

NEW DATE: 2022 Waka Ama Long Distance Nationals

WAITANGI –Thursday 6th - Sunday 9th OCTOBER 2022

Pānui 1 - March 2022

2022 LONG DISTANCE NATIONALS – NEW DATE – OCTOBER 2022

While Aotearoa remains in the red setting of the COVID Protection Framework it is not possible to hold the Long Distance Nationals. With no guarantee of when the country will move out of the red setting, the decision has been made to postpone the Long Distance Nationals to October 2022

The event will now be held from the 6th to the 9th of October In Waitangi. Racing will be planned for Friday and Saturday 7th & 8th October with Sunday 9th reserved as a saver day should that be required. Online entries will now close on 31st August.

If your club has changes to make to existing entries, due to this date change you can do so up until the 31st of August.

Te Tai Tokerau Polynesian Canoe Association and Tai Kotuku Waka Ama Club in association with Waka Ama New Zealand (WANZ), are proud to host the 2022 Waka Ama Long Distance Nationals (LDNs) to be held in Waitangi 6th – 9th October 2022

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to email ldn@wakaama.co.nz

2022 LDN PŌWHIRI

The pōwhiri will take place on the 6th October at 4pm Te Tii Marae, Waitangi. 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.

CLUB POINTS TROPHY

For the first time in the Long Distances Nationals History, a club points trophy will be awarded to the club that accumulates the most points throughout the event. More information will be provided in Pānui 2.

IMPORTANT DATES

15 March 2022	Updated Pānui 1 online
	Entries Open



31 Aug 2022	Entries close
13 Sep 2022	Roster closes
From 13 Sep 2022	Once the roster is completed - clubs will be invoiced
6 Oct 2022	LDN Pōwhiri 4pm Te Tii Marae, Waitangi
7 Oct 2022	Race 1, 2 & 3
8 Oct 2022	Race 4, 5 and 6
9 Oct 2022	Back-Up Race Day

BACK UP RACE DAY

If the weather or sea conditions make it unsafe to paddle any one of the allocated races then Sunday, 9th October 2022 is the backup race day. Paddlers are advised to make plans to be available that day.

ENTRY FEES

The fees for all entries received prior to 13 Sept 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

Any late additions/changes/withdrawals after the 13th September 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.

REFUND POLICY

- Entry withdrawals received before 26 September 2022 will receive a full refund
- No refunds will be given for any withdrawals after 3 October 2022
- No refund will be given if the event is cancelled due to a natural disaster or extreme weather

Should the event be cancelled before 4 October 2022 due to Covid-19, a full refund will be given

RACE DISTANCES AND COURSES

All racecourses are in the Bay of Islands. 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.

Waka	Distance	Divisions	Categories
W6:	22-26km	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*
W1 Ruddered/R udderless	14-16km	Seniors (U23, Open, Master, Snr Master, Gld Master)	Men & Women
	8-10km	Master 70, J16, J19	Men & Women
W1	8-10km	Adaptive	Men & Women
W2/W3:	14-16km	Seniors (U23, Open, Master, Snr Master, Gld Master)	Men, Women & Mixed
	8-10km	Master 70, J16, J19	Men, Women & Mixed
W2	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 into. 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.

J16, J19 and Short Course events will not be held in conditions considered to be open ocean.

VERIFICATIONS



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

RACE DIVISIONS

All age groups are 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 14 in the year of competition.

DIVISION	Minimum (Age as of 31 December 2022)	Maximum (Age as of 31 December 2022)
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 that are affiliated with Waka Ama New Zealand.
- All paddlers must be verified 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 3 of three adaptive paddlers and three non-adaptive paddlers.
- Mixed W6 teams must have at least 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

The race rules are currently under review - the updated rules and any changes will be included in Pānui 2.

WAKA HIRE

W6 Waka Hire - We encourage teams to bring their own waka to the LDNs however we understand that is not as easy for everyone. Please contact Te Tai Tokerau clubs directly if you want to hire a waka, or liaise with other clubs in your region who might be towing canoes north.

V1, OC1, OC2 Hire - please contact clubs directly in Te Tai Tokerau if you want to hire a single or double waka.

Tai Tokerau Club Contacts: <https://wakaama.co.nz/clubs/list/100>

Waka Ama NZ will prepare a Waka Hire List that shows who is hiring out Waka for which event. For those who have Waka to hire please email ldn@wakaama.co.nz For those wishing to hire Waka please email ldn@wakaama.co.nz Waka Ama NZ will endeavour to connect you up via email for W6 Waka hire, however it is up to you to arrange and confirm hire bookings

ACCOMMODATION

The Paihia township has lots of accommodation and there are also lodges, Airbnb, backpackers and a range of accommodation. Kerikeri also has ample motels and hotels which are 23km away from the race venue.

TRAVEL

The Bay of Islands Airport is roughly 20 minutes away from the race venue, with lots of arrival flights throughout the day. It is over a 3-hour drive from Auckland.

VENDORS

Vendor information will be available shortly, if you have any questions please contact ldn@wakaama.co.nz

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer information will be shared shortly, in the meantime if you have any questions or are keen to volunteer for this event please contact ldn@wakaama.co.nz

RACE PROGRAMME (Subject to change)
Thursday, 6th October

4.00pm Pōwhiri at Te Tii Marae, Waitangi

Racing Day 1- Friday 7th October
Race 1

Open Women, Master Women, Snr Master Women	W1 Rudderless
J19 Women, Gld Master Women, Master 70 Women	W1 Rudderless
Open Men, Master Men, Snr Master Men	W1 Rudderless
J19 Men, Gld Master Men, Master 70 Men	W1 Rudderless
Open Women, Master Women, Snr Master Women	W2/W3
J19 Women, Gld Master Women, Master 70 Women	W2/W3
Open Mixed, Master Mixed, Snr Master Mixed	W2/W3
J19 Mixed, Gld Master Mixed, Master 70 Mixed	W2/W3

Race 2

Open Women, Master Women, Snr Master Women	W1 Rudderless
J19 Women, Gld Master Women, Master 70 Women	W1 Rudderless
Open Men, Master Men, Snr Master Men	W1 Rudderless
J19 Men, Gld Master Men, Master 70 Men	W1 Rudderless
Open Men, Master Men, Snr Master Men	W2/W3
J19 Men, Gld Master Men, Master 70 Men	W2/W3

Race 3

J16 Men, J16 Women, J16 Mixed	W6
Open Men, Open Women, Open Mixed Short-course	W6
Adaptive Mixed	W6

PRIZEGIVING

Racing Day 2 - Saturday 8th October
Race 4

Open, Master & Snr Master Women	W6
J19 Women, Gld Master, Master 70 Women	W6
J16 Women	W1 Rudderless
J16 Men	W1 Rudderless
Adaptive Women	W1
J16 Men	W2/W3
Adaptive Men	W2/W3

Race 5

Open, Master & Snr Master Mixed	W6
J19 Mixed, Gld Master Mixed, M70 Mixed	W6
J16 Women	W1 Rudderless
J16 Men	W1 Rudderless
Adaptive Men	W1
J16 Women & Mixed	W2/W3
Adaptive Women & Mixed	W2/W3

Race 6

Open, Master & Snr Master Men	W6
J19 Men, Gld Master Men, M70 Men	W6

PRIZEGIVING

SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER – Back up race day

QUESTIONS AND ENQUIRIES

For any further information please head to <https://wakaama.co.nz/racecalendar/lookup/1824> or contact us at ldn@wakaama.co.nz

On behalf of Te Tai Tokerau, we look forward to hosting you all in Waitangi for LDN 2022.

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

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