

Te Puku o Te Ika

Regional Sprint Regatta 2017

Saturday 9th December & Sunday 10th December

W1 Qualifying Event & W6 Regatta



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IMPORTANT TIMES

Friday 8th December

4.00pm– 7.00pm W1 weigh in
 W6 drop off
 Club gear drop off

**Please note that there is security for the W6 canoes & trailers only, W1's and club gear left at the event overnight are at the owners risk. Gates will be closed and locked overnight*

Saturday 9th December

7.00am Karakia

6.00am – 7.00am Drop off area will be open for W1 canoes or large amounts of club gear to be dropped off

6.00am – 9.30am W6 drop off

6.45am – 7.30am W1 weigh in
 Volunteer & Support boat briefing

7.30am Marshall first races

7.45am Load out first races

8.00am Racing commences

9.30am Weigh in closes – all afternoon paddlers will need to have had their canoes weighed

Sunday 10th December

7.00am Karakia
 Volunteer & Support boat briefing

7.10am Marshall first races

7.15am Load out first races

7.30am Racing commences

VOLUNTEERS

- In order to run the event, we require club input for all areas. Including; set up / pack down, registration, marshalling, loading bay, on-water support – support boats and crew, traffic management, and timing.
- Clubs / Volunteers to make contact before the event tpoti@wakaama.co.nz or 0274261120

SAFETY

ON WATER

There will be three support boats on the water with at least two support boats monitoring racing. One of these will be stationary on the start line (aligner boat); the flag boat will be roaming to monitor the racing.

- Midget and intermediate paddlers **must** wear life jackets.
- Paddlers that are not able to swim at least 50m **must** also wear life jackets. This also applies to adult paddlers.
- Clubs must ensure that the paddlers they enter are sufficiently capable to participate in their events and handle reasonably difficult conditions (eg wind gusts up to 30knots). Note that while support boats will rescue paddlers, they will NOT assist paddlers in lining up (which can be difficult for novice paddlers, especially in W1, if winds are stronger than 10knots). If paddlers are not able to line up within a reasonable time frame, the race will be run without them and they will be disqualified.
- In case of adverse weather conditions on race day, the race director retains the right to stop, postpone and/or cancel races on race day. Note that organisers will be unable to refund race fees in this case.

LAND

- Clubs are to observe all Karapiro Domain rules along with any specific event rules
- First Aid responders will be at the event located on the grass embankment
- No vehicles will be permitted in the event area during the event, the exception being any emergency vehicles and domain management vehicles

PARKING

There is NO parking within the event area, FREE parking is provided through Gate 3.

If you have large amounts of gear to drop off you will be given access to make the drop off. Drop off time is 6am – 7.00am Saturday and in the evening Friday or Saturday after racing (for Sunday participants). Outside of these hours you will need to transport the gear from the parking area through Gate 3.

Disability access is through Gate 3 and down to the far toilet block. The gates at the toilet block will be locked but provide a flat drop off area. Event organisers ask that the limited parking in that area be left for those with disabilities and kaumatua.

People staying at the camp ground will be issued with vehicle passes, any vehicles parked in the camp ground areas without a pass may be towed.

EVENT AREA

- Clubs are encouraged to provide shelter (sun, rain) for their paddlers. Please observe the event area layout and keep club tents and gazebos clear from areas that are clearly marked for official use (see event area layout as shown at the back of this document).
- The Karapiro Domain has a strict no Dogs policy which is going to be actively enforced by council dog control. Please leave your kuri at home.
- Alcohol and/or drugs are not permitted on site.
- Our event is also auahi kore / smokefree, please respect this

ARRIVAL OF PADDLERS ON RACE DAY

- Team managers or club representatives only to advise of withdrawals to admin. Admin will be based at the timing tower
- Paddlers (and/or club reps) to become familiar with the race course layout, the event area, race schedule and lane draw.
- Know when your race is and listen for the marshalling call over the sound system.
- All paddlers / teams in the marshalling area must have with them their lifejackets (midgets and intermediates), their paddles and/or W1 canoes. Races will not be held for teams waiting for equipment or W1 canoes – they will miss their race.

PRE-RACE GUIDANCE

- Marshalling will call each race a total of 3 times – they will call race numbers only for the first 2 calls. On the 3rd call teams/paddlers who are not present will be called by name. NOTE: races will load out without waiting for teams who have not arrived at marshalling by the 3rd call and they will miss their race.
- No parents or coaches are permitted through the marshalling and loading bay. Please do not be offended when you are refused entry.
- Paddlers are to follow officials' instructions at all times.
- When their race is called, paddlers are to assemble at the loading bay. Paddlers must not load canoes without going through the loading bay.
- Loading bay officials will advise paddlers when to load.
- Once on the water, paddlers are to paddle directly up to the start line and are in the control of the race starter.
- Paddlers are to wait within 50m of start line, please avoid drifting off.
- Race starts will be by flag only – there will be no verbal instruction given for the starts. This is the process that will be happening at the 2018 National Sprints event.
- Adults trailing midget paddlers in W1 please note the rule changes on WANZ site.

RACING

- Waka Ama New Zealand race rules apply; they can be found at www.wakaama.co.nz.
- Disqualifications apply for W1 racing
- As a minimum two entries are needed per division for the race to be run.
- If there are fewer than three entries, the race may be combined with another race. In this case, entries will be clearly marked as from another division. This may mean that teams from the affected division have to race a different distance (eg if Masters are combined with Premier, then the Masters team(s) have to race 1500m in their turn races.) Note that

organisers are unable to contact affected teams individually – please read the lane draw to avoid surprises.

- Protests: to be made to Registration within 10 minutes of the respective event.
- Penalties will apply for W6 racing, a 10 second time penalty will be added to the final time instead of applying a disqualification.
- Races may be combined or shortened at the sole discretion of the organising committee.
- The organising committee has the ability to move races dependant on conditions, for example if weather starts to worsen junior racing may be moved up the schedule to enable them to get through their races before bad weather hits
- The race course has 8 (eight) lanes for W1 racing (12 for 250m W1 dash). W6 racing will use 6 – 7 lanes depending on the race and age division requirements.

QUOTA 2018

| Event | TPOTI | Event | TPOTI |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|
| Int Men - W1 500 | 5 | Premier Men - W1 500 | 6 |
| Int Women - W1 500 | 5 | Premier Women - W1 500 | 5 |
| J16 Men - W1 500 | 4 | Master Men - W1 500 | 6 |
| J16 Women - W1 500 | 7 | Master Women - W1 500 | 8 |
| J19 Men - W1 500 | 8 | Snr Master Men - W1 500 | 6 |
| J19 Women - W1 500 | 4 | Snr Master Women - W1 500 | 8 |
| U23 Men - W1 500 | 6 | Gld Master Men - W1 500 | 5 |
| U23 Women - W1 500 | 5 | Gld Master Women - W1 500 | 5 |
| | | Master 70 Men - W1 500 | 6 |
| | | Master 70 Women - W1 500 | 4 |
| J19 Men Dash - W1 250 | 2 | Premier Men Dash - W1 250 | 2 |
| J19 Women Dash - W1 250 | 2 | Premier Women Dash - W1 250 | 2 |

W1 EVENTS

Saturday 9th December

Events

- All W1 races will take place on Saturday, 9th December (reserve day 10th December)
- Distance: 250 and 500m
- Divisions: Intermediate to Master 70
- The event will also feature 250m sprint races for the J19 and Premier division. These races are open to paddlers of other age classes, as long as they meet the requirements as per Waka Ama New Zealand rules.

Selection and qualification for W1 at Nationals 2018

- Selection of W1 representatives for Nationals 2018 will be based on times gained at the regional event
- This is a qualifying event. Clubs and Coaches please note that your paddlers must be of a level where they can competently and confidently take the start line and complete the race. Any paddlers who fail to reach the start line in the time allowed will be withdrawn from the race with no refund of fees. Disqualifications will apply to these races for paddlers going outside of their lane, disqualified paddlers will not receive refunds.
- **WAITLIST** - Paddlers unable to participate at the TPOTI 2017 regionals wanting to make quota for Nationals will be required to write to the Regional Event Committee requesting their inclusion on the Waiting List. This can be done up until Friday 8th

December. The fee applicable for inclusion on the waiting list is \$20 adult and \$15 junior (intermediate-J16). Waitlist participants who make quota are included at the bottom of the quota list. **Post Regionals paddlers who do not make quota are required to request waitlisting by email to tpoti@wakaama.co.nz**

Selection for Regional WT12 at Nationals 2018

- Nationals 2018 will again feature a regional WT12 Premier race, for both men and women. (This is in addition to the club WT12 races.) Section of the W12 crews will be based on the 250m dash times – Premier and J19 divisions.

W1 requirements

- **Paddlers must arrange for their own W1. Paddlers should NOT assume that they will be able to use other paddlers' W1 on race day.**
- **All W1 used for the event must be weighed before racing commences – weigh in times are noted in 'important times' in this panui. The legal minimum weight is 16kg (including ama and kiato). Paddlers are to arrange for their own weights should they be required.**
- **All W1 must have lane number holders, as per Waka Ama New Zealand race rules.**

W6 EVENTS

Sunday 10th December

Events

- All W6 races will take place on Sunday, 10 December
- Distance: 250 / 500m / 1000 / 1500m
- Divisions: Midget to Master 70

AWARDS

Championship Cup

The **Championship Cup** will be awarded to the Club that achieves the highest number of points. Points will be awarded over the event based on participation and placing in races (W1 and W6), and club's assistance throughout the event, for example, supply of volunteers or equipment. Calculations will take into account the size of clubs. The Cup will be on display during the event at the Registration/Information desk.

Previous winners are:

2013 – Turangawaewae
2014 – Ruamata
2015 – Hei Matau

Te Pou o Te Puku

Recognizing a club whose paddlers and volunteers embraced the kaupapa of the event on and off the water or a particular person who has gone above and beyond for the Region and the sport. Nominations will be called for after Regionals with the winner announced at the TPOTI meeting in January.

KEY MESSAGES

- Free parking through Gate 3
- W1 weighing Friday 4 – 7pm, Saturday 6.45am – 9.30am. Junior paddlers must have canoes weighed before 7.30am Saturday
- Take note of your race number and listen for the calls over the sound system
- All paddlers must have their paddles and lifejackets (and W1 canoe) when in marshalling – no waiting for items to come from other teams/paddlers who are on the race course
- Race starts will be by flag only with no verbal cues being provided
- W1 adults trailing midget W6 crews – note the new rule changes (see rules on WANZ website)
- Clubs need to provide volunteers to assist with W6 rigging after W1 racing

Message From Waikato Regional Council - Check Clean Dry

The Waikato Regional Council and MPI are wanting to increase the profile and awareness of the Check, Clean, Dry program (Freshwater Biosecurity) throughout the Waikato Region. They have started to target fresh water users and particularly events that may have regional and national participants. While the Waikato catchment does already have a wide range of freshwater pests, the presences of these pests varies between the dams, while Lake Taupo is relatively clear of pest species. All freshwater users have a responsibility to reduce the risk of spreading freshwater pests around.

Clean all boats and gear when moving between waterways

Freshwater pests, including didymo, could squeeze the life out of our country's most precious rivers and lakes. They can be spread by a single drop of water or plant fragment. You can help to protect your favourite waterways if you always check, clean then dry any equipment that comes into contact with the water, between every waterway, every time. If you are moving between waterways, you must clean all your gear using the 'Check, Clean, Dry' method.

EVENT AREA

Lake Karapiro, Cambridge



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|  | Event Parking |  | W6 canoe trailers |
|  | Loading Bay |  | Club Area |
|  | Marshalling Area |  | Vendors |
|  | First Aid | | |