

**NEW ZEALAND WATER SKI RACING
ASSOCIATION INC**

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Newsletter

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Event Calendar – In Brief

- **Mid winter – 9th August Karapiro**
- **Rotorua ** Series 1 – 27/28 Sept**
- **Karapiro ** Series 2 & 3 – 18/19 Oct**
- **Hamilton ** Rollos Marine Bridge to Bridge 01/02 Nov**
- **Birkenhead ** Series 4 & 5 – 22/23 Nov**
- **Taupo ** Series 6 6th Dec**
- **Brooklyn Water Ski Club ** National Ski School 5th to 9th Jan**
- **Rotoma ** Series 7 10th Jan**
- **Taupo ** Round the Island 24 Jan**
- **Paeroa ** Twin Rivers 14 Feb**
- **Rotorua ** Bryce Newton Memorial 100 Miler Classic – 21 Feb**
- **Wellington ** North Island Champs 7/8 Mar**
- **Taupo ** National Champs 21/22 Mar**
- **Trans Tasman Junior Challenge (International) – 18/19 April**

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Words of Wisdom

Hi guys,

What a mean Bridge 2 Bridge! An awesome organisational effort by Chris Rollit and team, and although a bit of attrition this year there were also some fantastic achievements with a few records broken. The Ozzy's had a good time and we always appreciate the effort the Mainlanders put in to get to the Bridge...we hope there are no long term injuries from the spill!

Birkenhead is next so we look forward to catching up there and thanks to Richard Mayne and team for organising the racing.

Don't forget ski school, any enquiries to Brad.

Cheers, and stay safe!

Chris.

River Cruises

'River Cruises' is an operation on the Wairoa river in Tauranga. The boat is an 11mtr Cat with 2 x 4 stroke engines and it cruises up the river for 11km return. It can take 49 passengers and has an open upper deck that is just fantastic during the nice weather. There is a BBQ on board and a small galley for basic catering if required. Alcohol is BYO. The cost for a basic cruise is \$35.00 per head, and an extra \$10.00 per head with catered BBQ. IF you want to do the BBQ yourself it doesn't cost to use it. This is a good work function boat or get-to-gether boat and all it does is go up the river (which is about half as wide as the bridge river – less in places) and you pass through countryside etc at 4 or 5 knots. Always calm water even if it's windy.

If anyone is interested, please contact Chris Carter. Ph: 021 759704



Skier/driver/observer Profile Page

Full Name: **Bevan Turksma**

Age, DOB: 29

Nick Name: (if any) **Beaver**

Favourite Movie: **Too many to list**

Favourite Food: **Sushi / Japanese & Mums Cooking**

Favourite Car: **22b Subaru**

Favourite Boat: **Easy – TOP GUN**

How long have you been involved in Ski Racing: **13 yrs**

Favourite Event and Why: **All of them, cant pick one**

How old were you when you first learnt to ski either on a drag or a slalom ski: **7 years old for doubles and single ski**

Anything you would like to say: **Keep training, and don't Give up, when it gets hard keep putting in the Effort, it will pay off. Want to thank the Association for 13 years of great fun and great friends.**

Full Name: **Vaughan Hyde**

Age, DOB: 34

Nick Name: (if any) **Vinnie / Vin / V Dog**

Favourite Movie: **Top Gun**

Favourite Food: **Pizza – any kind**

Favourite Car: **69 Camaro**

Favourite Boat: **Hellbent**

How long have you been involved in Ski Racing: **7 yrs**

Favourite Event and Why: **Bridge to Bridge because its ours and Southern 80**

How old were you when you first learnt to ski either on a drag or a slalom ski: **3 yrs old in a toboggan, then 6 or 7 to ski on a single**

Anything you would like to say: **If there is one thing I have learnt, it is that speed is your friend, don't overthink too much.**



"PHANTOM"

CT Marine is proud to release its new production ski boat "**Phantom**".

- 20 ft long with a variable dead rise
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New Zealand's Rollo's Marine Yamaha Bridge to Bridge Water Ski Classic 2008

Well what a weekend it was. Great racing, no major incidents, some new records and a bit of unpredictability for good measure. It all started at Rollo's Marine as usual for scrutineering and registration. Boats rolled through and off to a new addition for 2008 the Ebbett Prestige Show N Shine. This had all the best looking rigs on display in the closed off Hood Street, in Downtown Hamilton. Radio Hauraki (another new sponsor for 2008) were down their in force talking the event up along with our commentator extraordinaire Dave Bishop out of Aussie, previewing the weekends action. Stinga was placed 3rd in the Show N Shine with Warlord 2nd and brand new Bullet called Hollowpoint racing under the Bullet NZ Yamaha name for the weekend took it out.

Saturday morning started with the Hamilton City Council Novice, Masters, and Sub Juniors Race from Hamilton to Taupiri and return. First away was last years winner Rick Powell behind his own boat B Jammin. He eventually went on to win the Masters division in a new record time, but was closely followed by Dave Morris behind Fish City Racing only 5 seconds behind. Dave actually won the 1st leg of the race by 4 seconds but Rick had a better return leg by 9 seconds giving him the overall win. Wellington's Vaughan Cox was 3rd in Masters behind twin rig Stinga.

Novice was also a tightly contested class with Sean Hollands taking the win with Brett Seabrook hot on his heels only 4 seconds back and Matt Nicholson skiing behind Boatox back in 3rd. Sub Juniors saw another record broken. This was won by 12 year old, Matt Strong, whose time of 16 minutes flat was better than a couple of the masters' skiers and more than half of the novices. An outstanding effort as he broke the record by 2 minutes behind his boat Big Bird.

The next race on the schedule was The Cook Café and Bar Social and Family Class. This race was really rough and a lot of chaos at the start area with a lot of boats missing starts and becoming very congested with 2 boats starting together every 30 seconds. B Jammin also took out this race towing Australian hot shot Jacqui Cadden. She won both Social Open and Social Ladies classes in a time of 12 mins 3 secs. Noel Parsons was 2nd in Open and 1st Yamaha home and Jaaron Fritz was 3rd. In Family class there was also some great racing with Family A and B classes both being taken out by Mark Harris behind his Magnum and 2nd place in both those classes went to Simon Fleming behind Intruder. Family Ladies was taken out by Tania Beetson followed by 12 year old Danielle Rose. Family C was won by local team Matcraft Marine. The wakeboard class which was a new class in 2007 was very competitive and was won by another local team in their Nautique – Stefan Kelly doing the boarding in another new record.

THE LONG RACE TIME TRIAL SPONSORED BY TAMARUA WAS THE BIG EVENT OF SATURDAY'S MAKEUP. First off the grid was last year's Long Race winner Warlord with skiers Vaughan Hyde and Daniel Campbell, driver Kevin Murphy and observer Tony Bradley. They were the quickest down to the turn around at Ngaruawahia but Vaughan suffered from a fall on the return leg and they did not complete the run. 2nd boat away was Mike Rodger's Scrap Palace who pulled out of the race and the weekend at the end of the 1st leg. 3rd Boat away was Fish City Racing with 2 top Aussie skiers, Kevin Vahtrik and Chris Singleton on the back, who made it to the half way point but ran out of fuel on the way home. This left the door wide open and so it worked out for the 1st time in over 12 years a single rig outboard won the Time Trial and the right to start number 1 for the main event on Sunday. This boat was the immaculately prepared B Jammin, driven by Stacey Mellow with observer Phill Eden and skiers Rick Powell and Mark Preistly. 2nd was Final Worx and 3rd was Hobbit Racing. This was a shock result as normally the Open class boats fill the front 3 or 4 positions of the grid for Sunday's race every year, but not the case in 2008. The last event on Saturday afternoon was the Grass Roots Trust Poker Run, which over 30 boats participated in all having a great time.

So on to Sunday it was and the weather was overcast, but just held off for the entire day. The Radio Hauraki Powerboat Sprints along with the Waikato Times Jetskis and Thundercats were first up. This is where a lot of the ski boats put their big props on, the horsepower comes out and it is just an all out boat race. 1st away and clear winner of the Open class event was Mark Cromie Holden. Mark managed to eclipse 200KPH in his 13 minute run from Hamilton to Ngaruawahia and return (Yes! Both legs combined time 13 mins 44 sec) this broke his own record from 2007 by over a minute and a half. The big Twin Turbo Donovan powered Jet boat was just an awesome sight coming across the line in Grantham Street. 2nd in Open and 1st in MOC was South Island boat Infra Red. And 3rd overall was Colin Eagles brand new boat Hoof It. SMOC class was the tightest battle of the weekend with Allan Bedford in his boat On Parole edging out Cambridge Marine's Dave Hanks by 1 second over the 2 legs. F5 was won by Brendan Macpherson in Illusion and Formula Honda by Glen Powell. The Jetskis Open class was won by Mark Roscoe and the Thundercats by team Ruff Rider.

On to the main event of the whole weekend and the premier event on the New Zealand Water Ski Racing Calendar. The 25th running of the Rollo's Marine Yamaha Bridge to Bridge Long Race. This race has 2 legs combining to make an 82km all out sprint from Cambridge to Taupiri and back to Hamilton. All eyes were on 2 boats B Jammin, the time trial winner and off the front of the grid with clean water and a well proven and organized team. The other one everyone knew would be a threat was Warlord who botched their time trial but were starting 6th and were proven performers in this event with the team winning the last 3 Bridge to Bridge's and the boat having won 9 in total. The Cambridge starting area was a caldron of nerves and anxiety for all of the competitors and none more so than the first boat off the line B Jammin the skiers jumped in and ran the ropes out. They went to take off, but the normal power of the 300 HP Mercury was lacking due to some fouled spark plugs. This forced the B Jammin crew to withdraw from the race and again fling the door wide open to the rest of the competitors. 2nd away was Auckland

BOAT FINAL WORX AGAIN WITH AUSTRALIAN SKIERS ON THE BACK. THEY MANAGED TO AVOID THE stricken B Jammin boat floating down the river and take advantage of the beautiful flat water that they had left behind. 3rd away and looking to hunt Final Worx down was Hobbit Racing towing Chris Holman and Paul Mitchell. Warlord started 6th and managed to catch the 5th starting boat Hoof It and the 4th starting boat Stinga at about the 2/3 mark on the first leg. This proved interesting, as the only thing harder than passing a boat on the Waikato River is passing 2, especially when you know the pressure is on to lay down the best time possible. They managed to do this though and set the quickest time to the turn around point by just over a minute from Fish City Racing and Final Worx.

The restart in Taupiri was done smartly once the last boat completed the 1st leg and it was a 28km sprint back to Hamilton. Final Worx was now the first to leave and again receive the flat water. They made no mistake and hauled home in 13 mins 42 secs to give them a time of 38:18, 3rd Overall, 1st Single Rig Home, 1st in MOC with a new record time for this class. 2nd was Fish City Racing in a time of 37:02 and first and only inboard home. 1st overall once again for the 4th year in a row and the boats 10th time was the crew of Warlord in the hardest win yet. Their time was 34:47 which was just over a minute shy of the 2004 record set by Top Gun, but pretty good considering the boats they had to pass and running down the order compared to usual. 2nd in MOC class was taken out by Hobbit Racing in 4th Overall and 3rd in MOC was Bullet NZ Yamaha. SMOC class was also won by the same team 4 years running. This was Allan Bedford along with Gordon, Alistair and Ryan Johnstone in On Parole. 2nd was Erazor and 3rd was the first Waikato Team Home – a boat called Screwed. Formula 5 was taken out by Brendan Macpherson and his team Illusion in record time, who were followed by Justavacation and Aquaholic. These 2 boats also towed the youngest skier to complete the Long Race, Matt Strong (12) behind Justavacation and Columbia Cox (12) behind Aquaholic. Justavacation also took out Under 19's. Ladies was won in another record time by the team in Stinga with World number 2 Adelaide Cox from Wellington and Australian Lee Hicks. 2nd was Cambridge Marine and 3rd VMaximize.

Overall the 25th running of the Rollo's Marine Yamaha Bridge to Bridge Water Ski Classic for 2008 was another amazing event. Thank you to all our sponsors who allow us to race, our helpers, volunteers and of course our awesome competitors. Thank you to Chris Rollitt and his fantastic organising committee for all their effort. The work you all do is much appreciated. We look forward to seeing you all back next year for an even bigger and better event and even more fun down the Waikato River.

TECHNICAL RULES UPDATE NOVEMBER 2008

Please read a few reminders from tech rules below. For tech rules & scrutineering queries contact:

Dave Hanks Chairman Tech Rules 029 2940824
Colin Eagles Chief Scrutineer 0274 815632
Nic de Mey Technical advisor for the Exec 0275 595093

Wing Mounts

A reminder of the rule requiring lower engine pans being cut to allow inspection of wing mounts. There are still boats out there that don't comply with this rule. Either they remove the pan for inspection at each scrutineering or they have the pans cut so that the mounts can be checked.

Z1. Wing Mounts For Scrutineering.

All wing mountings where secured to the engine shall be exposed for the purpose of Scrutineering.

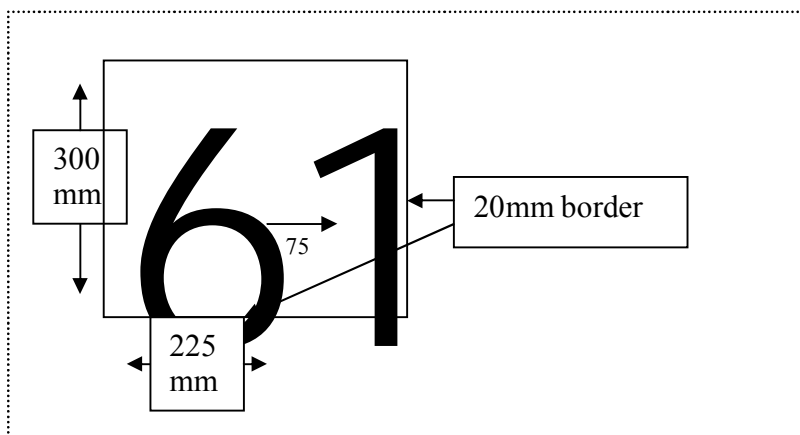
The engine cowlings should be cut/trimmed or adjusted to achieve a min 10mm above and below the wing to allow the scrutineer to complete a visual check.

This rule has been added due to the amount of steering wing failures which have gone undetected as they have been sealed within the cowling and therefore unable to be inspected.

Race Numbers

A reminder to all boat owners of the requirements for the size of your numbers on your boats. This is a rule in the NZWSRA rule book, thus will be policed closely for scrutineering – particularly at the Bridge to Bridge.

Minimum Size 225mm wide x 300mm high / spacing between 75mm / border 20mm / lettering 50mm



As mentioned at Karapiro we also have a recommended font. This is not in the rules (i.e. you won't be failed without it) but just a way for us to standardize the font. We ask that if you do get a number made that you make every effort to use this font.

The recommended font is: Gill Sans

e.g. Gill Sans **77 61 99 29 44**

From the NZWSRA rule book:

Rule 52.21. Official Race Numbers.

- a. Official numbers will be those allocated by the Ski Racing committee.
- b. A register of allocated numbers will be maintained and reviewed by the committee. Any allocated number not used for one race season or if membership of the association lapses the allocated number will be removed from the register and be available for reallocation.
- c. Numbers to be coloured black on a background of white by means of a waterproof enamel paint or plastic transfer in such a manner that they are clearly visible on both sides of the boat. Minimum dimensions of individual numbers will be height 300mm, width 225mm, thickness 50mm, and spacing 75mm, and the white background forms a border around the numbers, of 20mm minimum.
- d. All numbers are to be placed in a near vertical position as possible and are to be visible from both sides of the boat at a distance of 50 metres.
- e. Where a straight number board is fitted it is a requirement that the front leading edge of the number board be rounded and have a minimum diameter

A note from Andrew Bolton

Smart Marine in Auckland have Jiggle /Syphon fuel hoses and an online purchasing service.

They have 13mm , 19mm , & 25mm sizes.

Andrew got one for Brett Seabrook from their display at the boat show at Mystery Creek and could have sold it several times over at Rotorua during the weekend.

When in Auckland for the Birkenhead round in November Smart Marine are only over the bridge at Westhaven.

Thanks Andrew, great idea!!!!!!!



Get In quick. Places are limited and will fill very fast.

Payment will confirm your place.

Note changes to dates and venue.

NZWSRA Ski School 2009

The 2009 NZWSRA Ski School will again be running, but with a change of venue and date for this year. We will be running out of the Brooklyn Water Ski Club (located 1100m beyond the Karapiro Domain). It will run from the 5th-9th (Monday - Friday) of January 2009.

This is a week for all ages and skill levels to either learn how to ski on doubles for the 1st time, single and race skis. It is also great for those who are already currently in ski racing, but would like more time on the water with those in the know, especially for those trying to earn spots in the New Zealand Junior Team for the upcoming Trans Tasman to be held in Australia, in April 2009.

A normal day at ski school begins with fitness training first thing and a swim before breakfast. This is followed by 2 morning sessions where a student receives 20-30mins per session one on one with an experienced ski racing coach and driver. The afternoon brings the third session followed by some fun skiing before dinner. After dinner consists of fun activities as well as learning sessions on such things as nutrition, training and gear maintenance with some video watching also.

At some stages during the week we will also have a few organized race sessions based on ability where students can put what they have learned into practice.

So if you are looking to further your ski racing ability or even get out on the water for the first time I suggest you enrol now in Ski School 2009.

All fuel, food and coaching is provided for the week. We will be sleeping in tents this year so some (not necessarily all) students will need to bring tents. All you need to bring is your ski gear (not essential), a good attitude, some enthusiasm and a will to listen and learn.

**If you want to know more please don't hesitate to call
Brad on 027 410 2383.**

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Water Ski Racing Ski School

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| Address | | | | | |
| Phone Number | | Fax Number | | | |
| Mobile Number (if avail.) | | | | | |
| Email Address | | | | | |
| Years Skiing Experience | | | | | |
| Years at Ski School | | | | | |
| Do you intend to Ski Race? | | | | | |
| What do you want to accomplish from the Ski Racing School | | | | | |
| Sporting Interests | | | | | |
| Current Skiing Ability (circle current abilities) | | | | | |
| Never Skied | Yes | No | Knee Board | Yes | No |
| Double Skis | Yes | No | Slalom Ski | Yes | No |
| One Ski with Wraps | Yes | No | Drag Ski | Yes | No |

2009 Water Ski Racing School Prices

(These prices include coaching, food and fuel (for the week of ski school only))

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|---|----------|
| Under 15 years of age | \$375.00 |
| 15 years and over | \$425.00 |
| All ages worked out from 1st January 2009 | |
| ** If you are a Paid Up member of Brooklyn Water Ski Club you receive a \$40 Discount off your fees | |

I _____ would like to provide my services as a cook, boat driver, boat supplier (please circle one).

Please send this entry along with total fee promptly to:
2009 Water Ski Racing School, 1415 River Road, Hamilton.

**SKI RACING IS HAVING A CHRISTMAS PARTY
AND
YOU'RE INVITED**



Date: Sat 6th Dec

Where: Huka Lodge Resort Taupo

Time: 6pm – 8.30pm (after racing)



Nibbles

BBQ & Salads

Desserts

*** BYO ALCOHOL/DRINKS ***

& out door chairs

Cost:

\$10 Adults

\$5 Kids under 10yrs



**Party to be held outside Villa 19 till 8.30pm
Then all to move to Huka Village Resort restaurant bar (cash bar
only, no personal alcohol to be consumed)**

Accommodation is available

\$195 2 bdrm villa (sleeps up to 6)

\$125 1 bdrm suite (sleeps 4)

All have spa baths, kitchens and great parking

For accom bookings please call 0800 485 284

56 Huka Falls Rd Taupo (mention ski racing to get above price)

Please rsvp to Chrissy de Mey to book a ticket for bbq

By 3rd Dec (for catering numbers)

Chrissy.m@ct-marine.com

027 5595095

