

# 2021 Waka Ama Long Distance Nationals

WAITOHI – PICTON 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April

Pānui 1

*Tēnā koutou katoa, ngā kaihoe o Aotearoa, o Te Moananui a Kiwa, ngā waka, ngā maunga, ngā rangatira, nau mai haere mai ki Te Tau Ihu o Te Waka a Māui.*

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Welcome to Waitohi-Picton, where we, Te Waka o Aoraki region, extend our warmest welcome to you all.

## 2021 LONG DISTANCE NATIONALS

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After the cancellation of the 2020 Long Distance Nationals due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Te Waka o Aoraki in association with Waka Ama New Zealand (WANZ), Te Tau Ihu and local clubs are proud to host the 2021 Waka Ama Long Distance Nationals (LDNs) to be held in Waitohi- Picton Harbour off Shelley beach 23-25<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## 2021 LDN PŌWHIRI

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The pōwhiri will take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 4pm at Waikawa Marae, our host will be Te Ātiawa o Te Waka a Māui. Check out their website for more information about the marae <https://www.waikawamarae.com>

Closer to the time we will send out a survey link for clubs to let us know how many paddlers/supporters/whānau will be attending the pōwhiri for catering purposes.

## IMPORTANT DATES

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- **July 2020** Pānui 1 online
- **February 2021** Entries Open
- **22 March 2021** Entries close 6pm
- **7 April** Roster closes 6pm
- **From 7 April** Once the roster is completed - clubs will be invoiced
- **22 April** LDN Pōwhiri 4.00pm @ Waikawa Marae
- **23 April** Race 1, 2 & 3
- **24 April** Race 4, 5 & 6
- **25 April (ANZAC Day)** Back Up Race Day

## BACK UP RACE DAY

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If the weather or sea conditions make it unsafe to paddle any one of the allocated races then Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021 (ANZAC Day) is the back-up race day. Paddlers are advised to make plans to be available that day.

## ENTRY FEES

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The fees for all entries received prior to 7 April are:

Grade	W6	W1 Rudderless/W1 Rudderred/W2	Combination
Seniors	\$60 each	\$60 each	\$90 each
Juniors	\$40 each	\$40 each	\$60 each

### NOTE:

- If a senior paddler is entered in both the W6 and W1 Rudderless/W1 Rudderred races the entry fee payable is \$90.00.
- If a Junior paddler is entered in both the W6 and W1 Rudderless/W1 Rudderred races, the entry fee payable is \$60.00.
- Entry into a third event would cost a further \$30.00 for seniors and \$20.00 for Juniors ie: W6 + W1+W2 = \$120.00/Senior or \$80/Junior.

## PENALTIES

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Any late additions/changes/withdrawals after the 7<sup>th</sup> April, a \$20 per paddler late fee will apply e.g. division changes, paddler swap, additions.

**Any club that withdraws teams after being invoiced will still be charged the full entry fee.**

**All team entries are to be entered via the Waka Ama New Zealand website through your Club Coordinator.**

## RACE DISTANCES AND COURSES

All racecourses are in the open water of the Picton Harbour. The racecourse will be set closer to the event based on the weather and ocean conditions to provide all paddlers with an enjoyable, challenging, and safe experience.

<b>Waka</b>	<b>Distance</b>	<b>Divisions</b>	
<b>W6:</b>	24km	Open, Master and Senior Master	Men, Women & Mixed
	16-20km	Gld Master, Master 70, J19	Men, Women & Mixed
	8-10km	J16	Men, Women & Mixed
	8-10km	Adaptive	Mixed
	8-10km	Short course	Men, Women and Mixed*
<b>W1 Rudderless/Rudderless :</b>	16km	Seniors (U23, Open, Master, Snr Master, Gld Master)	Men & Women
	8-10km	Master 70, J16, J19	Men & Women
<b>W1</b>	8-10km	Adaptive	Men & Women
<b>W2/W3:</b>	16km	Seniors (U23, Open, Master, Snr Master, Gld Master)	Men, Women & Mixed
	8-10km	Master 70, J16, J19	Men, Women & Mixed
<b>W2</b>	8-10km	Adaptive	Men, Women & Mixed

\*Not a medal category

## COMPETITORS ABILITY

We are providing opportunities for experienced and capable crews and individuals in age categories from J16 and above. The term “experienced” means that teams and individuals have experience in open sea conditions. All Clubs are responsible for ensuring that all paddlers are competent in the divisions that they have been entered in to. The Race Director has the discretion to withdraw a team or an individual who is deemed to be unfit or unprepared to complete the race.

The short course race will provide an opportunity to those paddlers who are experienced but are unable to complete the senior distance – the short course events will not be eligible for medals.

## VERIFICATIONS

Please ensure you send verification documents through nice and early. All paddlers entered must be verified and affiliated in order to add their names to the club roster.

## RACE DIVISIONS

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All age groups are as outlined in the Waka Ama New Zealand Race Rules, rule 50.2. Note: J16 minimum age is 11 and J19 Competitors must be a minimum age of 16 in the year of competition.

DIVISION	Minimum (Age as of 31 December 2021)	Maximum (Age as of 31 December 2021)
Junior 16	11	16
Junior 19	14	19
U23	16	23
Open	16	None
Masters	40	None
Senior Masters	50	None
Golden Masters	60	None
Master 70	70	None

- All New Zealand entrants must be from clubs who are affiliated to Waka Ama New Zealand.
- All paddlers must be verified in order to enter
- Entrants from overseas clubs are welcome to register for this event but will not be eligible for medals.
- The adaptive teams must comprise of 3 adaptive paddlers and 3 non-adaptive paddlers.
- Mixed W6 teams must be made up of 3 men and 3 women.
- Mixed W2 teams must be made up of 1 man and 1 woman
- Mixed W3 teams must have at least 1 woman

## RACE RULES

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All entrants must be familiar with the Waka Ama New Zealand race and safety rules. Refer to the following link for more information - <http://wakaama.co.nz/pages/read/1003423>.

## WAKA HIRE

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In the first instance - If you had booked waka for 2020, please go back to those clubs again.

W6 Waka Hire - We encourage teams to bring their own waka to the LDNs however we understand that is not as easy for this location. Please contact the clubs directly in Te Waka o Aoraki Region if you want to hire a waka.

V1, OC1, OC2 Hire - please contact clubs directly in Te Waka o Aoraki if you want to hire a single or double waka. These would be extremely limited to access unless you know people directly in Te Waka o Aoraki region.

**ALL WAKA HIREAGE ENQUIRIES TO** email [twoa.president@gmail.com](mailto:twoa.president@gmail.com).

**Thursday, 22 April**

4.00pm	Pōwhiri at Waikawa Marae
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**Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

<b>Race 1</b>		
Open Women, Master Women, Snr Master Women	W1 Rudderless	16km
J19 Women, Gld Master Women, Master 70 Women	W1 Rudderless	10km
Open Men, Master Men, Snr Master Men	W1 Rudderless	16km
J19 Men, Gld Master Men, Master 70 Men	W1 Rudderless	10km
Open Women, Master Women, Snr Master Women	W2/W3	16km
J19 Women, Gld Master Women, Master 70 Women	W2/W3	10km
Open Mixed, Master Mixed, Snr Master Mixed	W2/W3	16km
J19 Mixed, Gld Master Mixed, Master 70 Mixed	W2/W3	10km
<b>Race 2</b>		
Open Women, Master Women, Snr Master Women	W1 Rudderless	16km
J19 Women, Gld Master Women, Master 70 Women	W1 Rudderless	10km
Open Men, Master Men, Snr Master Men	W1 Rudderless	16km
J19 Men, Gld Master Men, Master 70 Men	W1 Rudderless	10km
Open Men, Master Men, Snr Master Men	W2/W3	16km
J19 Men, Gld Master Men, Master 70 Men	W2/W3	10km
<b>Race 3</b>		
J16 Men, J16 Women, J16 Mixed	W6	10km
Open Men, Open Women, Open Mixed Short-course	W6	10km
Adaptive Mixed	W6	10km

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Race 4		
Open, Master & Snr Master Women	W6	24km
J19 Women, Gld Master, Master 70 Women	W6	16km
J16 Women	W1 Rudderless	10km
J16 Men	W1 Rudded	10km
Adaptive Women	W1	10km
J16 Men	W2/W3	10km
Adaptive Men	W2/W3	10km
Race 5		
Open, Master & Snr Master Mixed	W6	24km
J19 Mixed, Gld Master Mixed, M70 Mixed	W6	16km
J16 Women	W1 Rudded	10km
J16 Men	W1 Rudderless	10km
Adaptive Men	W1	10km
J16 Women & Mixed	W2/W3	10km
Adaptive Women & Mixed	W2/W3	10km
Race 6		
Open, Master & Snr Master Men	W6	24km
J19 Men, Gld Master Men, M70 Men	W6	16km

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**BLUEBRIDGE FERRY STRAIT NZ DISCOUNT**

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We have managed to secure again a promotion for LDNs with Bluebridge Ferry. The promotion is valid outside of the Easter period. This discount does not apply between the following Easter dates: 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> April

You can book direct online here: <https://www.bluebridge.co.nz/> or call 0800 844 844.

The PROMO CODE is **OUTRIGGER**

- Accompanied or unaccompanied waka ama trailers can be booked through the freight team calling 0800 162 322.
- You can use this for walk on passengers as well. Whoever the name is on the booking you will be required to show your NKOA ID at check in. Both NKOA ID cards will be accepted.
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## ACCOMMODATION

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Waitohi- Picton township has lots of accommodation and there are also lodges, AirBNB, backpackers and a range of accommodation. Blenheim also has ample motels hotels another 25 km. There are local marae and wineries that also offer accommodation.

## AIRPORTS

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There are two airports close to Waitohi-Picton. Sounds Air, which is about a 10-minute drive from Waitohi-Picton and the other is in Wairau- Blenheim out at Woodbourne which is a good 35 minutes' drive operated by Air NZ. Another is in Whakatū - Nelson which is a 2-hour drive to Waitohi-Picton.

## QUESTIONS AND ENQUIRIES

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For any further information please go to [www.wakaama.co.nz](http://www.wakaama.co.nz) or contact us on [ldn@wakaama.co.nz](mailto:ldn@wakaama.co.nz).

On behalf of Te Waka o Aoraki, we look forward to hosting you all in Waitohi-Picton for LDN 2021.

Or for more information check out the event Facebook page here:

<https://www.facebook.com/wakaamaLDN/>

