



# TRANS TAUPO 2010

## FULL EVENT INFORMATION

### Overview

The Trans Taupo is 44km paddle race across Lake Taupo. The event is really very simple. Participants paddle from one end of the lake to the other starting at 8:00am from Tokaanu.

However because it is a watersport, and the fact that the lake can turn quite rough in bad weather, safety is paramount and there are quite a few rules to ensure a successful event.

This is quite a long document, but it contains everything participants need know to take part in the event. The document is divided into 3 sections;

1. General Information
2. Race Rules
3. Compulsory Safety Equipment

It is a condition of entry that this information is read and understood by all participants. At the event registration all participants will have to sign a TRANS TAUPO 2010 PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT to confirm to the conditions of entering the event.

### Schedule 44km race

When	What	Where
<b>Friday</b>		
4:30pm–7:30pm	Didymo control & Registration	Tokaanu Watersports Complex
7:30pm	Briefing for Competitors and support crew	Tokaanu Watersports Complex
8:00pm	You may store your craft overnight securely	Tokaanu Watersports Complex
<b>Saturday</b>		
6:30am	Tokaanu Watersports complex is opened	
6:30am	Bus leaves from Taupo Yacht Club to Tokaanu	Taupo Yacht Club
6:30am-7:30am	All Captains must sign in	Tokaanu Watersports Complex
7:50am	All craft should be on the water	Behind the start line
8:00am	Race Start	Tokaanu Watersports Complex
11:30am	First person expected	Taupo Yacht Club
3:30pm	Last person expected	Taupo Yacht Club
3:45pm	Dash for Cash	Taupo Yacht Club
4:00pm	Prizegiving	Taupo Yacht Club
5:00pm	Finish	Taupo Yacht Club

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Event** – A 44km marathon paddle across the pure crystal mountain fed waters of New Zealand's (and the Southern Hemisphere's) largest freshwater lake - Lake Taupo; from Tokaanu to Taupo or reverse (depending on the prevailing conditions).

**Time & Date** – 8:00am; Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010

**Challenge** - There are three distance options:

- Full distance 44km
- Team Relay 25km and 19km. With transitions on land.
- 6km fun race from Wharewaka – see separate information on this race.

**Class of Craft** – The event is open to the following craft:

- Single Surf Ski's – both NZ Life Saving Association regulation and Long Distance ocean racing Ski's [Wave ski's or sit-on-top pleasure craft are not permitted].
- Single plastic, single composite fibre, and double Sea Kayaks [Closed cockpit craft with minimum of two bulkheads (air/water tight sealed holds or compartments), one front (ihu) and one rear (kei). No open deck leisure craft. Please note that for safety reasons K1 or K2 and multi-sport kayaks without bulkheads are NOT acceptable].
- Single (W1), double (W2), and 6 person (W6) Waka Ama [compliant with NZ outrigger long distance race rules].
- Single, Double and Triple or Quad Ocean Rowers – purpose built open water racing craft only. No dingy or recreational row boat vessels.

**Category** – The entrants can compete in the following categories:

Full distance:

- Male
- Female
- Mixed (even gender combination)

Team relay:

- Combination (any gender combination)

**Age Groups** – There are two age groups relative to the individual paddlers (kaihoe) age or crafts average combined paddler's (kaihoe) age on the date of the event:

- Under 50 years
- 50 years of age and over

**Age Restriction** – The event is open to anyone 18 years and over on the date of the event. Entrants under 18 years of age require parental consent.

**Entry** - Enter at [www.epicevents.co.nz](http://www.epicevents.co.nz) either on line or by printing off an entry form.

## Entry fees

	Full course (per craft)	Full course (per person)	Relay (per craft for 1 leg)	Relay (per person for 1 leg)
Single	\$125	\$125	\$75	\$75
Double	\$200	\$100	\$120	\$60
Tri	\$225	\$75	\$135	\$45
Quad	\$250	\$62.5	\$150	\$37.5
6	\$300	\$50	\$180	\$30

**Late Entries** - Late entries will be accepted up to the close of registration at 6:30pm Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2010. Please phone the race organiser to guarantee a race start is available before leaving home. A late entry fee of \$20.00 per person will apply after Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010 - no exceptions. [Note - no new entries will be accepted on the morning of race day].

**Support/Escort boat (Kaiawhina) provision rebate** – Entries who provide an accompanying motor powered support/escort boat (kaiawhina) to follow them in support are eligible for a rebate on their entry of \$25.00 per paddler (kaihoe). Support/escort boat (kaiawhina) can only be designated to support and assist one competitive craft but must render help to other paddlers (kaihoe) seen in distress.

**Entry List** - A list of entrants received will be available to view on the website [www.epicevents.co.nz](http://www.epicevents.co.nz) leading up to the event and at registration.

**Event Registration** – Registration takes place at Tokaanu the night prior.

**Race Briefing** – The race briefing will take place at Tokaanu Tu Whare Waka Water Sports Complex. It is mandatory that all solo paddlers and team captains and safety boat drivers attend the race briefing. It is the responsibility of team captains to brief their crew.

**Gear Scrutineering** – There will no gear scrutineering as such. Signing of the participation agreement signifies each paddler (kaihoe) has read, understand, accept and will adhere too the Race Rules (Tikanga) and Conditions of Entry.

**Directions to Registration & Launch Ramps** – Traveling thru Tokaanu on SH41, turn off onto the Kaiwaka access road (opposite the Shell Service Station) and head 900m down to the Tokaanu Tu Whare Waka Water Sports Complex on the banks of the Tokaanu Tailrace (refer to course map if required). Red arrows will be erected at the turnoff opposite the Shell Service Station on SH47 in Tokaanu to help direct attendees. In behind and at either side of the complex there are boat ramps and car parking.

**Bus Transport Service** - Bus transport will be available for paddlers (kaihoe) from outside Taupo Yacht Club to the event start at end of the Tokaanu Tailrace first thing on the morning of the event. The bus will depart at 6:30am sharp and costs \$20.00 per person. Seats on the bus must be booked and paid for when entering the race online or by mail no later than Midnight Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2010. Bus tickets will be issued to those who purchase them at registration.

**Craft & Gear Storage** - The Tokaanu Tu Whare Waka Water Sports Complex at the end of the Tokaanu Tailrace will be available for entrants to store craft, gear and clothing in overnight.

**Early Morning Sign In** – All solo paddlers (kaihoe) or designated entry captains (kaihautu) are required to sign in between 6:30-7:30am on the morning of the race at the race organizers vehicle positioned outside the Tokaanu Tu Whare Waka Water Sports Complex at the end of the Tokaanu Tailrace. Any change to event proceedings, lake conditions and weather forecast will be conveyed at this time. Failure to sign in will result in no race time being recorded and a DNS result.

**Craft Launching** – All craft are advised to launch prior to 7:45am as set out below:

- Single and double craft (i.e., All Ocean/Surf Ski's & Sea Kayak, Waka ama & Ocean Rowers) are to launch from the boat ramp behind the Tokaanu Te Whare Waka Water Sports Complex (just upstream of the Tailrace jetty).
- All large Ocean Rowers, Waka ama and Support/Escort Boats (Kaiawhina) are to launch from the boat ramp below (down stream) of the Tailrace jetty.

[Note 1: Ramp fees are included in the entry fee and will be purchased for all craft that need them. Please see the event organiser at registration if you require one.]

[Note 2: Both boat ramps are open to the club members and the general public.]

**Race Start Location/Gathering** - The race start line is located off the point at the end of the Tokaanu Tailrace in Tokaanu Bay. All competitive race craft need to be gathered behind the start line by 7:50am. Support/Escort motor boats (Kaiawhina) are advised to stay a minimum of 200m clear of the start, waiting out in Waihi Bay to the west of the start line near the end of the Historic Tokaanu Wharf.

**Start** – Dependant on the number of Craft entry's received. One of the following two scenarios will occur.

- A. Entrants will be released in wave's (begin at 8:01am sharp) dependant on class of craft as set out below.
  1. 8:01:00am - all Single Sea Kayaks
  2. 8:02:00am - all Single Waka Ama (W1)
  3. 8:03:00am - all Single Ocean Rowers
  4. 8:04:00am - all Double Sea Kayaks
  5. 8:05:00am - all Double Waka Ama (W2)
  6. 8:06:00am - all Double Ocean Rowers
  7. 8:07:00am - all 6 Person Waka Ama (W6)
  8. 8:08:00am - all Tri & Quad Ocean Rowers
  9. 8:09:00am - all Single Surf Ski's
- B. All entrants (irrespective of class of craft or category entered) will start on mass at the sound of the starter horn at 8:00am sharp.

The start line is between the first set of channel guide posts leading out from the Tokaanu tailrace into Tokaanu Bay. A photograph will be taken for each wave start or the mass start and any craft judged to be jumping their start will be penalized with a minute added to their time at the finish. Craft setting off in waves ahead of that which they should will be disqualified.

**Official Course Map** – The official course map is available to download from on the event website [www.epicevents.co.nz](http://www.epicevents.co.nz). Otherwise refer to Nautical Navigation Chart NZ232 – Lake Taupo for reference points. A copy of the map will be supplied to all participants in a sealed plastic bag.

**Course Description** – The full Trans Taupo Course is 44km and consists of four legs as set out below.

Leg 1 is 18km from Tokaanu Bay to Mission Bay Reserve by way of:

- First paddling 2.0km at a magnetic bearing of 340 degrees north-west out from Tokaanu Tailrace into Tokaanu Bay and the greater Waihi Bay, before turning right around Jones Island, at the tip of the Tongariro River Delta.
- Then paddling 16km at a magnetic bearing of 52 degrees north east, skimming Motuoapa Peninsula, brushing the Tauranga-Taupo River mouth to head towards Checkpoint 1 / Team Transition 1 at the northern end of the central Mission Bay Reserve lakeside picnic area.

Leg 2 is 7km from Mission bay to Hatepe Point by means of:

- Paddling 1km at a magnetic bearing of 7 degrees north along the Mission Bay Shoreline around Motutere Point.
- Then paddling 6km at magnetic bearing of 35 degrees north-east to head towards Checkpoint 2 / Team Transition 2 at Hatepe Point, near the Hinemaiaia Stream mouth.

Leg 3 is 14km from Hatepe Point to Wharewaka Point by means of:

- Paddling 14.0km at a magnetic bearing of 358 degrees north along the Otutete Banks (white cliffs), across Rantongaio Bay, to head toward Checkpoint 3 / Team Transition 3 at Wharewaka Point.

Leg 4 is 5km from Wharewaka Point to the finish in front of the Taupo Yacht Club in Taupo by means of:

- Paddling 5km at a bearing of 343 degrees north-west across Tapuaeharuru Bay in front of Taupo Township to finish at the Taupo Yacht Club at the northern end of the bay.

**Course Changes and Postponement** – The organizers reserve the right to alter the course or postpone the event to the following day if they deem it too dangerous to hold the race. The course will be reversed for a favorable tailwind paddle/row if prevailing weather conditions on the day are forecast to come from the North/East. This decision will be made early on Saturday morning and conveyed to all solo paddlers (kaihoe) or designated entry captains (kaihautu) when arriving to sign in. In such instance of postponement the event will run as planned, however one day later on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2010.

If in the unlikely circumstance unfavorable weather and lake conditions are forecast to prevail on the postponement day, the organizers will run the event on an alternative short course. This alternative short course will be either across the lake (west to east) from Whareroa to either Mission Bay Reserve or Hatepe Point; or in sheltered waters along the western shores of Lake Taupo from Tokaanu to Whareroa and return (with a midway checkpoint/transition at Omori).

No refunds will be offered in the event the event postponement date is used or the event does not take place due to weather and/or competitor safety issues.

**Competitive paddlers (kaihoe) – refueling point** - Support crews are permitted to hand additional hydration and nutritional supplies from the beach to competitive paddlers (kaihoe) only at the official checkpoints /team transitions (see above for locations). No refueling is permitted from land anywhere else along the course (the exception being all relay craft with accompanying motor powered support/escort boat (kaiawhina) assisting with open water changeovers).

**Cut-off** – In the event any entrants fails to reach the team transition point (checkpoint 2) at Hatepe Point within twice the length of time the leading craft takes to reach this point they will be withdrawn/pulled from the event at this stage.

**Course Conditions** - Conditions that can be encountered when paddling Lake Taupo include (but are not limited too) anything from flat-water, a gentle breeze and small chop on most good summer days, up to gusty winds/squalls of up to 20-40 knots and white caps rising up to 1 meter plus tall on the odd bad day. The prevailing wind and weather in late summer is 0-15 knots from a South-West direction (equivalent to a tail wind), however on occasion can come from the North-East, East, South-East and West.

**Land Based Finish Line** – Entrants are expected to ground the craft on the beach outside the Taupo Yacht Clubrooms. Solo paddlers (kaihoe) must exit their craft and run a short distance (no more than 20 meters) through the finish line shoot. In the case of multiple seat craft, the forward most seated paddler (wearing the numbered bib) is required to gather the bibs from all members of there craft, before exiting and running through the finish line shoot. Only paddlers (kaihoe) wearing the numbered bib need do this. Please remove your craft from the waters edge ASAP to allow room for other entrants to beach and exit their craft.

**Bib collection** – Bib's must be handed in immediately following completion or withdrawal from the event. Failure to return race bibs will result in a \$50.00 bill to replace the item.

**Expected Times** - The fastest paddlers (kaihoe) are expected to take sub 4hrs to complete the journey from Tokaanu Bay to Taupo Yacht Club (i.e., predicted finishing time in favorable conditions is around 11:30am). The slowest paddlers (kaihoe) are expected to take twice this time – around 7hrs 30 min to 8hrs (i.e., predicted finishing time in favorable conditions is around 3:30pm).

**Meal** – Included for all competitors is a meal at the finish. This is made up of a choice of either Beef Nachos or Baked potato and can of fizzy drink and a chocolate bar or some type of sweet item.

**Sub 4 Hour Club** - An illustrious club has been set up for paddlers/crews breaking the 4hr barrier. To view a complete list those who have made the Sub 4hr Club, visit the event website [www.epicevents.co.nz](http://www.epicevents.co.nz)

**Post Race Craft and Gear Checks** – The organizers will be taking a firm stance with regards to the necessity to wear/carry all the compulsory gear required. Targeted spot checks of entrants craft and gear (this includes each paddling member) will be carried out at the finish.

**Showers** – Showers located in changing rooms beneath the Taupo Yacht Club will be made available for competitors to use to get cleaned up post race.

**Official Safety Boats** – There will be a number of official safety boats on the water each with different roles. Whilst they are there to help those in distress, they cannot be

everywhere at once. Therefore all paddlers (kaihoe) should be competent at self rescue. A lead boat will accompany the leading craft and a tail end boat will accompany the craft at back of the field. The Taupo Coast Guard along with other boats will continually monitor and sweep the field and assist with pick-up of anyone in need.

**Support Vehicle Notes** - Good safe spectator parking and viewing spots on route are indicated by the binocular symbol on race course map.

**Craft Take Out Points** - All single and double craft are advised to be taken out of the water on the beach directly in front or South-East of the Taupo Yacht Clubrooms. All large Ocean Rowers, W6 Waka ama and Support/Escort boats (kaiawhina) are to be taken out of the water at the Taupo Marina public boat ramp 200m from the Taupo Yacht Clubrooms.

**Prize Giving** - Merit prizes will be awarded to winners and place-getters (dependant on numbers entered in each class category – i.e., 3 to 10 = 1<sup>st</sup> only; 10 to 19 = 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>; and greater than 20 = 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>). If there are fewer than 3 entrants in an age group (i.e., over 50) in a specific category and class of craft, then they will be merged with the other age group (i.e., under 50) of the same category and class of craft so a place-getter is recognized.

**Club Challenge Champion**– Points will be allocated to all finishing entries that align with a club based on their respective overall finish time/place (irrespective of class of craft). First place will receive maximum points (based on the number of craft entries racing i.e., 150 points) and last to place will receive the least points (i.e., 1 point). The club who accumulates the highest tally of points from members competing will be crowned Trans Taupo Club Challenge Champion of the year.

**Spot Prizes** – All paddlers (kaihoe) that start the event will also have the opportunity to win one of many great spot prizes. Paddlers must be present at the prize giving to claim their spot prize].

**Results & Race Report** – Results will posted [www.epicevents.co.nz](http://www.epicevents.co.nz) by Monday.

**Withdrawal Policy** – Withdrawals received prior to Monday 15th March 2010 will be refunded their entry fee less a \$25.00 administration charge per person. Entrants who withdraw after the above date and before the close of registration will receive a 50% credit towards the next year's entry fee. (No cash refunds are offered).

**Change of Teammate Policy** – Entries are transferable. An injured/sick teammate of a multiple seat craft can be changed by notifying the Race Organizer at registration. In such case each person changed will be required to sign the indemnity clause.

**Organizer's recommendations:**

- The Trans Taupo Paddle is a race of 4hr + duration for most paddlers. The course direction is set to so there is a predominantly light tailwind assisting paddler/rowers dependant on the prevailing conditions of the day.
- Paddlers (Kaihoe) are encouraged to practice paddling in a range of open water conditions, becoming familiar with head, tail and crosswinds, and particularly choppy water. Ideally if the opportunity arises, one should paddle specific sections of the course in training in the company of others.
- Learn to navigate using a compass or GPS, you may need it.
- Always take to the water prepared/equipped. Carry a PFD and wear bright coloured paddling top (vest); dress accordingly to the conditions; take liquid and solid sustenance on longer paddles; consider carrying a mobile phone.
- Do not paddle alone on unfamiliar water or beyond your comfort zone. Remember, to inform others of your whereabouts and paddling intentions.
- If you are unsure of the conditions, do the wise thing and stay close to shore. Consider using a leash if you have any doubt about your ability to safely paddle in windy/rough conditions.
- Check the current Marine Forecast and Weather for the lake on the MetService webpage before venturing out training at [http://www.metservice.co.nz/default/index.php?alias=lake\\_taupolake](http://www.metservice.co.nz/default/index.php?alias=lake_taupolake)
- Remember to always practice good water hygiene.
- Slip, slop, slap. Sunglasses will be essential to combat glare when paddling into the rising sun on a good morning.
- Don't forget to rinse your hands after disinfecting your gear or applying sunscreen, so you can grip your paddle.
- Above all have fun and enjoy yourselves.

# TRANS TAUPO 2010 RACE RULES

## **Signing in**

All paddlers (kaihoe) must individually sign the TRANS TAUPO 2010 PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT which states they have read, understood and agreed to the TRANS TAUPO 2010 FULL EVENT INFORMATION.

## **Age Limit**

Paddlers (kaihoe) must be 18 years of age and over on the day of the event, otherwise parental consent on the entry form is required.

## **Briefing**

All solo paddlers and crew captains and their support/escort boats crew must attend and listen to the race briefing, and obey all instructions given.

## **Competency**

It is essential all competitors (irrespective of craft and category entered) are competent paddlers and must:

1. have a suitable level of paddle fitness to complete the race in any conditions.
2. have the skills and be comfortable paddling in any conditions likely to be met.
3. have good knowledge and awareness of safety procedures pertinent to the class of craft paddled.
4. be trained and proficient in open deep water self rescue techniques:  
i.e., - Surf-ski remount;  
- Sea Kayak paddle float entry and bilge pumping;  
- Ocean Rower & Outrigger (waka ama) righting, re-entry and bailing  
...so they are capable of boarding or re-entering their craft without assistance and possess skills to assist other capsized paddlers (kaihoe).
5. be capable of swimming in rough water conditions.
6. be capable of preparing themselves with correct dress choice, as well as food and drink carried to complete the race in any conditions.

## **Self- sufficiency**

The overriding principle is self sufficiency. Paddlers (kaihoe) are responsible for their own dress and race nutrition for the duration of the race. Be sure to carry sufficient fluid and/or solid food supplies for the journey and wear sufficient clothing for the conditions and weather likely to be experienced during the race. Remember, the water is cool - both energy and body heat can be lost quickly when cold, wet and hungry.

## **Captain's (Kaihautu) Responsibility**

It is the responsibility of all solo paddlers (kaihoe) and designated craft captains (kaihautu) to insure they:

1. are aware where to source available weather information for the relevant body of water  
(i.e., MetService, radio, newspaper etc), to familiarize themselves with possible conditions.
2. have knowledge of the capabilities and medical needs of all paddling teammates/crew (Kaihoe) and take responsibility in this regard (i.e., their overall competency to compete; devising craft seating arrangement; updating first aid kits with necessary personal items and gaining proficiency in providing specific medical assistance).

3. inspect their craft before commencing the voyage to make sure it is structurally sound and seaworthy; all onboard equipment is secured; all compulsory paddler (kaihoe)/craft gear is not only accounted for, but serviced, suitable and used appropriately .
4. have experience using the communication system onboard (i.e., VHF Radio or Cell phone), and that it is stowed safely in a watertight manner.
5. and all teammates/crew (Kaihoe) are appropriately clothed.

### **Craft**

The choice of race craft is ultimately the individual paddlers (kaihoe) or captain's (Kaihautu) responsibility and they must ensure they and all teammate/crew (kaihoe) have the ability to paddle/row the craft in any conditions.

All craft must be structurally sound and seaworthy with positive floatation (either built in, thru air/water tight sealed holds or compartments or other secured positive buoyancy) sufficient to float the craft with the gunnels above the surface of the water when completely swamped.

Note 1: There are no length/width or weight restrictions on any craft.

Note 2: Rudders are optional, but recommended on all craft.

### **Race Identification**

All paddlers (kaihoe), craft and gear must comply with the following points:

- High visibility race bibs (provided by race organizers) must be worn over PFD's at all times on the water and exchanged between relay team members at the Mission Bay Reserve transition point.
- Race craft number stickers (provided by race organizers) must be placed on the front right of competitor's craft so they are visible from the land. Should the event be run in the reverse direction or alternative course, the event organiser will instruct entrants where to place race craft number stickers.

### **Change-overs**

Change overs are to occur on land at Check Point 2 – Hatepe.

Mixed teams must retain and even gender crew combination at all times when paddling.

### **Checkpoints**

All craft must pass within 10 meters of the official on the shore at the 3 designated checkpoints on route across Lake Taupo. Checkpoints will be mark with two large red core flute boards. Race officials will be wearing high visibility tops. Please call out your race number to the Marshal.

### **Transitioning**

The exchange of bibs (and possibly swapping of craft) between leg one and two relay team paddlers (kaihoe) must occur within the cones on the beach. This applies to relay teams using the same craft or different craft for the two legs. Changing of bibs, team paddlers (kaihoe) or craft is not permitted outside of this area. Marshals will endeavor to record split for relay teams at this point provided they notify the marshal on passing.

## **Refueling**

Support crews are only permitted to hand additional hydration and nutritional supplies to competitive paddlers (kaihoe) at the checkpoints.

## **Water Code**

In spite of rule 91.22 of the Maritime Safety Rules (which states all powered vessels are to give way to vessels under oar (paddling); the organizer urges all entrants to give public and commercial motorized and sail craft external to the event the right of way. Please assume they are unable to see you and take a course to avoid them to be on the safe side.

## **Support/Escort Boats (Kaiawhina) Guidelines**

Entrants have the option of providing a Support/Escort Boat (Kaiawhina). It is the responsibility of the paddling crew (Kaihoe) and their Club to organize such support.

All accompanying motor powered support/escort boats (kaiawhina):

1. must be of sufficient power to travel faster than the competitive craft they are supporting/escorting.
2. have to be of an adequate size to safely take the complete paddling crew (kaihoe) of the craft they are supporting and be able to tow the craft.
3. need to carry sufficient fuel to complete the journey in the worst conditions expected.
4. must carry compatible communication (VHF radio or cell phone) with the craft they are supporting.
5. are required to maintain visual contact with the craft they are supporting at all times so immediate action to preserve the safety of the craft and its crew (Kaihoe) is possible.
6. should stay clear of the start and at least 200m clear of any craft in the first 30 minutes of the race (provided visibility is able to be maintained)
7. can only follow behind or to the side (but not within 50 meters) of their respective paddle craft they are supporting for the remainder of the race.
8. in line with Maritime Safety rule 91.6(1) (a) must slow to 5 knots within 50 meters of any other vessel or person in the water.
9. in line with Maritime Safety rule 91.6(1) (b) - should remain 200m from the shore to provide a safe area for swimmers and other recreational users along the shore.
10. should show courtesy to all competitive craft, so not to interfere with the race (i.e., getting in front or too close, to help or hinder as a result of boat wash/wake).
11. must offer assistance to all craft & paddlers (kaihoe) in distress or in an emergency.
12. are recommended to have a person trained in First Aid onboard if possible.

## **Didymo Control**

DOC will be at the event helping clean all craft and gear to protect against Didymo and other nasty stuff. It is a legal requirement that all freshwater aquatic recreational equipment and gear be disinfected before moving between waterways. Therefore it is mandatory that owners of all craft/boats (e.g. competitive race craft and support/escort motor boats(kaiawhina)) plus associated gear/equipment (i.e., paddles, PFD's, Spray-skirts, boat trailers etc) traveling to the event from freshwater training grounds, treat their gear at registration in compliance with NZ Biosecurity measures below. [This is of utmost importance to those traveling up to the event from the South Island].

## **Alcohol and Drugs**

No paddler (kaihoe), support/escort boat (kaiawhina) crew should be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while on the water.

**Race Close**

The race is officially over at 4:00pm. All entrants still to complete the course must allow themselves to be assisted (perhaps under tow) to the finish by either their support/escort boat or the official safety boats on the water.

**Withdrawal on the day**

Anyone who withdraws from the race at any stage (either before or during) must notify the nearest official and also make contact with the race organizer and timekeeper at the finish immediately.

**Officials Instructions & Rights**

Instructions given by race officials must be obeyed by paddlers (kaihoe) and their support/escort boat (kaiawhina) crew. Officials reserve the right to stop and withdraw any competitor if a competitor or craft appears incapable or unsuitable for any reason to complete the race at any stage, either prior or during the event.

**Disqualification**

Any entrants who fail to comply (in the eyes of a race official or race organizers) with any of the official's instructions; breaches safety or biosecurity measures; or needlessly places themselves and or others in jeopardy; will be disqualified from the event. The decision of the race organizer is final.

**Paddler (Kaihoe) in Distress**

Paddlers (Kaihoe) and support/escort boats must offer assistance to any person in difficulty and notify the nearest official if necessary. Time adjustments will be made for those who stop to help others.

Any paddler (kaihoe) who has difficulty and cannot continue the race must stay with their craft on the water or place themselves in an easy to be seen spot on the lake shore, to await assistance from an official safety boat.

**Wash riding**

Wash-hanging off another entrant is permitted across and within classes of paddle craft and category, provided the craft producing the wash being ridden does not have more paddlers(Kaihoe) /rowers powering it than their own craft has (i.e., a single cannot wake wash a double craft etc). The reverse is permitted.

Riding the wash of any motor powered boat (irrespective of support/escort or official safety boats) or yacht is strictly prohibited.

**Sailing**

No entrants are permitted to erect or hoist aloft any device capable of powering the craft utilizing the force of the wind.

**Toilets**

Permanent toilet facilities are available at the start and finish with a portaloos available at Check point 2 - Hatepe.

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# TRANS TAUPO 2010

## COMPULSORY SAFETY EQUIPMENT

### Per paddler (kaihoe)

- 1 x approved Buoyancy Vest or Personal Floatation Device [PFD].
  - to be worn (compulsory for Sea kayakers) or otherwise carried throughout the event in compliance with NZ Maritime Safety Rule 91.4 (6).  
[Note: the possibility of poor visibility, rough water and adverse weather (i.e., high winds) arising, plus the close proximity of competitive craft and support/escort/safety vessels, class Lake Taupo an area of heightened risk].
  - should meet type 403 or 405 acceptable to NZ Maritime Safety Standard 5823 (2001).  
[Note: visiting competitors from overseas may use an approved PFD from their country of origin].
- 1 x Whistle (attached securely to Buoyancy Vest or PDF).
- 1 x Dry Bag (sealed and attached securely inside or onto the craft or person) containing:
  - fitting full length set of polypro top and bottom (extra to any worn),
  - polypro/wool or fleece fitting hat,
  - waterproof jacket,
  - a foil survival blanket or bag,
  - and extra high energy food
- Minimum of 2000ml of fluid (on the paddler or in the craft within their reach) or a means of safely and easily sourcing water from the lake.

Note 1: It is recommended that all Surf Skis, W1 & W2 Waka ama paddlers (kaihoe) consider tethering themselves to their craft with an ankle or paddle leash when conditions warrant (i.e., in high winds, rough water).

### Per paddle craft - irrespective of class

- 1 x Compass or GPS with a set of spare batteries (attached securely in view of the navigator (Tatai)).
- 1 x Course Map – provided on the event webpage [www.epicevents.co.nz](http://www.epicevents.co.nz) (attached securely in view of the navigator (Tatai)).
- 1 x Throw Rope or other means of towing the craft or rescuing a paddler (kaihoe).
- 1 x Handheld Flare.
  - NZ Maritime Safety approved.
- 1 x Mobile Phone or VHF Radio in a sealed plastic bag. (Note: repeater channel 63 is the standard calling frequency for transmissions between craft, Coast Guard and the Taupo Harbour Radio).

Note 2: All Sea Kayak craft will require an additional:

- Spray Deck/Skirt per seat (fitted correctly to the craft).
- 1 x Bilge Pump or Bailer (Tiheru) Bucket securely fastened to the craft. No motorized pumps are allowed.
- 1 x Paddle Float per seat (attached securely to craft by means of a long cord or bungy – so it cannot be lost).

Note 3: All W1 & W2 Waka ama craft will require an additional:

- Spray Deck/Skirt per seat (fitted correctly to the craft). Applicable to non-self bailing/draining craft only.

- 1 x Bilge Pump or Bailer (Tiheru) Bucket securely fastened to the craft. No motorized pumps are allowed. Applicable to non-self bailing/draining craft only.
- 1 x Repair Kit containing:
  - spare rubber lashings (awkaha),
  - duck tape,
  - and bungs.
- 1 x Spare Paddle (Hoe) securely lashed to the craft.

Note 4: All W6 Waka ama will be required to carry an additional:

- Spray Deck/Skirt per seat (fitted correctly to the craft). Applicable to non-self bailing/draining craft only.
- 2 x Bilge Pumps or Bailer (Tiheru) Bucket securely fastened to the craft. No motorized pumps are allowed. Applicable to non-self bailing/draining craft only.
- 1 x Repair Kit containing:
  - spare rubber lashings (awkaha),
  - duck tape,
  - and bungs.
- 2 x spare Paddles (Hoe) securely lashed to the craft.

Note 5: All Ocean Rowers will be required to carry an additional:

- 1 x Bilge Pump or Bailer (Tiheru) Bucket securely fastened to the craft. Motorized pumps are permitted in the instance. Applicable to non-self bailing/draining craft only.

**Per support/escort craft (kaiawhina)**

- 1 x approved Personal Floatation Device [PFD] per crew member onboard.
  - must be stowed in an accessible place onboard and in compliance with NZ Maritime Safety Standard, Rule 91.2, type 401 or 402.
- 1 x Rope for towing purposes
- 1 or more Rescue Tubes
- 1 x Throw Rope
- 1 x First Aid kit
- 1 x Flare.
  - NZ Maritime Safety approved.
- 1 x Mobile Phone or VHF Radio in a sealed plastic bag. (Note: repeater channel 63 is the standard calling frequency for transmissions between craft, Coast Guard and the Taupo Harbour Radio).

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