



They ran, they jumped & they paddled!

In conjunction with Whaingaroa Environment Centre's Maui Dolphin Day, the annual Xtreme Zero Waste Recycled Raft Race went off with another great splash!! A record 14 rafts entered this year!, with two rafts coming all the way from Hamilton. Congratulations for this year's winners:

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- 1st Place Sponsored by Raglan 4 Square – Te Uku Titans
- 2nd Place Sponsored by Versatile Electrical – The Fellowship of the Raft
- 3rd Place Sponsored by Aeronavics – Team Palm Tree
- Best Junior Raft Sponsored by Aeronavics – Raglan Junior Surf
- Best Raft Sponsored by Raglan Coconut Yoghurt Raglan Area School

Another major sponsor was The Wrong Skate Shop!! Thankyou!! Other entries included the Waitetuna Warriors, Matapihi Madness, Raglan Kindergarten, Xtreme Zero Waste, Bad Boyz, Brotherhood Adventures, Corrigator Alligator, Wassup and • Water Lord! What a turn out!!

Xtreme and Whaingaroa Environment Centre, would like to give a big shout out to the Raglan Business community, we had some wonderful, generous donations this year.

With safety being our main priority we would like to thank, Raglan Kayaks, Raglan Surf Lifesaving, Raglan Coastguard, Rick Thorpe and Jon Fawdry for providing safety boats on the day. Looking forward to next year's event already!



It feels like Maui Dolphin Day was ages ago already! But we'd like to take the time to thank YOU for helping to make this wonderful annual event a success earlier this month. Maui Dolphin Day was brought to you by Whaingaroa Environment Centre and Xtreme Zero Waste with support from the Department of Conservation and our wonderful sponsors: the Raglan Lions Club, WWF, Paella CateringNZ & Wild Coast Yoga supporting the day. Thank you to Dizzy Blocks for sponsoring the beach clean, Countdown Dinsdale, Sodastream, SHOTT bevarages and Tio Pablo for supporting the WEC kai fundraising stall! With the funds raised we'll be able to do more work to protect our taonga, the Maui Dolphin!

Thanks to everyone who entertained us (Te Rōpū Aroha Ki Te Reo, Sambatron, Artemis, Tux, Raglan Area School kids, and our MC X-Man!). Thanks to all the amazing food stalls (Te Rōpū Aroha Ki Te Reo, Raglan Kindergarten, Home School Crew, Paella Catering and WEC) and the info stalls, games and activities (Karioi project, Raglan Area School, WEC projects, KASM, Raglan Naturally, Peggy Oki, WWF, DOC). Thanks to Jack from Miro Feeds for the last minute hay bales. Most importantly – thank you to all of the volunteers put so much time into making the event happen. This truly was a community event and Raglan should feel very proud of itself – THANK YOU!

With the death of five Hector dolphins in set nets down in Banks Peninsula earlier this month, let's all remember the purpose of this event: the celebration of our beautiful marine environment and the amazing species, particularly the Maui and Hector's dolphins that live within it.

Together we CAN save the world's rarest dolphins:

- Fisherman? Don't use set nets where dolphins may be found; Stay with your net – if you see dolphins, lift your net immediately
- Boatie? Use a 'no wake' speed within 300m of dolphins; Don't swim with Māui dolphins or attempt to feed them
- Cat lover? Don't dispose of cat litter or other animal feaces in toilets, drains or stormwater systems – this may spread a parasitic disease to the dolphins
- Everyone: Report all sightings to 0800 DOC HOT line (0800 362 468) Remember "Rounded fin? Send it in!"

- Recycle and don't litter – yet another reason to keep our beaches and public spaces clean of litter: Māui may swallow or get entangled in rubbish!

- Spread the word - the more people that know about Maui dolphins and their plight, the more people will care!



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