



Protocol for use of HAKWAR waka at Pandora

Background

HAKWAR will store a mahimahi waka at Pandora from February 2019 until the LDN event in April. This is to enable Roopu teams to be able to train on the ocean in preparation for this event.

Storage / access / security

The waka is to be kept within the area at Pandora that is used by the Maraenui Club. The waka is to be kept locked on the pole provided.

Bookings

All use of this waka MUST be arranged through Roopu Booking Officer (Awhi 020 4018511).

Safety.

The coach (or if no coach then the steerer) is responsible that all safety requirements have been met before the team start their paddle:

- All paddlers are competent in the flip procedure
- All members are wearing a correctly fitting PDF
- Two forms of communication must be on the waka: A VHF radio or charged mobile phones with available credit (in water proof container).
- A tow rope, spare paddle and two bailers are attached to the waka.
- Spray skirts are used whenever the conditions are rough or windy.
- That the steerer and team have the ability to manage the conditions.
- That the team is dressed appropriately for the conditions?
- Should the steerer and/or 50% of the crew be inexperienced in ocean paddling then the waka must stay within 200m of the shoreline and if the conditions are anything other than benign then inexperienced crews should not go past the PIN (This is the tallest & last post on the left hand side as you are heading out the channel, just past the viewing deck (fishing deck) on your left of the Channel – but before the Iron Pot (light house on the right/tip of perfume point)
- The coach or steerer must have arranged for someone on land to know where the crew is planning to paddle and what time the crew is expected back, and for that on-land person to be phoned on their return. That on-land person must understand that if no phone contact has been established within the time agreed that they will call the Coastguard. (may be have the Coast Guard Number here?)
- No Junior teams (J19 and younger) are to paddle beyond the PIN, unless an experienced sea paddling Steerer/Coach is in the waka with them.
- If a crew is planning to paddle at a time when they are alone on the ocean then the Heretaunga Club Chairperson (in consultation with the Safety Officer and Ian Hosford) will decide if the steerer/coach/crew have sufficient experience to judge whether it is safe to paddle beyond the PIN, and if the Club chairperson decides that that this is not the case then these crews are expected to arrange training times where they can paddle alongside experienced Pandora paddlers (such as Tama, Myka, Roni, JT) until such time that the Club Chairperson is confident of their skills and experience.