

Haramai, nau mai rā ki Te Aro o Īhenga 2018

Kei a koutou te hunga whakataka pōkai, haramai, nau mai rā ki Te Aro o Īhenga! Ko Īhenga tērā nāna i taunaha ngā roto moana o Te Rotorua-nui-a-Kahumatamomoe rāua ko Te Rotoiti-kitea-ai-e-Īhenga.

E tangi tonu nei hoki mātou ki tō mātou pāpā kua riro nei, ki a Rāwiri Rangitauira, nōna anō te whakaaro kia manatuhia ngā hinonga a tērā o ngā tīpuna . Nō reira, moe mai rā e tai ē.

Ruamata Waka Ama Club invite you to Te Aro o Īhenga, a waka ama race traversing (Lakes) Rotorua and Rotoiti, honouring one of Te Arawa's eponymous ancestors and his famous expeditions which established Te Arawa and its descendants in this region.

The race runs across (Lake) Rotorua from Reeme St Reserve, Ngongotahā to the Ōhau Channel, along the Ōkere diversion wall and into (Lake) Rotoiti. The race finish is at Te Tāhuna (Hinehopu Reserve), Tamatea Street, in Rotoiti. It is approximately 30 km.

PROGRAMME/HŌTAKA

Saturday, 15th of September

8.00am	Karakia Ruruku waka/Lash waka Registration and waka checks
9.30 am	Registration closes
10.00 am	Race Briefing
10.30 am	RACE START – Mens, Women's and Mixed W6
11.00 am – 12.00 pm	Ōhau Channel closed – All waka must have entered channel and exited during this time
1.30 pm	Kai and presentation of taonga and medals
2.30 pm	Karakia whakawātea/Pack up

Registration

- Online registrations only. Deadline is 11.59 pm, Saturday, 6th September
- \$40 per paddler, including soup, bread and hāngi after the race. Extra hāngi can be purchased. Please order by email
- Divisions: Men, Women, and Mixed (no age divisions)
- Only experienced paddlers over 16 years of age
- Race entry fees can be paid online to the following account:
Ruamata Waka Ama Inc. 38 9003 0278797 00

Please ensure you clearly identify your payment with the crew name. Full team payments only please

- All participants MUST sign a safety waiver declaring his/herself to be competent
- In the event of adverse weather conditions, we will endeavour to inform of any cancellations by 5pm at the latest, Friday 14th of September via the waka ama website, Facebook and by email

Compulsory Items for Safety Check

- 25m tow rope (secured to taumanu)
- 6 PFDs
- 2 spare paddles
- Spray skirts
- 2 bailers
- Flare
- Cellphone

Ōhau Channel will be closed from 11 am til 12 pm. Waka must have entered the channel by no later than 11.30 am and exited by no later than 12.00am. (Ōhau Channel is approximately 4.5 – 5 km long and waka will be running with the current). Rotorua and Rotoiti will not be closed, and therefore, local maritime rules apply for safe navigation.

We ask that teams abide by certain tikanga (protocol) in Ōhau channel. From the weir, at the top of the channel, to the delta, at the bottom of the channel (at the top of the Ōkere wall) there shall be NO passing. However, we expect that all teams will respect the principle that is fair competition and neither unnecessarily impede, nor excessively contest other waka.

Teams will need to organise for the transport of their own trailer to the race finish at Te Tāhuna (Hinehopu Reserve), Rotoiti.

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:

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