



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 23rd & 24th Nov**– local food, artisanal & cultural products, entertainment

Where: Vaka Village Avarua Harbour

When: 10:00am to 3:00pm

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 & 18km Iron Races U19 & Adult All Divisions**

Where: Avarua Wharf Vaka Shed

When: 8:00am Registration Open Men & Women 18km 9:00am Race Start
9:30am Registration Masters Men/Women/U19 12km 11:30am Race Start
12:00pm Registration Mixed 12km 2:00pm 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 Iron Races U19 & all Adult Divisions

When: 7:00am Registration Men all divisions 8:00am Race Start
8:30pm Registration Women all divisions - 10:30pm Race Start

What: 6km Mix it Up Hula Iron

When: 11:00am Registration 1:30pm 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: 7:00am Registration 8:00am Race start

What: Prize Giving - Bob Worthington Memorial Trophy Mixed Round Raro Relay will take place at the prize-giving on Fri 1st Dec.

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 Ngatangia 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

NO RACING TODAY – Time to explore the Island

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

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