

Te Wānanga o Aotearoa Waka Ama New Zealand Long Distance Nationals 2018

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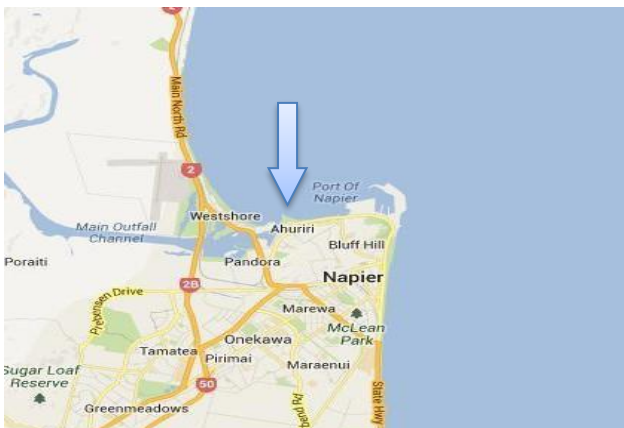
Waiho au kia takoto ki taku taumata okiokinga, o Poraiti ki Rere-a-Tawhaki kia rongo tonu ai māua ko taringa, i te haruru i te papaki mai o ngā tai, aki mai ki uta rā ki Ahuriri e!

Nikā te reo karanga a te mana whenua o Ngāti Kahungunu, a te mana moana hoki o te iwi Ponaturi kia rere mai ai i runga i ngā tai mihi, i ngā tai aroha me ngā tai manako ki te Matau-a-Māui, ki Ahuriri nei e!

Haere mai rā koutou kia hoe tahi ai tātau i ngā wai piropiro, i nga wai hingarungaru hoki.

Waka Ama Kahungunu in association with Waka Ama New Zealand welcomes visitors to the 2018 Te Wānanga o Aotearoa Long Distance Nationals (LDNs) to be held in Napier on 5-6 October 2018.

VENUE



We will again have two primary venues for this year's LDN event in Napier:

Napier Sailing Club at 63 West Quay, Ahuriri

All key operations for the LDNs will be based at the Napier Sailing Club. This includes all race operations, registrations and administration, loading bays and all safety checks. The Sailing Club will also be the venue for the prizegivings on Friday and Saturday evenings. The Club has large indoor and outdoor spaces with full facilities including a bistro, barista coffee service and shower facilities [refer to the site map in the appendices]. Our famous BBQ gurus will also be serving spectacular food at this venue as well!

Kakara (Perfume) Point, East Pier Reserve

In addition, we will also have a Fanzone at East Pier Reserve as a course viewing area for spectators and the general public. All races will start and finish from East Pier with entertainment, merchandise and food vendors located there to create a 'carnival' type atmosphere. Vendor applications can be requested by emailing ldn@wakaama.co.nz. Bring your own seat!

IMPORTANT DATES

- 14 September Entries close
- 16 September Deadline for accommodation bookings at Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Ara Hou
- 21 September Roster closes
- 26 September Late entries close
- 28 September Clubs invoiced for registration fees
- 4 October LDN Pōwhiri, 5.00pm

Back up Race Day

If the weather or sea conditions make it unsafe to paddle any one of the allocated races then Sunday, 7 October 2018 is the back-up race day. Paddlers are advised to make plans to be available that day.

ENTRY FEES

The fees for all entries received prior to 14 September are:

	W6	W1 Rudderless/W1 Rudder/W2	Combination
Seniors	\$60 each	\$60 each	\$90 each
Juniors	\$40 each	\$40 each	\$60 each

NOTE:

- If a senior paddler is entered in both the W6 and W1 Rudderless/W1 Rudder races the entry fee payable is \$90.00
- If a Junior paddler is entered in both the W6 and W1 Rudderless/W1 Rudder races, the entry fee payable is \$60.00.
- Entry into a third event would cost a further \$30.00 for seniors and \$20.00 for Juniors
ie: W6 + W1+W2 = \$120.00/Senior or \$80/Junior
- Any club that withdraws teams after 4th October 2018 will still be charged the full entry fee.
- Entries received after 14 September 2018 will be deemed to be late entries and will be charged an additional \$20 per paddler.
- No entries will be accepted after 26 September.

All team entries are to be entered via the Waka Ama New Zealand website through your Club Coordinator.

RACE DISTANCES AND COURSES

All race courses are in open water in the Napier Harbour. The race course will be set closer to the event based on the weather and ocean conditions to provide all paddlers with an enjoyable, challenging but safe experience.

W6:	24 - 28km – Opens, Masters and Senior Masters 16 – 20km – Golden Masters, Master 70, J19 Adaptive – 10km J16 - TBA
W1 Rudder/W1 Rudderless:	Seniors (all divisions) - 16km Master 70, J19 divisions – 10km J16 - TBA
W2:	Seniors (all divisions) - 16km Master 70, J19 divisions – 10km J16 - TBA

INDICATIVE PROGRAMME

Thursday, 4 October 2018:

3.00pm – 4.45pm	Registrations and administration enquiries open
5.00pm	Pōwhiri Napier Sailing Club – 63 West Quay, Ahuriri

Friday, 5 October:

Race 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> W1 Rudderless W1 Rudderless W2 	<i>W1 Rudderless:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Women 16km, Junior 19 Women 10km, J16 (TBA) <i>W1 Rudderless:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Men 16km, Junior 19 Men 10km, J16 (TBA) <i>W2:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Women 16km, Senior Mixed 16km, Junior 19 Women 10km, Junior 16 (TBA) <i>Adaptive:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> W1 Adaptive Men 10km
Race 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> W1 Rudderless W1 Rudderless W2 	<i>W1 Rudderless:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Men 16km, Junior 19 Men 10km, J16 (TBA) <i>W1 Rudderless:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Women 16km, Junior 19 Women 10km, J16 (TBA) <i>W2:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Men 16km, Junior Men 10km, Junior 19 Mixed 10km, J16 (TBA) <i>Adaptive:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> W1 Adaptive Female 10km

Saturday, 6 October:

Race 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> W6 Junior W6 Adaptive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior 16 Women, Men and Mixed (Distance TBA) Junior 19 Women, Men and Mixed 16km W6 Adaptive Mixed 10km
Race 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> W6 Women W6 Mixed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> W6 Women (Opens, Masters, Senior Masters) 24 - 28km W6 Women (Golden Master & M70) 16-20km W6 Mixed (Opens, Masters, Senior Masters) 24 - 28km W6 Mixed (Golden Master Mixed & Master 70 Mixed) 16-20km
Race 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> W6 Men 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> W6 Men (Opens, Masters, Senior Masters) 24 - 28km W6 Men (Golden Master & Master 70) 16 – 20km

COMPETITORS ABILITY

We are providing opportunities for experienced and capable crews and individuals in age categories from J16 and above.

The term “experienced” means that teams and individuals have experience in open sea conditions. All Clubs are responsible for ensuring that all paddlers are competent in the divisions that they have been entered into. The Race Director has the discretion to withdraw a team or an individual who he deems to be unfit or unprepared to complete the race.

RACE DIVISIONS

All age groups are as outlined in the Waka Ama New Zealand Race Rules, rule 50.2. Note: J16 minimum age is 11 and J19 Competitors must be a minimum age of 16 in the event year.

DIVISION	Minimum (Age as of 31 December 2018)	Maximum (Age as of 31 December 2018)
Junior 16	11	16
Junior 19	16	19
U23	16	23
Open	16	None
Masters	40	None
Snr Masters	50	None
Golden Masters	60	None
Master 70	70	None

All New Zealand entrants must be from clubs who are affiliated to Waka Ama New Zealand. Entrants from overseas clubs are welcome register for this event but will not be eligible for medals.

The adaptive teams must comprise of 3 adaptive paddlers and 3 non-adaptive paddlers.

Mixed teams are to made up of 3 men and 3 women.

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 - <http://wakaama.co.nz/pages/read/1003423>.

LIFE JACKETS AND/OR PFDs

In complying with the Hawkes Bay Regional Council by-law, all paddlers must wear a life jacket or personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while racing. There will be no exceptions to this rule. In addition, all J16 paddlers must wear a non-inflatable life jacket or PFD. They will not be permitted to wear horse shoe, gas inflated PFDs for example.

We will be implementing a penalty system for paddlers or teams seen by safety officials to not be wearing life jackets or PFDs correctly. More information about this will be provided in the next pānui.

WAKA HIRE

W6 Waka Hire

We encourage teams to bring their own waka to the LDNs. Waka Ama Kahungunu (WAK) will not be co-ordinating waka hire arrangements this year. Instead, Clubs and teams are invited to make direct contact with other Clubs in relation to waka hireage enquiries or post any requests or enquiries via the Waka Ama NZ LDN Facebook page.

ACCOMODATION

Hawkes Bay has a selection of accommodation options to suit all groups and budgets. There are also several motel accommodation options within close proximity to the event venue at West Quay and along Westshore. We recommend that you use accommodation searches such as Booking.com or Holiday Homes for Rent to secure suitable accommodation.

Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Ara Hou has also been tentatively booked for teams or individuals who are looking for a cheaper accommodation option. Te Ara Hou can cater for up to 50-60 people. The cost will be \$20 per person per night and people will be expected to bring your own linen, self cater and basically look after yourselves. If you would like to book a space for yourself or team at either venue then please email ldn@wakaama.co.nz by 16 September 2018.

QUESTIONS AND ENQUIRIES

For any further information please go to www.wakaama.co.nz or contact us on ldn@wakaama.co.nz.

On behalf of Waka Ama Kahungunu we look forward to hosting you all again in Napier for the LDNs!

Tēnā koutou katoa