



## **1. King of the Cape Sunday 28 March 2010**

For those who have not competed before, this is a race in 2 stages starting from Ahipara then up the length of 90 mile beach to the top at Scotts Landing where we regroup before a restart to return. It is a distance of 86km each way and is mainly in the surf line which makes for easy viewing by support crews. There will be compulsory stops at Hukatere and The Bluff each way where refuelling can be done if desired. Note that Yamaha engines will use 70 litres of fuel for the return trip. Support vehicles will be able to carry fuel to the check points.

Accommodation is available at 'The Northerner' in Kaitaia which has double or twin rooms available for \$95 per night, plenty of parking, a bar and restaurant. Please phone 'The Northerner' direct on 0800334422 to book or email [thenortherner@xtra.co.nz](mailto:thenortherner@xtra.co.nz) quoting the Thundercat rate. Drivers briefing will be held on the Sunday morning at 8am over breakfast at the Northerner restaurant. Race start is 10.30am. Safety equipment is as per surfcross but with the addition of 2 paddles.

If you have paid your entry to the nationals there is no charge to race in this event. However you must email [secretary@thundercatracing.co.nz](mailto:secretary@thundercatracing.co.nz) to confirm your entry. **Note that grid positions for the start of this race are determined by the order in which email entries are received so advise Sandi now!!** This race is open to any entrants but for those who have not paid nationals fee the cost is \$80. Some of the final placings in the 2010 nationals could be determined by results in this race.

## **2. Whitianga Festival of Speed April 10/11**

This event is staged by Hoppers to promote their waterways development in Whitianga. The event program is still being finalized but Thundercats will be holding a club day surfcross on the Sunday at Buffalo beach commencing around the normal time of 11am (meet at Buffalo Beach at 9am). This will follow on from the events on Saturday which includes Offshore power boats, jet skiing, car racing, aerobatics displays, motorcross etc. The event organisers are keen to also involve Thundercats on the Saturday for some exciting novelty races as a lead up to Sunday. This event is a great way to showcase the sport and last year proved very popular with the crowds. It is overall an exciting weekend. We would strongly recommend booking accommodation **now**. Entry fees are \$80 per boat and day licences for those who wish are \$30. An entry form is attached. Please return by email to [secretary@thundercatracing.co.nz](mailto:secretary@thundercatracing.co.nz).

If you have any queries with regard to these events please ph Steve on 021965246

### **3. Thundercat auction**

The fundraising auction is necessary because the national racing fees are insufficient to cover the club costs and the \$30K commitment to go to TV. We require a commitment from every boat to ensure this is a success. The date is yet to be confirmed but will now be towards the last week in April. This is always a fun night but we require products and/or services to auction. Shortly you will be phoned by a club executive to ask what you can donate. Please consider what you or your sponsors can offer to this night. Once we have collated the items on offer we will forward an auction catalogue to enable you to approach interested parties to attend. More details will follow shortly.