

Thundercat Racing Newsletter April 2010

Hi All

1. **National Endurance Series.**

As you will no doubt be aware the last race of the national series was the recent King of the Cape at 90 Mile Beach of which again only 5 boats finished, the winner on the day being Dodge, ahead of Blue Cougar and BlackPepper. This then determined the national endurance champion on overall points from the 3 races to be BlackPepper.

2. **National Championship.**

The National Thundercat racing champions are decided by the cumulative points from the best five (5) national surf cross plus the best endurance race. Going into the final round (King of the Cape) Smuggler were already the national champions whose position could not be challenged. However second and third place were still to be confirmed but it ended being Jungle Coffee second and BlackPepper third.

After the King of the Cape the above top three national boats were impounded by your club executive and taken immediately to Engine Specialities. A stage 1 strip down and measurement was carried out and all boats were found to be compliant meaning the positions above are now confirmed for 2010. Congratulations to all the national champions.

3. **Whitianga Festival of Speed this weekend April 10/11**

This will be a big weekend. The thundercat racing is on Sunday April 11. We need to assemble at Buffalo Beach reserve at 9am at which point we need to carry the boats down onto the beach and set up as per a normal surf cross day. Racing will commence at 11am sharp and conclude about 1.30pm after which we will again be offering rides to the public. The crowd expected for the weekend is likely to be 30,000 so we would expect some to watch Thundercat racing.

Make sure you have entered before 12 noon Thursday 8 April 2010, please send all entries to slinkysambo@yahoo.co.nz, if you have previously sent your entry to the secretary email, please resend to the above email address to ensure your entry has been received as not all emails are getting through to the secretary account it appears. Rosters for beach setup and rides will be emailed out prior to the weekend.

In addition we have been lined up to assist with a launch race on the Saturday probably around Midday. For this we will require about 10 boats. The format (as described in the marine section of the Saturday Herald) is that we perform a Le Mans start with the launch owners as co-pilots racing out to their launches which they board and race around a course before returning to the thundercats which then complete a beach finish. If you are available for the Saturday can you please phone Steve on 021965246.

There is a large number of other events on as part of the festival so check out their web site: www.whitiangafos.co.nz.

4. **Thundercat Auction.**

This is definitely occurring late April or early May at a date still to be confirmed (we need the money). We will keep you posted.

See you at Whitianga.

Steve