



**HEI MATAU
PADDLERS**
ROTORUA, NZ

Rotohoe Series 2022
Sunday, 10th July 2022
Lake Rotoiti, Rotorua
Hei Matau Paddlers
Pānui 4

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 saw the first ever Public Holiday for “**Matariki**”. We had a fantastic celebration with our local community and the paddling whanau from around the rohe. Lets look forward to acknowledging this every year...*

Race Location Korero - Lake Rotoiti, Hinehopu Boat Ramp, Korokitewao Bay

The significance of this area lies in its important historic and scenic values.

The track which runs through the area has two names: Hinehopu’s Track and Hongi’s Track.

Originally it was named after the Maori chieftainess, Hinehopu, who lived in the area around 1620. Hinehopu kept two homes, one at Rotoiti and the other at Rotoehu and often travelled between the two lakes. The track and area between the two lakes was named after her.

The name Hongi was given to the area when the famous Ngapuhi warrior, Hongi, transferred his canoes from Lake Rotoehu to Lake Rotoiti in 1823 in order to perform a surprise raid on the Arawa people on Mokoia Island, Lake Rotorua.

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



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RACE DAY INFORMATION

Car & Trailer Parking: Parking is available on Tamatea Street. All parking is along the beachfront, be mindful of each other, and people walking along the area.

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

Toilets: Public Toilets and Portaloos are located on the reserve as per the site map.

First Aid: First Aid will be available at the registration tent, check out the site map.

Rubbish/Recycling: We encourage you to please take what you bring, back with you.

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 7.00am on the event day, there is no overnight security, so leaving equipment on site, prior to this time and after the event is at your own risk.
- Waka drop-off will be on the beachfront and access is via Tamatea Rd as per the Site Map.
- Trailer parking is on the same road, please be mindful of other trailers and foot traffic while parking.
- We also have parking wardens assisting with 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.

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 <i>NB - YOU CANNOT REGISTER FOR THIS RACE ONLY, YOU MUST HAVE RACED IN AT LEAST ONE OF THE PREVIOUS RACES</i>	Mixed



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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	J16 - \$5.00 / Novice & Gld Master - \$10.00
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 4](#) (*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 excep ons

Entries close on **Tuesday, 5th July 2022, 11.59pm**

Rosters close on **Wednesday 6th July 2022, 11.59pm**, rosters must be completed, no excep ons

Organisers are only accepting **one CLUB payment**. Therefore please ensure that you go through your club to pay your race fees. Any personal fees paid into the club account, will be accepted as a koha with thanks...

- 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

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 Floatation 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)



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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 handed in when you register 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 Director, Kelley Korau, 0212441170**
- Facebook: [Rotohoe Series-2022](#)

COURSE MAPS

Lake Rotoiti - [5km Course Map](#)

Lake Rotoiti - [1km Course Map](#)

Lake Rotoiti - [Site Map v2](#)