

2017 Te Wānanga o Aotearoa Long Distance Nationals

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2017 LONG DISTANCE NATIONALS

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, a Ngāti Kahungunu, a te mana moana hoki o te iwi Ponaturi kia rere mai ai i runga i nga tai mihi, i ngā tai aroha me ngā tai manako ki te Matau-a-Māui, ki Ahuriri nei e! Haere mai rā koutou kia hoetahi ai tātau i ngā wai aio piropiro, i ngā wai hingarungaru hoki.

Te Uranga o Te Ra (TUOTR), in association with Waka Ama New Zealand (WANZ), are the proud hosts of the 2017 Te Wānanga o Aotearoa Long Distance Nationals.

The event will be held in Ahuriri (Napier) at Kakara Point (Perfume Point) on the weekend of the 13TH October to 15th October 2017. Sunday 15th October will be kept as a reserve day in case of bad weather for any of the events.

The LDNs are nearly here and it is shaping up to be a great event. Don't forget that registration closes on Friday 22nd September which is only 1 week away!!!!

REMINDER: IMPORTANT DATES

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| • 22 September | Entries close |
| • 23 September | Deadline for accommodation bookings at Pukemokimoki Marae |
| • 29 September | Roster closes |
| • 3 October | Late entries close |
| • 4 October | Club invoiced for registration fees |

WAKA HIRE

The plan to mass transport waka to Napier has been abandoned- so we confirm that we are not able to assist clubs to transport waka. The reason was associated with costs - and getting appropriate insurance cover. Teams will need to transport their own waka to Napier.

We encourage you to bring your own waka, however we will endeavor to source W6 for those who can't. If you require a waka please indicate so by contacting Idn@wakaama.co.nz with "Canoe Hire" in the subject line. There are still a limited number of waka available for hire for some races. The hire fee for a W6 waka will be \$150 per canoe per race. All waka will come with skirts, hoops and full lashings but not bailers, tow rope, PFDs, spare paddles / lashings etc. There is one mahimahi available for hire which you will need to bring your own spray skirt and hoops (\$100). Clubs bringing their own waka to the event could hire them out to visiting teams.

Please contact us if you can assist and we will co-ordinate details.

CATERING

We are in the process of arranging catering for this event. Can paddlers who are racing in LDNs who have specific dietary requirements notify us before **Friday 29th September**, so that we can try to cater for you. Please contact us on the following LDN@wakaama.co.nz - include the race that you have entered in also.

ACCOMODATION

If anyone requires Marae type accommodation during this event, there are still options available. Please contact us on LDN@wakaama.co.nz and we will put you in contact with the people providing this.

LIFEJACKETS / PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

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 on the water. There will be no exceptions to this rule. In addition, paddlers 16yrs and under, regardless of race division, will not be permitted to wear inflatable life jackets/PFDs.

All inflatable life jackets/PFDs must be in good working order. Paddlers will be required to verify this as part of the waiver process in order to be eligible to race. We recommend servicing prior to the LDNs. The safety team will perform random tests of inflatable life jackets/PFDs as part of the routine safety check (following link: <https://goo.gl/U5nyQL>).

Recommendations:

- Service your inflatable life jacket/PFD yourself prior to LDNs (follow link above)
- If your gas cylinder is found to be corroded or used, your options are replace it, to manually inflate the life jacket/PFD and wear it inflated during the race (not ideal) or source another PFD (time permitting).
- Practice prior to LDNs with the pull cord out so you do not accidentally activate it during the race. All inflatable life jacket/PFD must have the pull cord out during races, ready to be used in case of an emergency.
- If clubs are supplying paddlers with inflatable PFDs, be mindful of your obligations under the Health & Safety Act.
- The skipper/captain of crews on the water is responsible for the crew having correctly sized PFDs under Maritime law. However, the safety team will also be check PFDs fit correctly also.

W2 PADDLERS

Confirmation regarding W2 paddlers - Race 1: Senior Mixed W2 includes all seniors from Opens to Kaumatua.

Online Entries close 22 SEPTEMBER 2017

For further information and updates check wakaama.co.nz or email LDN@Wakaama.co.nz

