



*Nau Mai, Haere Mai Roto Hoe ki Te Roto o Rotoma
Your Host: Ruamata Waka Ama Club, Rotorua*

PROGRAMME

7:30am: Lash Waka
8:00am: Registrations Begin
Waka Safety Checks
8.30am: Karakia
8.35am: **RACE BRIEFING**

9:00am: **Race Start Time:** **WOMEN:** Open, Master and Senior Master W6
Mixed W6
9:05am: **Race Start Time:** **JUNIOR:** Women/Mxd/Novice W6
(Fitted Life Jackets are to be worn)
9:10am: **Race Start Time:** **MEN:** Junior, Open, Master and Senior Master W1/W2

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**25M TOW ROPE & 6 FITTED LIFE JACKETS REQUIRED ON ALL W6 WAKA.
SPRAY SKIRTS REMAIN OPTIONAL ON THE DAY.**

10.45 am: **RACE BRIEFING FOR NEXT RACE SET AND
WATER SAFETY CHECKS**

11.30 AM **Race Start Time:** **MEN:** Open, Master and Senior Master W6
Mixed W6
11.35 am: **Race Start Time:** **JUNIOR:** Men/Mxd/Novice W6
(Fitted Life Jackets are to be worn)
11.40 am: **Race Start Time:** **WOMEN:** Junior, Open, Master and Senior Master W1/W2

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1.30 pm: **Pack up.**

Race Start: LE MANS START FOR ALL W6 RACES



Red Flag to hold in the “**READY TO START**” position and **Green Flag** to “**GO**” for W1 & W2 races

Race Finish:

All finishes will be once your Waka reaches the beach. One person from your Waka will run through the finishing tunnel, be told their time which will then be recorded by the time keepers.

You must state your team name and race category to the recording team.

PLEASE DO NOT RUN WAKA UP ON TO THE BEACH. HOLD BEFORE YOU HIT THE BEACH.

KEEP THE DESIGNATED FINISHING AREA CLEAR AT ALL TIMES.

Race Distances: W6 – Approx 15kms

W1/W2 & Junior W6 – Approx 8kms

Race Venue: MATAHI SPIT Reserve, Lake Rotoma

Date: Saturday 19th February 2011

Cost: \$12 Adult Paddlers

\$7 Junior Paddlers (Up to J19 inclusive)

How to find the venue:

From Rotorua:

On Te Ngae Road, Heading East.

Turn right onto State Highway 30 – The Whakatane Turn off.

Continue on this road towards Whakatane until you reach the Rotoma Hills before which you will turn left on to Manawahe Road Lake Rotoma (last Lake on this route) for site venue.

From Tauranga:

Travelling along the State Highway 33 towards Rotorua.

Turn right onto State Highway 30 – The Whakatane Turn off.

Continue on this road as described above.

From Whakatane:

On the Whakatane Highway travelling towards Rotorua until you reach Lake Rotoma as above described.



****** Please be aware of oncoming traffic and traffic behind you when turning into Tamatea Street******

Map1: Race Venue – Hinehopu Reserve, Rotoiti

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Map 2: Race Course

See attached map of race course.



Checklist:

W6 Waka:

- 2 Spare Paddles
- 6 Fitted Life Jackets
- 2 Bailers
- Spray Skirt⁹(optional)
- 25m Tow rope

W1/W2 Waka:

- 1 – 2 Spare Paddles
- 1 – 2 Fitted Life Jackets
- 1 – 2 Bailers
- Spray Skirts(optional)

Please note that the above listed items are compulsory for racing on the day with sprayskirts to be optional on day depending on weather and wind conditions

For those teams who have booked Waka, please make sure you bring your own gear as listed above. You are also required to rig and de-rig your Waka on the day.

Note to Managers:

Please note that experienced Junior teams will have the option of competing in the Junior and Senior section, but will only be allocated points for one division. If your team intends to gain points in the Senior division they will be charged \$12.00 per paddler.

Please advise registration on the day of your option.

Junior paddlers must wear fitted life jackets while racing.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Happy Paddling

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