

Te Puku o Te Ika

2019 Regional Sprint Regatta

Saturday 7th December & Sunday 8th December

W1 Qualifying Event & W6 Regatta



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EVENT SPONSORS

Te Puku o Te Ika Outrigger Canoe Association would like to thank the following organisations for assisting with sponsorship and support.



IMPORTANT TIMES

Friday 6th December

4.00pm– 7.00pm W6 drop off
 Club gear drop off
 W1 canoe weighing

**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 7th 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

7.00am Volunteer & Support boat briefing

7.30am Marshall first races

7.45am Load out first races

8.00am Racing commences

Sunday 8th December

7.00am Karakia

 Volunteer & Support boat briefing

7.20am Marshall first races

7.35am Load out first races

7.45am Racing commences

VOLUNTEERS

- In order to run the event, we require club input for all areas. Including; set up / pack down, marshalling, loading bay, on-water support – support boats and crew, administration and timing.
- A separate volunteer schedule has been circulated to the clubs who have provided volunteers.

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 or lower campground, 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 in the evening Friday, or 6am – 6.30am Saturday and 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

VENDORS

This year we have the following vendors:

- Tessa's Coffee Cart Hot & Cold Drinks (Saturday & Sunday)
- Nga Tai Whakarongo BBQ kai + baked goods + fruit (Saturday & Sunday)
- Te Wananga o Aotearoa Waka Course Info (Saturday & Sunday)

ARRIVAL OF PADDLERS ON RACE DAY

- Team managers or club representatives only to advise of withdrawals
- 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. 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 and will load out the furthest lanes first e.g: Lane 8, lane 7, through to lane1. This is to prevent delays on the water at the start line.
- Once on the water, paddlers are to go directly up to the start line area 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 2020 National Sprints event.
- Adults trailing midget paddlers in W1 please note the rules on WANZ site. ***Not following the race rules will lead to your paddler being disqualified from their race.***

W1 CANOE WEIGHING & CHECKS

For 2019 have continued with the new weighing system for the W1 canoes. Regional Hub weighing sessions have been run in Bay of Plenty, Waikato and Taranaki.

A final weigh in opportunity will be on Friday 7th December 5.30pm – 7.30pm at the Lake Karapiro Domain by the amenities block – use Gate 3 to drive down to the area because Gate 2 is being used by a private event at the Don Rowlands Centre. See site map for W1 weighing location.

All canoes that have been identified as requiring additional weights to bring them up to 16kg will be checked at marshalling for the additional weights and spot checks of the total canoe weight will be made. Any paddlers whose canoes are not at the stated weights at the spot checks will be disqualified from the competition not just the race they have competed in.

The spot check scales will be available prior to race start for paddlers to check canoes.

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 admin 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 Race Director.
- The Race Director 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. W6 racing will use 6 – 7 lanes depending on the race and age division requirements.

QUOTA 2019 for 2020 nationals

RACE DIVISION	QUOTA	RACE DIVISION	QUOTA
Int Men	6	Premier Men	8
Int Women	8	Premier Women	5
Junior 16 Men	8	Master Men	8
Junior 16 Women	8	Master Women	9
Junior 19 Men	8	Snr Master Men	7
Junior 19 Women	10	Snr Master Women	10
Open 23 Men	4	Golden Master Men	7
Open 23 Women	7	Golden Master Women	6
		70+ Men	5
		70+ Women	4

W1 EVENTS

Saturday 7th December

Events

- All W1 races will take place on Saturday, 7th December (reserve day 8th 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 2020

- Selection of W1 representatives for Nationals 2020 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 2019 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 6th 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 wait listing by email to tpoti@wakaama.co.nz

250M Dash Races

- Due to the number of entries in the 250m dash races, and upon receipt of feedback, the 250m dash races will be run in a heat to finals format.
- The fastest 12 times across each of the age division will paddle the 250m dash final
- The fastest 2 times in each age division will be the paddlers that represent at Nationals 2020

Selection for Regional WT12 at Nationals 2020

- Nationals 2020 will again feature a regional WT12 Premier race, for both men and women. (This is in addition to the club WT12 races.) Selection of the W12 crews will be based on the 250m dash finals times – Premier and J19 divisions.

W1 requirements

- Paddlers must arrange 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 – refer to the weighing times on page 6. The legal minimum weight is 16kg (including ama & kiato).
- Accepted additional weights for canoes under 16kg are: a bag of rice or sand or a weight plate or similar.
- Paddlers are to arrange for their own weights should they be required and they must be presented to the TPOTI official at weigh in for sign off.
- All W1 must have lane number holders, as per Waka Ama New Zealand race rules.

W6 EVENTS

Sunday 8th December

Events

- All W6 races will take place on Sunday, 08 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 placing in races (W1 and W6) with points awarded for the top 3 in each race in each age division.

Previous winners are:

2013 – Turangawaewae

2015 – Hei Matau

2014 – Ruamata

2018 – 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 winners announced at the TPOTI AGM.

KEY MESSAGES

- No vehicles in the event area, there is Free parking through Gate 3
- All W1 canoes must be weighed prior to race day. There will be **NO** opportunity to have an official weigh in done on the day of racing. Page 6 gives details for the Friday night weighing session
- 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
- Take note of the W1 marshalling area – only paddlers going to their race should be in this area
- Race starts will be by flag only with no verbal ques being provided
- W1 adults trailing midget W6 crews – note the rules (see rules on WANZ website)
- All Clubs need to provide volunteers Saturday after racing to assist with W6 canoes being removed from the trailers so our event team can commence the rigging & Sunday after racing to assist with event pack down.
- We don't have paid people or excess of club volunteers to arrange the parking so please use your common sense and park in the most space efficient way
- Bring shade to sit in outside of racing times
- Results will be live – no printed results will be posted on the board
- There are other events running at the Don Rowlands centre throughout the weekend, there is to be no parking in the front park area by TPOTI participants
- No Dogs at the Domain – Domain rules
- Dress for the conditions – be prepared with warm clothing and also sunblock and hydration

ANSWERS TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS










- The use of Heat A and Heat B format for W1 racing has been identified as the fairest for all competitors giving each paddler two opportunities to secure their best time and a quota position.
- The lanes used are the same as Nationals, just less cables put out. The team that lay the lanes are the same that do Nationals. Unfortunately we are unable to remove any 'unnecessary' buoys and movement in the lanes is the same as at Nationals, but we are unable to tend to them.
- The sound system for race number calling is the same that is used at Nationals and the volume is at it's highest and it runs the length of the spectator bank. If you are unable to hear the announcements make sure your surrounding club area is not too noisy.
- Each year we invite food stalls but it is not always taken up by them. Make sure you pack a lunch or bring some \$\$ for the café at the Domain
- Yes you can leave your W1 canoe at the domain overnight BUT it isn't going to be specifically watched over. The gates will be locked but TPOTI aren't responsible for W1 canoes left onsite.

EVENT AREA

Lake Karapiro, Cambridge



KEY

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|  | Marshalling / Loading |  | Clubs Area |
|  | Marshalling / W1 Canoe area |  | Car Parking (Free) |
|  | First Aid |  | W6 Trailer parking only |
|  | Volunteers area bottom floor of tower |  | W1 weigh in area (Friday) |
| | |  | Maori Wardens |