

Hikoikoi 'Matariki' Challenge 2012



Panui 1

ORGANISER

Hikoikoi Waka Club, 24 Marine Parade, Seaview, Petone

WHEN

Saturday 30 June 2012

Sunday 1 July 2012 (postponement date)

BACKGROUND

'**Matariki**' the Māori New Year is a time to celebrate, reflect on and start new challenges in our lives.... education, self sustainability, harvesting (plant trees and vegetables), spend more time with the whanau, set new goals for the year ahead....

Just as Matariki is the beginning of new things and a cause for celebration, Taranaki Whanui ki Te Upoko o Te Ika through Hikoikoi Waka Ama has the honour of hosting their first Matariki Challenge 2012.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

Hikoikoi Sport & Cultural Club, Hikoikoi Waka Ama based in Petone, Wellington welcome you to experience the picturesque Wellington Harbour where conditions can be variable and the water challenging, that's what makes Waka Ama so exciting😊

We have designed a short course suitable to those who are new to paddling or are not comfortable in rough water, however you will need to have an experienced steerer. It is also ok for to have more than one experienced paddler on board your team.

Classes: W1, W2 and W6 (SUP's, surfski, kayak, canoe) all welcome to enter

*Depending on interest and entries we will look at a separate race for SUP's

Categories will only be: Men, Women, Mixed (Open 18-20km)

Men, Women, Mixed (Open 10km)

Junior Boys, Girls (10km)

The minimum age for participation of any paddler in open division is 17 years. This age must be reached on or before the day of the competition.

Short course open to Junior/s & teams new to paddling (experienced steerers a MUST)

The minimum age for participation of any paddler in the junior events is 13 years. This age must be reached on or before the day of the competition. ALL paddlers must dress appropriately according to the conditions on the day.

HOW LONG?

10km	Short Course – suitable for juniors and inexperienced paddlers
W1/W2/W6	waka/surfski/kayak/canoe, SUP's
	*Depending on interest and entries we will look at a separate race for SUP's
18-20km	Long Course – suitable for more experienced paddlers
W1/W2/W6	waka/surfski/kayak/canoe

KEY DATES

28 May 2012: entries open (Note: The option to pay by credit card but teams will also be invoiced at this time ENTER NOW) Account number: Wellington Tenth Development Trust 03 0502 0696175 02

25 June 2012 by 5pm: *entries close* (any entries after this date will incur a \$5 late fee per paddler)

23 June 2012: Panui 2 released will include information on the following:

- Detailed time-table for race days (based on entries), site-maps, safety, kai, celebrations.

ENTRIES

The entry fee per open teams (short or long course) is \$120 (\$20 pp) and \$60 per junior team (\$10 pp).

W1/W2-only entries cost \$20 per paddler. If you are paddling in a team and also doing W1 or W2, only one payment per paddler is required.

If you are unable to paddle this time around you can purchase a \$10 meal ticket on Saturday and support your teams.

RACE RULES

Please ensure you are familiar with the New Zealand Waka Ama race rules and safety rules, available at www.wakaama.co.nz.

DISCLAIMER

On the Saturday in case of severe weather conditions, a natural disaster, or events beyond the control of the organisers, the event will be held on Sunday 1 July 2012.

Race organisers reserve the right to amend the distance or course or cancel the race or refuse entry for any reason related to the safety of the event and paddlers.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Distance/s: 10km Short course (must have experienced steerer)
18-20km (Experienced Paddlers)

Date: Saturday 30 June 2012 **Postponement date:** Sunday 1 July 2012

Friday 29 June (from 3pm until 7pm)

- Canoes arrive – (W6) grassed area next to Raumati Education Block
- Team registration & packs available for collection (Manaia)
- Security on-site

Saturday 30 June **7.30am** **Registration & waka checks (Manaia)**

8.00am **Karakia**

8.30am **18-20km Race Briefing**

9.00 **1st race (5-10 minute intervals between W6 & others)**

- W1 Mens/W2 mens surfski/kayak/canoe
- W6 Women's /W6 Mixed

11.30am **10km Short course Race Briefing**

12noon **2nd race (5-10 minute intervals between W6 & others)**

- W1& W2 waka/surfski/kayak/canoe
- W6 (Mens, womens, mixed) (W6 must have experienced steerer)
- Juniors W6
- SUP race (5km) dependant on entries

1.30pm **18-20km Race Briefing**

2.00pm **3rd race at (5-10 minute intervals between W6 & others)**

- W6 Mens
- W1 Women/W2 women/mixed waka/ surfski/kayak/canoe
- Site clean up

4.30pm **Kai and Celebrations (Raumati Education Block)**

PREFERRED 18-20km RACE COURSE



PREFERRED 10km RACE COURSE

Hikoikoi – Matiu Island – Bridge Hutt River – Hikoikoi Finish.

We look forward to celebrating 'Matariki' at Hikoikoi with you😊

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