

# Pearl of the North Waka Ama Event Program

## Purerua Peninsula, Bay of Islands, Northland.

Kaihoe o Ngati Rehia Trust proudly presents the fourth annual 'Pearl of the North', a waka ama event at the beautiful Purerua Peninsula and Bay of Islands. We will now be running races on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October and Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is to ensure ALL paddlers enjoy and get quality time on the water..

Our aim is to give our rangatahi a fun, safe and competitive environment to paddle in, reflecting those of our regional body TPPCA. To achieve this we will run W6 long courses and short courses. Seniors will also have the opportunity to participate in W6 or W1/2 races.

Midgets 1km/500m/250m

Intermediates 2km/500m/250m

Juniors 10km/500m/1000m

Seniors 10km/500/1000m

Advanced juniors and seniors paddlers may wish to compete at Tapuaetahi instead where there will be a 18km W1/2 relay race.(3 laps each)

Hide Tide is at 9.37am

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October

7.30am Powhiri and Karakia

Will be held at Whitiara Marae.

There after organisers for W6 ( Ngaro Tumai) and Relay races ( Johnny Sherry)will brief paddlers on the day's program.

W1/2 races will start approx. 9.30am after competitors are registered, briefed, checked and safety boats are ready. Don't forget to download ( Club Reps) and or fill out indemnity forms before race day.

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**Race One.** Midgets and Intermediate 1km/2km race

**Race Two** Juniors/Seniors 8km

Sprints to follow

W1/2 Relay races all in together One Race.

Depending on weather forecast for Sunday

W6s will be relocated to Tapuaetahi to be re rigged and ready for Sunday's racing, after soup and refreshments at approx 2-3pm.

Trailers returned to Te Tii

There may be a Marae run housie for those staying overnight and keen to fill in some time at around 6-7pm

Also music and bon fire socialising on the beach below my house ( Next to Marae). It finishes when the tide puts the fire out at 11pm!!

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 32km Tapuaetahi to Te Tii.( High Tide 1016am)**

**7.00am** Waka safety checks, registration,karakia, race / boat briefing ( Johnny Sherry)

**7.30am** Ladies start 1<sup>st</sup>

**7.35am** Men and Mixed start. Finish at Te Tii

**11.00am** Juniors and Seniors W6 10km

Juniors and Seniors may opt to do singles at the same time as W6s.

Meal and prize giving after races at Whitiara Marae both days.

Marae Accommodations available \$15 p/p per night,matress only, byo beddings and food or contact Danny 021021409862 [danielrkaiaawe230@gmail.com](mailto:danielrkaiaawe230@gmail.com)

If you need a waka please let me know asap. Charges capped at \$120 for 32km race. Or if unsure about anything just email me.

Race Fee Options are as followed..

**Race Fees Saturday only**

**Please register through your club reps online**

W6Midgets and Intermediates Gold Coin pay onsite

Junior W6 \$10

Senior W6 \$20

Relay Juniors \$10 each

Relay Seniors \$20 each

**Race Fee for Sunday only**

32km All paddlers \$40 each includes meals.

10km Juniors \$10 ( after 32km)

10km Seniors \$20

**Race Fees for Saturday and Sunday**

Please register through your club reps online.

Juniors \$20 per paddler ( Both days)

Seniors \$40 per paddler( Both days)

Your club may be charged if you race and have not paid

**Soup , sausage sizzles and refreshments at Whitiara Marae during races**

**Meal will be provided after Sunday's races only**

**Onsite coffee vendor.**

Nga mihi , hope all goes well at the LDN and hope to see you all at the Pearl of the North, Labour Weekend also.

Daniel Kaiawe Club Captain.