

# Matson®



## 2017 MATSON VAKA EIVA PROGRAM

### Thursday 23th November 2017

- What:** Local Crew registration  
**When:** 4:30pm  
**Where:** Vaka Shed Avarua Harbour  
**What:** Volunteer Briefing  
**When:** 5:30pm  
**Where:** Vaka Shed Avarua Harbour

### Friday 24th November 2017

- What:** International Crew registration  
**When:** 10am to 2:30pm  
**Where:** Vaka Shed Avarua Harbour

- What:** Matson Vaka Eiva Float Parade from Constitution Park to Vaka Village.  
**When:** 3:00pm  
**Where:** All paddlers and supporters to meet at Constitution Park to join the Matson Vaka Eiva Parade through town to be welcomed by the public.  
**What:** Te Au O Tonga Turou and Akatapu Vaka - Traditional Welcome & Canoe Blessing - followed by Welcome Kai Kai for all Paddlers, Dignitaries, Sponsors, Supporters & Volunteers at the Vaka Village. Cultural performances then Party on at "Trader Jacks" Vaka Bar  
**When:** 4:00pm

### Saturday 25th November 2017

- What:** OC1/V1 Iron Races All Adult Divisions and U19's  
**When:** 11am Registration 12noon race start women all divisions  
12:30pm Registration 1:30pm Race start men all divisions  
**Where:** Avarua Wharf vaka village

- What:** Oe Mapu (Junior) Regatta Day 1  
**Where:** Meet at Ngataangia rugby field for Turou down beach to Sails Restaurant, Muri Lagoon  
**When:** 12noon

- What:** Paddle Art Exhibition - The Opening  
Matson Vaka Eiva OC1/V1 Races - Prize Giving  
**Where:** Beachcomber Art Gallery – beachside opposite the Avarua Church  
**When:** 5:00pm

## Sunday 26th November 2017

**No training or paddling.** Please respect the wishes and customs of our country. In the Cook Islands, this is a day of rest. Enjoy!

## Monday 27th November 2017

**What: Matson V6 12km Iron Races - All Adult Divisions and U19's**

**Where:** Avarua Wharf Vaka Shed

**When:** 7:00am Registration for 8:00 am

**Afternoon:** 6km mixed Hula Irons

**What: Oe Mapu (Junior) Regatta Day 2**

**Where:** Beach front Sails Restaurant Muri Lagoon

**When:** 1pm to 4pm

**What: Matson Vaka Eiva V6 Iron Races – Prize Giving and “Hula Dance-off”**

**Where:** “The Islander Hotel” beachside opposite Airport entrance

**When:** 5:00pm

## Tuesday 28th November 2017

**What: V6 Sprint Races all adult divisions-Vaka Takitumu Traditional Turou**

**Where:** Muri Lagoon

**When:** 8:00am All teams meet at Ngataangia rugby field for Turou (traditional welcome) along beach to Sails Restaurant

**What: Muri Mingler Party @ Sails Restaurant and Iso Bar**

**When:** Immediately following Sprints, Special Paddlers Menu available & Live Music

## Wednesday 29th November 2017

**What: Adult Rest & Recovery Day**

## Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**What: Pacific Cup Men's Round Raro Relay Race 36km**

**Pacific Paddle Women's Round Raro Relay Race 36km**

**Where:** Vaka Village Avarua Harbour

**When:** 7:00am registration 8:00am Race start

**What: Oe Mapu (Junior) Fun Day**

**Where:** On the beach Sails Restaurant Muri Lagoon

**When:** 12 noon to 3:00pm

**What: The Boiler Swim 700m- Gold coin charity donation for Charity: Autism Cl.**

**Where:** Loading Bay Ramp/beach Vaka Village Avarua Harbour. Then cocktails at sunset at “Trader Jacks” Vaka Bar

**When:** approx 4:00pm

**What: Oe Mapu Prize Giving, Kai Kai and Paddles Up Party,**

**Where:** Silver Sponsor “The Islander Hotel” opposite entrance to Airport Nikao

**When:** 5:00pm

## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

**What: Bob Worthington Memorial Trophy Mixed Round Raro Relay**

**Where:** Vaka Village Avarua Harbour

**When:** Registration 7:00am Race start 8:00am

**What: Prize giving for Thurs & Fri Round Raro Relays. Official Closing Ceremony & Kai Kai followed by Official 'Paddles-Up Party' Island Style theme at the Vaka Village.**

**When:** 4:30pm till late!