



24th Nov - 1st Dec

A big week in a little Paddling Paradise

2017 MATSON VAKA EIVA PROGRAM

Friday 24th November 2017

What: All Crew Registration

Where: Vaka Shed Avarua Harbour

When: 10:00am to 5:00pm

What: BTIB "Go Local" Market Day – local food, artisanal & cultural products, entertainment

Where: Vaka Village Avarua Harbour

When: 10:00am to 4:00pm

What: Te Au O Tonga Turou and Akatapu Vaka – Traditional Welcome & Canoe Blessing

Where: Vaka Village Avarua Harbour

When: 5:00pm

What: Team Photos

Where: Vaka Village Avarua Harbour

When: 5:30pm

What: Matson Vaka Eiva 2017 Paddle Art Exhibition - The Opening

Where: Beachcomber Pearl Market & Art Gallery – 2mins walk from Vaka Village - beachside opposite the Avarua Church

When: 6:00pm

Saturday 25th November 2017

What: Matson Vaka Eiva 2017 V6 12km Iron Races U19 & Adult All Divisions

Where: Avarua Wharf Vaka Shed

When: 7:00am Women Registration 8:00am Race Start

8:30am Men Registration 10:00am Race Start

10:30am Mixed Registration 12:30pm Race Start

What: Matson Vaka Eiva 2017 Prize Giving V6 Iron Races

Followed by a **Welcome Meal for all Paddlers, Dignitaries, Sponsors, Supporters & Volunteers** at the Vaka Village.

Enjoy Cultural performances then party on at "Trader Jacks" Vaka Bar

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 Vaka Eiva OC1/V1 12km/18km Iron Races All Adult Divisions and U19's

When: 8:00am Women Registration 9:00am Race start
9:30pm Men Registration 10:30pm Race start

What: 6km Mix it Up Hula Iron

When: 1:00pm Registration 2:30pm Race Start

Where: Avarua Wharf Vaka Village

What: Prize Giving Matson Vaka Eiva OC1/V1 & Hula Iron Races then the "Hula

Where: "The Islander Hotel" beachside opposite Airport entrance

When: 5:00pm

Tuesday 28th November 2017

What: Bob Worthington Memorial Trophy Mixed Round Raro Relay

Where: Vaka Village Avarua Harbour

When: 9:00am Registration 11:00am Race start

What: The Boiler Swim 700m- Gold Coin Charity Donation for Autism Cook Islands

Where: Loading Bay Ramp/Beach Vaka Village Avarua Harbour.

When: 4:00pm

What: Prize Giving - Bob Worthington Memorial Trophy Mixed Round Raro Relay

Then cocktails at sunset "Trader Jacks" Vaka Bar

When: 5:00pm

Wednesday 29th November 2017

What: Matson Vaka Eiva V6 Sprint Races U19 & All Adult divisions – Vaka Takitumu Traditional Turou

Where: Muri Lagoon

When: 8:00am- All teams meet at Ngatangiaa 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

Thursday 30th November 2017

What: Adult Rest, Recovery & Recreational Day

Friday 1st December 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: Prize giving – Matson Vaka Eiva Round Raro Relays. Official Closing Ceremony & Meal followed by Official 'Paddles-Up Party' Island Style theme

Where: Vaka Village Avarua Harbour

When: 4:30pm till late