



2015 IWWF WATER SKI RACING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS NEW ZEALAND

Welcome to our first newsletter for the championships next April.

Attached to this newsletter is information regarding accommodation in Wellington.

The Team hotel will be The James Cook Grand Chancellor Hotel in the heart of Wellington, I would encourage everyone who is thinking of going in April to book NOW as there is no penalty if you cancel up to 24 hrs before arrival , it is school holidays whilst the Championships are on in Wellington and the price that we have negotiated is best in Wellington for a 5 star Hotel ,the hotel is surrounded by restaurants and cafes , the hotel itself has a restaurant and cafe, all of the team functions as well as all briefings will take place at this hotel. I have just returned from Wellington and stayed at this hotel (as well as investigating several others) and it ticks all the boxes as far as needs and requirements for the Australian Team Headquarters.

The hotel is 5 minutes walk to the water front and a further 10 minute walk along the waterfront to Oriental Bay where Race 1 and 4 will take place, all race presentations and official functions will be conducted in this area as well.

Evans Bay where the pit area and boat storage will be, (as well as where race 2 and 3 take place) is approximately 10 Kms further away and will be accessible by car or there are local buses that can transport you to both race sites that leave regularly from in front of the Team hotel

There is also information regarding hire of tow vehicles on the information sheet supplied by our travel company " Showgroup " , once again there are limited number of these vehicles available so please book immediately , they can also look after standard hire car bookings as well.

Transporting of boats and equipment information can be accessed through Barry Robertson at JJ Robertson Transport, Barry is in contact with local NZ company " International Cargo Systems "and they are working together to get the best deal available. Information from Barry is that a 10 day time frame is required to transport over and of course return, I suggest that Boat Owners get in contact with Barry to discuss options on hiring containers and costs etc.

The Pit area at Evans bay is a very large area and has plenty of room for container and boat storage, which will lend itself to pick up and drop off style of transport (point to point) the local committee is organizing undercover storage as well as security for the pit area.

All boats will be scrutineered according to IWWF Water Ski Racing rules in NZ, It is necessary for all boat owners and drivers are aware of all rules and requirements as per the IWWF Rules, the latest edition taking effect January 2015 which are available at from the IWWF Website and the Ski Racing Australia Website.

All drivers and boat owners should ensure that their boat has been properly scrutineered by the appropriate SRA scrutineer and that seals are in place before leaving Australia, as well as appropriate paper work is in order and taken to New Zealand.

Team uniforms are being organized and we will have a variety of shirts and jackets for sizing at the Aussie titles / Selections in Jindabyne, as well as Botany Bay in Sydney.

Our uniform for the opening and closing ceremonies will be the same as previous years so if you can still wear the uniform that you have please do so, if not and you are successful in selection we will look at any requests on an individual basis.

At this stage there are not a lot of Team Funds available and we have to outfit new members that are selected as well as covering costs for the championships.

A combined Team Fundraiser will be conducted at a future date which will hopefully raise enough to allow us to cover all costs that may present themselves.

Our Podium uniform in April will be a Dress Shirt / Top which will be supplied,

All Team Members will need to bring a pair of Black jeans or pants or Dress along with Black footwear to combine with the Dress Shirt /Top

A wind jacket will be supplied along with a polo shirt / top to wear when necessary.

At this stage all presentations will be conducted indoors so the shirts / tops and jeans etc will be sufficient.

Please be aware that immediately following the last selection race in Sydney all selected team members will be required to attend a team meeting and presentation at the club located at the boat ramp at Botany Bay, understanding that people need to travel long distances to get home we will Endeavour to make it as quick as possible.

Good Luck to all in the last 3 Selection Races ,

Cliff Bamford
Australian Team Captain
