



## TRANS TAUPO 2010

# SUMMARY OF INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Welcome to the Tran Taupo 2010. This a fantastic paddling event across one of NZ's most beautiful lakes. Whether you are doing the full distance or team relay, aiming for an overall, a class win or simply to cross the lake and enjoy the day, I wish you the best for your crossing.

This event has a lot of information for Participants so I have produced this summary of key information. Full event information is located on the website [www.epicevents.co.nz](http://www.epicevents.co.nz) Trans Taupo page. Document is called TRANS TAUPO 2010 FULL EVENT INFORMATION. You must still read the full document! Another vital document to view is the event map which is also on [www.epicevents.co.nz](http://www.epicevents.co.nz)

### Schedule 44km race

When	What	Where
<b>Friday 19th</b>		
4:30pm–7:30pm	Didymo control & Registration	Tokaanu Watersports Complex
7:30pm	<b>Briefing</b> for Competitors and support crew	Tokaanu Watersports Complex
8:00pm	You may store your craft overnight securely	Tokaanu Watersports Complex
<b>Saturday 20th</b>		
6:30am	Tokaanu Watersports complex is opened	
6:30am	Bus leaves from Taupo Yacht Club to Tokaanu (pre book)	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

Your first deadline is to be at the event start at Tokaanu (45 minutes from Taupo, 5 minutes from Turangi) before 7:30pm Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March to get your equipment cleaned for Didymo and to register. Briefing is at 7:30pm. All Solo paddlers and Team Captains must attend this briefing. All participants are required to sign a PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT before taking part. Preferably these will be signed at Registration. The final deadline for signing the AGREEMENT is by 7:30am the day of the race.

The start, finish and 3 checkpoints will be indicated off SH1 by large red triangles with black epic events stickers on them as well as blue Trans Taupo signs.

Didymo control is compulsory – DOC will be at Registration to provide the cleaning solution, equipment and help.

Make sure you have all the necessary safety equipment as listed on the website. This includes (but is not limited to) PFD (lifejackets), cell phones in a dry bag, flares, whistle, polyprop, compass or GPS etc CHECK THE LIST IN THE FULL EVENT INFORMATION

Print off an event map from [www.epicevents.co.nz](http://www.epicevents.co.nz) which shows the route, Checkpoints and One Transition area at Checkpoint 2 - Hatepe. We will supply a course map in a sealed plastic bag at registration for all Craft captains.

On Saturday your major deadline is to be at the event start to sign on between 6:30am and 7:30am ready for an 8:00am race start.

There are boat ramps at both the start and finish area to use to launch and retrieve safety boats and large craft like Waka ama 6 person.

If you are providing a personal safety boat, this must be of a size suitable to handle Lake Taupo and have all necessary safety equipment on board. See TRANS TAUPO 2010 FULL EVENT INFORMATION.

We may change the course due to rough weather. Or we may postpone the race to Sunday 21 March. Any decisions to change the course or race-day will be made on Saturday morning and you must turn up to Tokaanu by 7:30am to be informed of any changes.

The lake might be completely flat or quite rough with wind, waves and swell. You must have the paddling skills, experience and equipment to take on the conditions. We may run the race in slightly rough conditions, but you may still decide that it is too rough for you. That is OK. There are 6 safety boat assisting, but they can not be everywhere so you must be able to self rescue.

The time taken to cross the lake will range between 3.5 to 7.5 hours.

Make sure you pass within 10 metres of the land based Checkpoints – there are 3. The Marshal needs to record your number, so you might need to call out your number.

There is a light meal for all participants at the finish line. Just go to the food area, state your name and claim your kai (food). There is free tea and coffee at both the start and finish. There are showers at the finish (male and female).

There is a dash for cash taking place after the race and before prize giving. The course will be about 300-400 metres from the beach around a buoy and back with \$300 cash to win. Should be fun to do or watch.

Prize giving is scheduled for 4pm. There is \$1500 cash for the pointy end of the field and over \$9000 worth of spot prizes. Spotties include a fantastic Q-kayak Sea Kayak 'Skua', a carbon wing paddle, spray decks, Sharkskin tops, 2 Sky dives, Sunglasses, boat leashes, Trans Taupo clothing, drinks and heaps more.

We have created a new 6km fun race from Wharewaka Point to the Taupo Yacht Club 20 metres out from the land. It is free of charge, enter on day & race starts at 10:00am

Any questions please e mail [nick@epicevents.co.nz](mailto:nick@epicevents.co.nz) Ph 021983766 anytime.