



7th Annual Pearl of the North Race

Date Saturday 24th October 2020

Kia ora koutou e te whanau huri noa te motu.

Ka tuku mihi ki te rungarawa, mo ona tini manakitanga, tae noa ki tenei ra, ki tenei haora. Ratou kua wehetia, ratou e mawiwi ana i waenganui i te rewaha Covid 19, ka aroha atu ki a koutou. Ara tatou kua whiwhi te honore me te orange na to tatou atua, tena ra koutou tena tatou katoa.

It is our privilege to invite you all to the 7th edition of the Pearl of the North, knowing full well other regattas have not been so fortunate to be held. We as a country and worldwide, are experiencing some very tough times with the pandemic, and we get it...

We also know, we miss one and another, and so we will do all within our powers to make this a memorial but safe regatta.

Venue Tapuaetahi Beach

Entry to venue is off Purerua Rd just 1km past the Bay of Islands International Academy and through a coded gate, which will be left open.

Early birds may drop off waka on Friday if staying close by.

RACE FEES

Paddle all you want OC1-V1-W6....Race fees include soup straight after all races and prizegiving meal.

10km Categories are from J16-Seniors

OC1-W1/2 /3 /W6 female/male/mixed

All paddlers \$40 p/p female/male /mixed

24km

All paddlers \$50 p/p

For super fit paddlers!! 10km W1/2/3 and 24km



6am Unload and rig waka

7am Registration open, completed waiver forms handed in.

Safety Checks

9am Karakia

Race 1 brief, steerers and boaties must attend. Please be organised and ensure all waivers are signed and handed in well in advance.

This is so that all teams are accounted for during and after the race .

Race director reserves the right to alter the program or course as he/she sees fit...

Conditions may change which may alter the course direction or layout, eg from one 24km triangular lap, to 2 x 12km, or even 3 x 8km.etc



930 Race 1 **24km**

Beach start. (Flags red/green)

Race 2 Safety check approx. 12pm

Race 2 Brief with steerers and boaties 1214pm

Race 2 10km Beach start 1230pm

Race 3 V/OC 1/2 Safety checks approx. 2pm, followed immediately by race brief and start.

Race 3 10km V/OC 1/2

Race 3 beach start

There will be merchandise stalls by Tai Paddles, Tupuria King and Va'a Factory, so do get in touch with either for any pre-orders, to collect at the venue.

Soup will be served throughout the day for paddlers, and food and coffee stalls for all. The main hakari is being served at Whitiara marae, followed by the prize-giving.

The Te Whiringa e Rua trophy will not necessarily be handed to the fastest team, but to a person, team or club that upholds the spirit and values of waka ama and the Pearl of the North event.

Accommodations

There are now marae facilities available Friday and Saturday at Whitiara Marae. We will limit numbers to around 100, although full capacity is over 300.

We are charging \$20 p/p which will include use of all amenities, breakfast. If you have any special requirements please bring your own food.

Please book early to give us a fair indication of expected numbers

However there are lots of motels and BnB only 10mins away in the Kerikeri/Waipapa area as well as bookabach at Tapuaetahi Beach.

Please register your teams early to give us the best opportunity to arrange waka for those coming from a far. Although with the lack of events in recent times and paddlers thirsting for action, we encourage you to arrange your own, as there are high interests.

We will work with local clubs to ensure teams South of Auckland are taken care of 1st and foremost.

WAKA HIRE

are typically around \$120 for a mahimahi with skirts, bring your own bailers, rope and jackets and any extra lashings, just in case. If you damage them your club will be invoiced to pay for repairs.

W1 \$30 (includes \$10 bond, as last year paddlers just walked off without putting hired waka away)

No reira e nga mata waka, nau mai haere mai, ki te Riu o Ngati Rehia

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(All team registrations and payments through your club reps please)

Bring marae payments with you.

PS Please follow all Covid 19 protocols such as contact tracing registration, sanitising etc as directed by the government, these will be put in place, should we enter Level One.

KIA ORA TATOU E TE IWI.

Look forward to seeing you all.