

Nau mai, haere mai ki Te Rotohoe i Rotomā 2016

Tēnei te karapu waka ama o Ruamata te pōhiri atu nei ki a koutou kei ngā tini mātāwaka huri noa. Ruamata Waka Ama Club warmly invite you to attend the first race in the 2016 Rotohoe Series at Rotomā.

The 2016 Rotohoe Series consists of two events.

- A Juniors' and Novice W6 race and a W1 & W2 race will be held at each event. The distance will be 10 and 12 km.
- The distance for the Women's/Men's/Mixed W6 races will be 20 and 22 km.

PROGRAMME/HŌTAKA

7:00am	Ruruku waka/Lash waka
8.00 - 8.45 am	WAKA CHECKS
8.45 am	RACE BRIEFING - Race 1 and 2
9.00 am	RACE 1 - Mens's W6
9.10 am	RACE 2 - Women's and mixed W1 & W2
11.00 am	RACE BRIEFING - Race 3
11.30 am	RACE 3 - Novice and Junior (Men's, Women's and Mixed) W6
12.45 pm	RACE BRIEFING - Race 4 & 5
1.00 pm	RACE 4 - Women's and mixed W6
1.10 pm	RACE 5 - Men's W1 & W2
2.30 pm	Karakia whakawātea/Pack up

NOTE/KIA MAHARA

- All junior paddlers 13-16 years must wear a PFD when racing
- 25m tow rope (secured to taumanu)
- 6 PFDs required on all W6 waka
- Spray skirts remain optional on the day
- Start protocol will be explained at race briefing
- The finish requires ONE paddler from a waka to run past the flags on beach
- PLEASE DO NOT RUN WAKA UP ON TO THE BEACH
- Please clear the finishing area as soon as possible at the end of the race

IN ADDENDUM/HE KŌRERO TĀPIRI

Race Distances:

W6 – Approx. 20 km

Novice & Junior W6 – Approx. 10km

W1.W2 – Approx. 10km

Race Venue:

Matahi Road, Lake Rotomā

Date:

Saturday 17th July 2016

Cost:

\$90 Adult W6

\$60 Junior W6

\$10 W1/W2 (per paddler)

Junior/novice paddlers

- We ask that clubs use their discretion around junior and novice paddlers, particularly where conditions are challenging.
- Junior: 13-19 years of age, paddling in J16 or J19 division.
- Novice paddlers should be true novice i.e. social or beginning paddlers. One (or two, at most) experienced/competitive paddler/s should paddle with novice crews in order to provide steering and technical support.

Entries & Payments:

Entries can be completed online or on the day of the event. The Waiver **MUST BE SIGNED BY EACH CREW MEMBER.**

Race entry fees can be banked directly into our club account - Ruamata Waka Ama Inc. 38 9003 0278797 00.

Please ensure you clearly identify your payment with the crew name (or paddler name if W1). Full team payments only please. Direct bank payments can be made up until the Thursday prior to Race Day. Payments made after this date will not show up in time for race day.

In order to win a division:

- A paddler/team must participate in both Rotohoe events (in same division), with at least four of the same paddlers (in a W6 team).
- There must be a minimum of three paddlers/teams in that division. In the event that there are insufficient participants in a division, paddlers/teams can enter a lower age division e.g. Senior master women can choose to race in the master women's division if there are only one or two senior master women's teams.
- Mixed crews **MUST** compete in the Wmen's/Mixed race (Race 1) to be eligible for points.

How to find the venue:

- From Rotorua :
 - Turn right from Te Ngae Road on to SH 30 – the Whakatane turn-off.
 - Continue on this road towards Whakatane until you reach Rotomā (approximately 25 – 30 km). Turn left on to Matahi Road.
- From Tauranga :
 - Turn right from SH 33 on to SH 30 – the Whakatane turn-off.
 - Continue on this road as described above.
 - From Whakatane :
 - From SH 30 from Whakatane turn right on to Matahi Road.

Please be aware of oncoming and following traffic when turning.

Checklist:

W6 Waka
 2 spare paddles
 6 PFDs
 2 bailers
 25m tow rope
 Spray skirt (optional)

W1/2 Waka
 1 spare paddle
 1 PFD per paddler
 1 bailer (or self-draining)
 Spare lashing

Points allocation:

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 winners 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 a minimum consistency of **three** crew members in each race entered.
- Crews need to complete **both** Rotohoe races.
- Crews must paddle in the scheduled race or be disqualified.
- Points allocation: 1st=4pts 2nd=3pts 3rd=2pts. All other entries = 1pt

NB: Please ensure you register with the same crew name at each event.

Waka booking:

All enquiries to: ruamatawaka@gmail.com. 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.

Enquiries:

Race Director: Heeni Hope
 Club Secretary: Amy Scott
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