



Darcy Price

New Zealand Ocean Surfski Series

The CRNZ Distance Paddling Committee are pleased to announce the establishment of the **Darcy Price NZ Ocean Surfski Series**, for the 2019-2020 season.

With this series we hope to:

1. Promote the sport and grow the paddling community.
2. Encourage paddlers to compete, challenge themselves and experience these fantastic events.
3. Provide a pathway for paddlers to compete in international surfski events.



The series has been named after Darcy Price, who sadly passed away in 2018.

Darcy was one of the driving forces behind ski paddling in New Zealand, founding the King and Queen of the Harbour and the Takapuna Beach Series surfski races. He was also an accomplished anaesthetist and was well known in medical circles for his practice and research.

Most of all, he was a fantastic guy and enthusiastic paddling companion, many of us have fond memories of surfski adventures shared with Darcy.

We feel that this is a fitting tribute to Darcy and that he would have loved the idea of promoting surfski paddling again in New Zealand, giving more people the opportunity to enjoy this great sport in some beautiful parts of the country.



About the series

These 5 events have been selected as pinnacle surfski races around New Zealand, with great potential for downwind ocean conditions & making the most of the NZ Coastline. They are all incredibly well run by enthusiastic organisers, who are keen & willing to include their events in this series.

A paddler's best 3 races will count towards the series results, with a prize-giving at the final event.

The specific races & dates will be open and may vary each year. It is seen as complementary to the established & broader, NZ Paddler Series (www.paddlerseries.nz).

One of these events will also be the 2020 NZ National Championship.

These events will also form the selection criteria for the ICF Ocean Surfski Worlds teams annually. Further details on the selection policy & points system will be released in the coming months.

— Andrew Mowlem and the CRNZ Distance Paddling Committee

Poor Knights Crossing.

Tutukaka. 7 September 2019.

See: www.facebook.com/events/343825103078864/

King & Queen of the Harbour v2.

Auckland. 30 November 2019.

See: <https://bit.ly/2KKXkGb>

Bhutti Moore-morial Race.

Tauranga. 1 February 2020.

See: www.wakaama.co.nz/racecalendar/lookup/1436

See: www.facebook.com/JamesMooreMorialRace/

King of the Bay.

Nelson. 15 February 2020.

See: www.kayakhq.co.nz/pages/queen-and-king-of-the-bay-2020-surfski-race

Heads to Harbour Race.

Whakatane. 25 April 2020.

(New event. Details coming soon!)