



Tamaki Herenga Waka Festival
Auckland Anniversary Weekend
Saturday 30th January to Monday 1st February
2016.

Queens Wharf, Waitemata Harbour

Tena Koe

Tuia ki te rangi
Tuia ki te whenua
Tuia ki te moana
E rongō te pō
E rongō te ao
Tihei Mauriora ki te whai ao, ki te ao mārama
Ko te mihi matakuikui ki ngā iwi Mana Whenua o Tāmaki Makaurau

Tāmaki Makaurau, Tāmaki herehere o ngā waka e.

We are proud to be writing to you about the Tamaki Herenga Waka Festival and inviting your Iwi to participate in one of the cornerstone activities over Auckland Anniversary Weekend 2016 – waka racing. This festival is based around a key concept that ties the mana whenua of Tāmaki together - Tāmaki Herenga Waka – ‘*Tāmaki the gatherer of canoes*’. We are excited about the opportunity this festival will provide for our people to celebrate and promote our culture, heritage, and identity and it’s potential to become one of the most significant festivals in the city.

As we have discussed with you, the inaugural festival is about getting started and developing a legacy plan for the future of the festival. A key principle is inclusiveness – across mana whenua, Maori of Auckland and Aucklanders as a whole and the festival is guided by Mana Whenua to ensure authenticity. Delivery is through partnership with ATEED, our Trust and other kaitiaki and tohunga. The enclosed presentation provides further background and information.

One event I am particularly excited about is waka racing. Traditionally waka racing has been an important part of Anniversary weekend and we are resurrecting this tradition in a way that is authentically Māori while being accessible and exciting for a wider audience. As such, we are inviting all 19 Mana Whenua Iwi to participate and compete in a Hoe Waka Competition. The Tāmaki Herenga Waka Trust plans to provide two brand new waka tangata for this event and are seeking teams from each iwi to participate.

Details are contained in the attached entry form, but participation requires each iwi entering 1 mixed team of eight Kaihoe and one steersperson (9 total) (no more than 5 men on the waka at one time). Races will be approximately 250m in distance and there will be a series of heats, semis, and, finals for both a Cup and a Plate. To support your preparations we will be arranging training days in waka ama. We will be in touch directly regarding your needs, location and dates.

We are also looking for participation awards based on performance and/or presentation. We will discuss options with you over the next few weeks.

This is a great opportunity to be involved in the Tāmaki Herenga Waka Festival, celebrate our Māori identity and resurrect one of the great parts of past Anniversary Day Festivals (waka racing) that have recently been lost. We encourage you to join us.

If you have any questions please contact me direct or email tamakiherengawaka@gmail.com

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Hau Rawiri

Hotu Barclay-Kerr

Project Manager ATEED

Chair – MWSG

Tāmaki Herenga Waka Trust

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Waka racing entry form

Saturday 30 January 2016

Maritime Museum, Waitemata Harbour

Iwi _____

Team Name _____

Team Manager/contact _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Kaihoe Names

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Race details

Date	Saturday 30 January
Location	Maritime Museum
Start time	0730
Finish	Approx 1700 including prizegiving.
Length	Approx. 250m in distance
Format	One on one racing – winner progressing through into next round of the Cup, loser the Plate
	There will be a series of heats, semis, and finals for both a Cup and a Plate.
Training	Training opportunities in waka ama will be arranged depending on your location and availability.
Entries close	Friday 8 January Return to: tamakiherengawaka@gmail.com

Race rules

1. One mixed team per lwi of eight Kaihoe and one steersperson (9 total)
2. Kaihoe must whakapapa to the lwi they are competing for.
3. No more than 5 men on the waka at one time
4. Each team member must have must be a competent swimmer (able to swim 50m and tread water for 5 minutes)
5. Each team member must sign a waiver on the day prior to racing
6. All teams should be dressed in a uniform that best represents their lwi. Prizes on the day for best dressed teams will be awarded.

Please return Entry form by Monday 11 January 2016

Return to: tamakiherengawaka@gmail.com

Key Dates

11 January 2016	Entries Close
Mid January	Training Day/s (To be confirmed)
January 20	Race Draw released
January 30	Event Day 7:30am - Registration 8:00am – Karakia 8:30am – Race briefing 9:00am – First Race 3:00pm – Estimated finish following by awarding of Event Trophy.