



R6 WORLD RAFTING CHAMPIONSHIPS NEW ZEALAND 2013



This is the first newsletter with important information in preparation to the 2013 IRF World Rafting Championships.

INFORMATION INSIDE

THE DATES ARE OFFICIAL!

Welcome to the first R6 World Rafting Championships to include four age group categories for Men and Women.

- * Masters— 40 or over within 2013
- * Seniors
- * Junior—Under 23 (includes the year they turn 23)
- * Youth—Under 19 (includes the year they turn 19)

Official Practise/Competition Dates for Youth and Juniors:

Wednesday 13 November 2013 - Official Practise Youth/Junior
Thursday 14 November 2013 - Official Practise Youth/Junior
Friday 15 November 2013 - Sprint and Head to Head Youth/Junior - Tarawera River
Saturday 16 November 2013 - Slalom Youth/Junior - Tarawera River
Sunday 17 November 2013 - Downriver Youth/Junior - Rangitaiki River

Official Practise/Competition Dates for Masters and Seniors:

Monday 18 November 2013 -Official Practise Senior/Masters
Tuesday 19 November 2013 -Official Practise Senior/Masters
Wednesday 20 November 2013 -Official Practise Senior/Masters
Thursday 21 November 2013 -Sprint Senior/Masters - Kaituna River
Friday 22 November 2013 -Head to Head Senior/Masters - Kaituna River
Saturday 23 November 2013 -Slalom Senior/Masters - Tarawera River
Sunday 24 November 2013 -Down River Senior/Masters - Rangitaiki River



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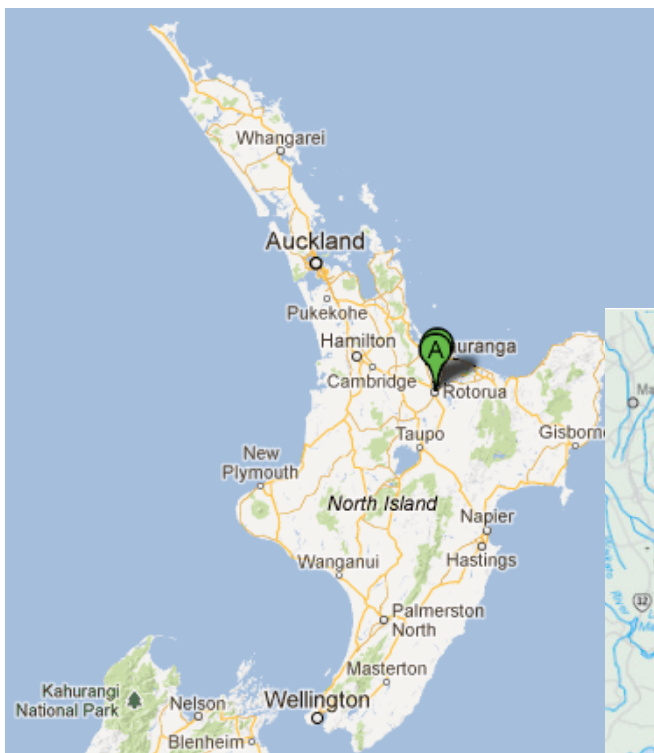
R O T O R U A

All teams will be based in Rotorua. We have accommodation facilities next door to the Waikariki Polytechnic where team meetings, meals and all ceremonies will take place. Accommodation at tent rate is included in the team registration package however there are options to upgrade to cabins, or a lodge.

Located in the central North Island, Rotorua is well connected to the rest of New Zealand, and the world, through a network of air and road links. The city is a leisurely three-hour drive from the gateway city of Auckland (234km), and a 5-6-hour drive from New Zealand's capital city of Wellington (457km) at the bottom of the North Island. Transport options to Rotorua include air, coach, shuttle and self drive in rental vehicle .

Rotorua has daily **AIR** service links with Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch and Queenstown and twice weekly return trans-tasman flights from Sydney being on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Although the Youth and Juniors will be accommodated and catered for in Rotorua, the township of Kawerau will be a Host City to teams with presentations taking place at Kawerau.


DISTANCES TO RIVERS FROM ROTORUA
 (approximately):

TARAWERA RIVER - 60 km

KAITUNA RIVER - 25 km

RANGITAIKI RIVER - 81 km



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www.kawerau.co.nz

THE RIVERS

TARAWERA RIVER— Situated 40 minutes from Rotorua, the Tarawera River drains from lake Tarawera and falls approximately 30 minutes in the 59 km from the lake to the coast flowing through the township of Kawerau, where it forms an ideal section of grade 2-3 rapids with a small flat section in between. The short distance from the source of the river and the surround permeable soils ensure that river levels are maintained throughout the year.

Both **Youth** and **Junior** will be competing on the Tarawera for the Sprint, Head to Head and Slalom disciplines. The **Senior** and **Masters** will be competing on the Tarawera for their Slalom. The slalom section has a good mix of rapids and eddies with a gating system that allows for simple and quick gate changes. Peter Meikler believes it has the ability to create a difficult slalom course.

Parking is 20 metres away from the river and it is a very spectator friendly location with the opportunity for a real river festival atmosphere.

KAITUNA RIVER—

Located 15-20 minutes from the centre of Rotorua, the Kaituna River is the outlet of both Lake Rotorua and Rotoiti and is famous for its waterfalls, play spots and deep green gorge. This run has been commercially rafted since 1992 and has become the most popular river run in the North Island. It's 7 metre waterfall drop has earned the badge of the highest commercially rafter waterfall drop in the world. However the waterfall is not included in either the **SPRINT** or **HEAD TO HEAD** for the **Masters** and **Senior** categories.

SPRINT—The race will start in the pool below the 7 metre Tutea Falls and finish in the pool below the bottom hole. It takes approximately 3 minutes. This section of river will test your team's technical skills as there are narrow sweeping bends, strong eddies, seven short grade 3 drops and slide style rapids. There are plenty of places to be slowed down and it will take a full team effort to keep the raft on the fastest moving water.

HEAD TO HEAD— this section of river will be from the control gates to the bottom of the Power House Weir rapid. It takes approximately 2 minutes to race and there are several opportunities to pass the opposition. It starts with a 50 metre flat section, teams then either converge or take difference currents leading into the first rapid called the Chute. Things can then change for the team depending on their accuracy as there is a tight left hand turn with a strong eddy on the inside and plenty of water pushing wide on the turn. There is then approximately 200 metres of grade 2 after which the river gorges up into narrow sweeping bends, one to the right, then one to the left leading into the Power house Weir rapid. There are then two options, take the 3 metre waterfall a few paddle strokes into the 1.5 metre weir or take the slightly faster shoot on the left that drops you straight on top of the weir. The finish

RANGITAIKI RIVER— Situated 60 minutes from Rotorua, the Rangitaiki River is a classic North Island River run with lots of technical grade 3 rapids with the added excitement of class four rapids in the first kilometer (the Masters and Senior Downriver). The run has lovely scenery, continuous rapids and its 11.5 km length is long enough to tire out the fittest paddlers.

The start has flat water wide enough for four or more teams. At the preworlds we did a monte carlo start. The race length was a good 45 minutes. The finish line is at the take out, close to where the vehicles are parked.

For the Senior and Masters the first of the rapids is at Rock A and B where NZ hosted the world cup kayak slalom in 1991. Technical grade 4 moves, followed by 200 metres of read and run before dropping into the exciting grade 4 drop of Jeff's Joy. This is a very exciting and fast piece of water. From here there is approximately 3 kms of continuous grade 2 and 3 rapids leading into a grueling flat section of water. Within this section is the start for the Youth and Junior downriver race.

Teams will slog it out, tailing each other in an attempt to make a flat water outtake. About 2 kms later the river starts dropping again and team work is crucial as there are so many rocks and rapids to remember, it seems never ending. However the river is still narrow enough to make for fast rapids, fast corners there are plenty of opportunities for rafts to overtake.

Check out photos from the preworlds on our Facebook page and the website

See Team Teikei Japan's video from the PreWorlds—
October 2012 on our Facebook page



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THE RAFTS

the rafts - *Whitewater W43S***INCEPT****WHITewater W43S**
4.3 m, 14' 2"**Stable in extreme conditions**

The Whitewater W43S is a middle sized double-ended raft designed for technical rivers. It is the slimmer of the two Incept 14' rafts. The narrower beam of this raft enables negotiation of tight rapids with an outstanding degree of control.

Amongst commercial outfitters, the nimble W43 is the most popular choice from the Incept Whitewater range.

Generally used as a paddle boat with 3 thwarts, the W43 will reward your choice with predictably good performance and ease of paddling or rowing - it is very fast, easy turning, stable in extreme conditions and has good carry-through in holes and stoppers.

One of the greatest benefits of these easy-paddling rafts is that the paddling effort required of the crew is greatly reduced. When called on in major rapids the crew

is more responsive and comes off river at end of day fresher and happier.

The W43S, like all Incept self-bailers, has a carefully rockered floor and smooth sandflap attachments to the sponson. The reduction in underwater drag, especially in cross-flows, gives this boat its outstanding stability and its ability to safely take lines in rapids previously not considered wise or even possible.

Whichever Whitewater model size is the appropriate choice for your river, you can expect more control, less flips and wraps, increased handling safety in marginal conditions, and a happier crew.

**FEATURES**

PERFORMANCE	The brand "INCEPT" assures best performing rafts, period.
MATERIALS	Polyurethane and Polyurethane Alloy options
GRABLINE	Fitted grab-line properly tied off on all D's
SHIELDED D's	S/S shielded D's, unique to Incept, prolong webbing and grab-line life by up to 10 times
THWARTS	Fixed or removable, ends shaped to sponson
VALVES	Industry-standard HR inflation valves, matching floor relief valve
HANDLES	Polyurethane bow and stern carry handles
BAILING	Fast self-bailing
COLOURS	Available in red or yellow
SAFETY	8 separate air compartments
ACCESSORIES	Repair kit included



Waikato River, North Island, New Zealand



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THE RAFTS



OPTIONS - Incept W43S self-bailing rafts

- **Materials** - constructed from heavy duty pure Polyurethane or from heavy duty Polyurethane-alloy boat materials
- **Thwarts** - can be repositioned, can be fixed or removable, and up to 4 thwarts can be fitted
- **Bow-bags** for easily accessed on-river gear (e.g first aid kit)
- **Foot cones**, extra Handles, extra D's, Flipper-grippers
- **Internal grab-line**
- **Chafers** - Extended frame chafers
- **Armor** - Additional PU armor (e.g trailer rub spots)
- **Valves** - choice of position and type
- **Signage** - screen printing in permanent 2-part flexible paints
- **Bucket Floor** - model W43R - enquire for details

MATERIALS	W43SX	W43SU
General	PU Alloy 1050g/32 oz 1100d Polyester	Polyurethane 1100g /31 oz 1670d PE
Under Tube	PU Alloy 1500g/45 oz 1880d Polyester	Polyurethane 1500g /45 oz 1880d nylon
Floor Base	Polyurethane 1500g/45 oz 1880d nylon	
Floor Cap	Polyurethane 1000g/30 oz 940d nylon	

Poly Urethane (PU)

Polyurethane is unbelievably tough and is the strongest boat material available. It is weldable for construction - which means there is no glue to deteriorate - and yet easily repairable with glue. It has better properties than any other boat material in all categories except foldability (*Hypalon).

Polyurethane can be alloyed with PVC, and Incept offers an option of a 50/50 blend for raft sponsons, gaining a saving in cost without sacrificing all of the advantages of polyurethane's toughness.

Nikki Kelly and the New Zealand women's race team - World Champions



Kaituna River, North Island, New Zealand



Incept Inflatable Technology
Design experience, expert craftsmanship & the world's best processes and materials.

Key Information About Incept Inflatables

Incept Marine Ltd is a New Zealand based manufacturer and international supplier of world class inflatable marine boats, inflatable rafts, - kayaks and -canoes, inflatable rescue and fishing craft to multiple market sectors.

The factory is a modern purpose-built facility with the latest machinery and with long term skilled staff in Taihape, a central North Island location close to mountains, lakes and rivers.

All inflatable boats made by Incept have 100% heat welded air chambers using variously all three available welding technologies.

Focus on Performance

Incept inflatable boats are designed by professional engineers - boating enthusiasts - to achieve optimum waterline shapes and exceptional handling. Not only the sponsons but also the self bailing floors are tapered and rockered - careful consideration is given to every trade-off factor that exists in inflatable boat design.

At design stage so much emphasis is placed on performance that ease of production is secondary - if it doesn't work in the water, it doesn't get made at Incept. And we have never heard of an Incept owner anywhere who does not think Incept boats are the best performing in their class.

WARRANTY Incept Whitewater inflatable rafts in non-commercial use are guaranteed for a period of five years from the date of purchase, two years for commercial. Any manufacturing defects in materials or workmanship found during the warranty period will be made good by Incept Marine Ltd at no cost, provided only that the boat is returned to the nearest world-wide Incept repair station, freight paid one way. Call the dealer from whom you purchased the boat, or Incept, for details.

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A C C O M M O D A T I O N**ACCOMMODATION****LOG CABINS****SELF-CONTAINED
FLATS****CARAVAN SITES****100-BED LODGE****MOTORHOME SITES****TENT SITES****LOG CABINS**

Enjoy the park-like grounds of the Rotorua Thermal Holiday Park. It is situated in the very heart of Rotorua's scenic attractions. You can relax in the free thermal pools; walk to the thermal reserve and geysers or to the golf course. Facilities at the holiday park include free mineral pools, free heated swimming pools, free gas BBQ's, camp store, children's playground, games room, internet access, 2 communal kitchens, laundry facilities, TV room, refrigerated lockers, linen & towel hire, on site licensed café, covered walkways, dining room, lounge, shower and toilet facilities.

The Rotorua Thermal Holiday Park is the official accommodation base. It is located beside Waiariki Polytech which will be the:

Location of ceremonies * **Team Meetings** * **Media Base**
Meals * **Wireless Internet**

The team registration includes accommodation for the official training and competition period at the base entry of tent accommodation. There is however the opportunity to upgrade to cabins, flats or lodge type accommodation. This can be arranged at team registration through Raewyn.

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V I S A S

If you are visiting for three months or less and are from a country listed below, you will not need a visitor visa (where the purpose of the visit is not for medical consultation or treatment).

Andorra	Argentina	Austria	Bahrain	Belgium
Brazil	Brunei	Bulgaria	Canada	Chile
Cyprus	Czech Republic	Denmark	Estonia*	Finland
France	Germany	Greece*****	Hong Kong**	Hungary
Iceland	Ireland	Israel	Italy	Japan
Korea (South)	Kuwait	Latvia*	Liechtenstein	Lithuania*
Luxembourg	Malaysia	Malta	Mexico	Monaco
Netherlands	Norway	Oman	Poland	Portugal***
Qatar	Romania	San Marino	Saudi Arabia	Singapore
Slovak Republic	Slovenia	South Africa	Spain	Sweden
Switzerland	Taiwan*****	United Arab Emirates	United States of America****	
Uruguay	Vatican City			

* Visa waiver does not apply to people travelling on alien's (non-citizen's) passports issued by these countries.

** Residents of Hong Kong travelling in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region or British National (Overseas) passports.

*** Portuguese passport holders must also have the right to live permanently in Portugal

**** Including nationals of the USA

***** Greek passport holders whose passports were issued on and after 1 January 2006 (Greek passports issued before 1 January 2006 are not acceptable for travel after 1 January 2007).

***** Permanent residents of Taiwan travelling on a Taiwanese passport. A personal identity number printed within the visible section of the biographical page of the Taiwan passport demonstrates that the holder is a permanent resident of Taiwan.

United Kingdom and Australia—British citizens and other British passport holders who produce evidence of the right to reside permanently in the UK can visit for up to six months without a visitor visa. Australian citizens and people who hold a current Australian permanent residence visa or a current Australian resident return visa do not need a NZ visitor visa to enter NZ.

Note: If you are transiting through Australia you may require an Australian visitors visa go to: www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/stream/visit/transit/austransit.htm

APPLICATION FOR A VISITORS VISA TO NZ — www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/stream/visit/visitors/process/default.htm

Sports people competing in sports events and those associated with the success of these events, such as match and tournament officials, can enter New Zealand on visitor visas, as long as their stay is for three months or less. Longer stays will require work visas. Media and broadcasters accredited to cover a sport event or tournament can enter NZ on visitor visas, as long as their stay is for three months or less. Longer stays will require work visas.

R E G I S T R A T I O N A N D C O N T A C T

The cost of team registration at time of bidding was set at NZ\$2800. **This is currently being reviewed and registrations will be taken in due course.**

Team registration includes for seven team members for the period of official training and competition—MEALS, ACCOMMODATION (as listed on page 6), TRANSPORTATION FROM ROTO-RUA AIRPORT TO ACCOMMODATION, TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE RIVERS AND OPENING/CLOSING CEREMONIES.

There will be opportunities for training prior to official training.

More information on registration will follow in the next newsletter. Remember we are here to help you and your team supporters so please contact Raewyn at info@2013raftingworldsNZ.com