

## March 2009 Newsletter

### Upcoming Events

#### **1/ King of the Cape Sunday March 22**

The final national series race to confirm positions for 2009 is the King of the Cape at Ninety Mile Beach, Kaitaia. **Entries and the \$100 entry fee need to be sent to Sandra now.**

The race will commence at 10am at Ahipara travelling up the beach to Scotts Landing (86km) with checkpoints where boats must come ashore at Hukatere and The Bluff . Stage 1 will finish at Scotts Landing where elapsed times will be recorded. Stage 2 will restart at 12pm from Scotts Landing returning to the finish at Ahipara with checkpoints again at The Bluff and Hukatere. The winner of the KOC trophy is that having the shortest aggregate time over the 2 stages. Fuel requirements will be 40 litres minimum per stage and fuel stops can be made at each checkpoint if desired. Support crews can follow the boats up and down the beach.

Accommodation is available at The Northerner Motor Inn at a special Thundercat room rate of \$85 per night Twin or double. They also offer a buffet dinner on the Saturday for \$30 each and breakfast on the Sunday for \$12.50. Please phone The Northerner on 09 408 2800 to book and quoting the Thundercat rate.

#### **2/ Festival of Speed Whitianga April 4 and 5 2009**

Hopper Developments have organised a Festival of Speed on Saturday April 4 and Sunday April 5. This event is expected to draw massive crowds and includes offshore power boat racing, jet sprint boats, drag bikes, cars planes and helicopters. Please see their website [www.whitiangawaterways.co.nz](http://www.whitiangawaterways.co.nz) for more info

Thundercats have been invited to hold a Surfcross on Buffalo Beach on Sunday at 10am. This is an ideal opportunity to showcase the sport and is open to all members. Normal race day format will apply.

Please make sure you forward your entry form to Sandra now so we can confirm numbers. Entry fees are \$50 and motors do not need to be sealed. We would recommend booking Whitianga accommodation now as it will be at a premium.

#### **3/ Trans Tasman vs Australia June 2009**

This is to be held over the Australian Queens Birthday Weekend June 6-8 at Surfers Paradise Gold Coast. The racing will comprise 2 days of surf racing followed by a long haul on the Monday. The cost per boat will be about \$2500 which covers shipping of boats, 2 airfares and accommodation from June 4 to 9.

Anyone interested in going must email confirming their intent to [steve@plumbquick.co.nz](mailto:steve@plumbquick.co.nz) before March 22. The team of 12 boats chosen will primarily be influenced by availability and results in the 2009 national series.

Details for the April Orewa Club day and May Auckland Harbour Race in conjunction with the Offshore Power Boat Association will follow later.

Regards  
Steve