



Maitahi Steerers Meeting

6pm 28 January 2019

Waimea College (OnTrack)

Present Dean Young, Charmaine Payn, Kereama Payn, Katie Thurston, Rosalie Adamson, Linda Heath, Karen Clark, Eva Virtue, Dom Pillay, Kiri Wahanui, Kilmeny Stephens, Rongomai Flavell, Tony Davies, Sean Timoney, Zoe Horvath (7.30)

Apologies Nil

Matters arising ...Skirts for Mangopare (discuss later in meeting)

Frequency of meetings

General discussion – decision to have three a year,
2-3 weeks before Te Tuna E hoe
Mid-winter
2-3 weeks before Waka te Tasman

Revision of Safe Operating Plan

A number of changes were identified by the group (noted on attached copy) More to be made following towing session

Waka Towing

This has been arranged with the Coastguard on 22 Feb. Steerers encouraged to be involved ... 2 waka will go out; more club members can attend land part of exercise. To be advertised to club. Thanks to John Young for his involvement in setting this up.

Radio use

Discussion re use ... not a tool for 'chat' just for emergencies. Keep on channel 16.
Suggestion for laminated cards in each safety bag with details for key contacts

Night paddling (mornings are getting darker)

Lights – need to be checked
New steerers (Michael Stocker, Mars Dempster, Sean Timoney, Charlie Kawana) need to do some night paddles and will be looking for people to join them. Kereama will go out with them one night to help.

Tuna E Hoe Ana

Discussion round increasing length of 1st leg (to reduce congestion/contact) but issues with wind past peninsula ... decision could be made on the day.
Safety briefing could include time penalty for intentional contact.
Novice crews all need to do huli before race

LDN's

Information limited at this time
Maitahi has committed to helping with safety

Sunday paddles

Very popular ... 30+ the other week,
Assisted with rubbish collection last week.
Have added in short technique sessions before getting on the water

Pathways for new paddlers

Discussion re options for those wanting to do more than just Sundays.

Suggestions included -use phone numbers on door, advertise interest on Facebook page,

Decision to run 4x Friday evenings 6pm, starting 14th Feb for extra paddling. Could include use of OC2's

Pathways for steerers

A number of people have indicated they are keen ... request for steerers to be open to helping with training.

Teamer

Request for next newsletter – please make sure you notify on Teamer if you change your mind re paddling

Shed equipment

Light over door needs replacing (possibly one in shed)

Large storage shed will be tidied in near future (John coordinating)

Waka gear

Mangopare skirts – difficulty locating a provider and design. Process ongoing.

Lashings – proposed that all lashings be replaced 2x a year – new ones put on at Tuna e hoe and Waka Te Tasman

Little blue padding pieces- slip as opposed to yellow material ... old butanol could be used instead

Ratchets, general feeling should be in addition to lashings ... ratchet and webbing too inflexible in rough water. Check cost of stainless-steel ratchets as current ones need replacing

A pole has been donated to be used as camera rod – stored behind shed

Evan Hodson has donated a steering blade to club

Great aunties team have donated a steering blade to club

Funding app in at moment for adjustable paddles and more steering blades

Straps to help getting back in when waka huli – more needed. KT will follow up. It was noted that wider webbing (car belt) is easier to use.

Flares replace as old flares expire and replace with light flare.

Weather:

More discussion needed before leaving with crew.

Check <http://www.portnelson.co.nz/shipping-information/harbour-conditions/> - gives up-to-the-minute information.

Identify check points where all waka will stop and rethink continuing e.g. leaving marina, 2nd red pole, at cut.

Ultimately individual steerers are responsible for their crew and waka so don't be afraid to call it even if others are happy to go out.

Waka registration:

NCC require all waka to register ...

Vessels six metres or more in length must be **identified** and registered. There is no cost to register and you can submit the details of the vessel and the owner's contact details on:

[Vessel Registration page.](#)

<http://www.nelson.govt.nz/council/bylaws/bylaw-218-navigation-safety/vessel-registration/>

Vessels less than six metres need to have the owner's name and contact details marked somewhere on the vessel (see clause 2.26).

Meeting ended 7.35pm