found on our event page on the Waka Ama NZ website.

NGĀ TURE/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](#).

WHAKAPĀ MAI/CONTACT INFORMATION

All enquiries please email: ruamata.wakaama.club@gmail.com. All urgent matters please call: Wiri (0272330429) or Heeni (0273670168). Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RuamataWakaAma/>.