



**HEI MATAU
PADDLERS**
ROTORUA, NZ

Rotohoe Series 2022
Saturday, 28th May 2022
Lake Okareka, Rotorua
Hei Matau Paddlers
Pānui 1

EVENT SUMMARY

The Rotohoe Series has a very long history. It has been run by multiple clubs in the Te Arawa rohe over many many years, and we as Hei Matau Paddlers are very fortunate to have the opportunity to run five events in this next series. We take the opportunity to encourage paddlers from around the motu to come and indulge in our amazing spaces. Race, stay over, spend a bit of time here and visit some beautiful locations that Rotorua has to offer.

*This year sees the first ever Public Holiday for “**Matariki**”. We want to celebrate this, and bring you all along for that journey. So look out for the panui about this celebration, where we will share in a unique opportunity of celebration, **then** get down to business with some paddling.*

We welcome you and your whānau to join us for these events.

Race Location Korero - Lake Okareka

One of the smaller lakes in the Rotorua region, Lake Ōkāreka remains off the beaten path, tucked away off the main road accessing lakes Tikitapu and Tarawera.

Its name Ōkāreka means "the lake of sweet food". In early times, Māori grew sweet potatoes or kumara around the outside of the lake. Now the area is residential with a handful of recreational activities.

The main activities enjoyed here are trout fishing, boating, paddle boarding and walking, with a number of great spots for picnics and barbecues. Rotorua Duck Tours visit the lake on their tours, and you can go horse trekking on the surrounding farmland with great views of the lake and out to Mount Tarawera.

The large sandy beach and safe swimming area, plus children's make Boyes Beach one of the most popular areas on the lake.

Walking & Biking Trails

The Lake Ōkāreka Walkway is a 5.5km return scenic walkway with a long boardwalk section through the wetlands. This flat and easy walking trail is popular with young families and bird watchers.

Accommodation & Camping

Accommodation around Lake Ōkāreka is predominantly private holiday homes and bed and breakfasts.

The Lake Ōkāreka Campsite off Millar Road is a scenic camping spot with a cooking shelter and basic toilet facilities, and Boyes Beach has a designated overnight parking area for motorhomes and campervans.



EVENT SCHEDULE

7.00am	Registration, waka drop off & safety checks
8.00am	Karakia
8.15am	Managers meeting
8.30am	Race & safety briefings for Race 1
9.00am	<i>Racing starts</i> Race 1 - 5km (W1, W2, W6 - J16, Novice & GM; Men, Women & Mixed)
10.00am	Race & safety briefings for Race 2
10.30am	<i>Racing starts</i> Race 2 - 10km (W6 only - J19, Open, Master & Senior Master; Men, Women & Mixed)
12.30pm	Race & safety briefings for Race 3
1.00pm	<i>Racing starts</i> Race 3 - 1000m (Run it Straight - All paddlers keen will have names drawn from a Random Team Generator)
2.00pm	Packdown
3.00pm	Closing Karakia
NB - You must have 4 entries in your division and category to qualify your race	

RACE DAY INFORMATION

Car Parking: Parking is available at Boyes Beach reserve. We will have parking wardens, therefore please allow them to do their job.,

Trailer parking: Trailers will be parked on Boyes Beach reserve, you will see from the map that only towing vehicles with waka trailers will be given access to that space.

Food: We encourage you to bring your own healthy kai, however, there will be a Coffee vendor and a soup and sausage for paddlers after their race.

Toilets: Toilets are located on Boyes Beach reserve as per the site map. There are 6 toilets at the venue, with (Kiwi Cash) tokened showers.

First Aid: First Aid will be available at the registration tent, via main driveway.

Rubbish/Recycling: We encourage you to please take what you bring. However, the main rubbish and recycling station is located in the main carpark.

Alcohol/Smokefree: Alcohol, smoking, vaping and any other substance use is not permitted at this event, including all premises of the event.

WAKA DROP OFF & SAFETY CHECKS

Waka Drop off:

- Waka drop off will be available from 6.00am on the event day
- Waka drop off will be on the beachfront and access is via the main carpark through to the reserve as per the Site Map, this will be clearly marked.
- Trailer parking is on that reserve, please be mindful of other trailers and foot traffic while parking.

Safety Checks:

- All waka will have to pass a safety check and be marked before racing. Any boats not marked will not be permitted to race.



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RACE RULES

All entrants must be familiar with the Waka Ama New Zealand race and safety rules.
Refer to the following link for more information: [Waka Ama Race Rules October 2019](#)

No protests will be accepted at these events, all rules need to be adhered to. Look after your fellow paddling whanau, on and off the water.

AGE DIVISIONS & RACE EVENTS

WAKA	DISTANCE	DIVISIONS	GENDER
W1 & W2	5km	J16, J19, Open, Master, Senior Master, Golden Master	Boys, Girls, Men, Women, Mixed
W6	5km	J16, Golden Master & Novice	Boys, Girls, Men, Women, Mixed
W6	10km	J19, Open, Master, Senior Master	Men, Women, Mixed
W6	1km	Any paddler registered in the previous races NB - YOU CANNOT REGISTER FOR THIS RACE ONLY, YOU MUST HAVE RACED IN AT LEAST ONE OF THE PREVIOUS RACES	Mixed

FEES

Fees: Fees for this event are *per person by event*

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Event	Cost
W1 & W2 – 5km – J16	\$5.00
W1 & W2 – 5km – J19 upwards	\$10.00
W6 – 5km – J16, Novice, Golden Master	\$5.00
W6 – 10km – J19, Open, Master, Snr Master	\$10.00
W6 – 1km Run it Straight	\$5.00

ONLINE ENTRIES & PAYMENT

- Online entries are to be completed using the Waka Ama NZ online entry system. [Rotohoe Series - Race 1](#) (**Top right hand corner for Members Area**)
- All entries to be completed through your club admin – contact your club admin to process your entry
- No entries on the day, no exceptions
- Entries close on **Tuesday, 24th May 2022, 11.59pm**
- Rosters close on **Wednesday 25th May 2022, 11.59pm**, rosters must be completed, no exceptions
- Once entered, payment can be made online to:
 - Hei Matau Paddlers
 - 01-0414-0721211-00
 - Use your club, team name and division as your reference



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SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- All waka must be Safety Checked
- All J16 paddlers must wear life jackets
- All Junior (J16 & J19) and Senior (Open and above) must have the following safety equipment for their races:
 - PFD - Personal Floation Device (per person)
 - Bailers
 - Flare or cellphone in waterproof case
 - Spare Paddle - 2 for a W6, 1 for W1/2
 - Spray Skirt (W6)
 - Tow Rope (W6)
 - Leg leash (for sit on top OC1)

COVID-19 INFO

- Sanitizing stations will be set up around the event, please use these frequently
- This event is subject to cancellation or postponement depending on Covid levels
- Where possible, please do not share equipment
- If you are sick, have been feeling unwell, or have travelled overseas recently, please stay home

INDIVIDUAL & TEAM WAIVERS

- Individual and Team waivers must be completed by all paddlers/teams
- All paddlers U18 must have their waiver signed by their parent/guardian
- Waivers can be sent to ***heimataupaddlers05@gmail.com*** or handed in at the managers meeting on the day
- Individual & Team waivers can be found here: [Website to access Waiver forms](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION

- All enquiries please email: ***heimataupaddlers05@gmail.com***
- All urgent matters please call: ***Event Manager, Kelley, 0212441170***
- Facebook: (TBA)

COURSE MAPS

[Lake Okareka - Course & Site Map Links](#)