

IWSF WORLD BAREFOOT WATERSKI

CHAMPIONSHIPS

LAKE INSPIRATION,
OTAKI, NEW ZEALAND



January 25th - February 1st

2009

New Zealand?

Where the hell are we mate?

Veer left once you hit Australia and keep on coming – it's well worth the journey.

(If you end up in the Pacific Ocean you've gone too far!)



kia ora - welcome

On behalf of the local organising committee of the 2009 Combined World Barefoot Waterski Championships and the New Zealand Barefoot Waterski Club, we extend to all Federations, an invitation to attend the World Barefoot Water Ski Championships January 25th to February 1st 2009. For all official requirements the age groups will equate to birth dates as at 31 December 2007 as per World Rules, but to have the best possible weather and water conditions and meet the needs of competitors and sponsors, these Championships will be held in January 2009 and be known as the 2009 World Barefoot Championships.

make it official

Intention to Compete forms are attached in word format for ease of completion. It would be appreciated if all Federations would complete and submit these forms as soon as possible or prior to 1 September.

To date we have had enquires from: Australia; Canada; England; Finland; France; Germany; South Africa; USA

wellington

Wellington, New Zealand's capital city is only 85 kilometres from the tournament site and has so much to offer. Set on the edge of a stunning harbour and surrounded by rolling hills, it's a city waiting to be explored.

Most of you will fly into Wellington via Auckland International Airport. From Wellington Airport to Lake Inspiration in Otaki is approximately 1½ hours depending on the traffic.



New Zealand Aotearoa

LAND OF THE LONG WHITE CLOUD

The name evokes a land of unique attractions, providing a mystique that draws travellers from many parts of the world to its southern hemisphere shores.

Place names are often difficult to translate, and the original derivation of Aotearoa is not known for certain. The word can be broken up as: ao = cloud, tea = white, and roa = long, and it is accordingly most often glossed as "The land of the long white cloud".

In some traditional stories, Aotearoa was the name of the canoe of the explorer Kupe, and he named the land after it.

In another version, Kupe's daughter was watching the horizon and called "He ao! He ao!" ("a cloud! a cloud!"). The first land sighted was accordingly named Aotea (White Cloud), now Great Barrier Island. When a much larger landmass was found beyond Aotea, it was called Aotea-roa (Long Aotea).



tournament site

Lake Inspiration, Otaki

Lake Inspiration is a purpose built barefoot waterski lake which has already hosted many National and International events. The lake is 675 metres long x 60 metres wide and has a average depth of 2 metres. The lakes edge has a 10 to 1 gradient that reduces backwash to a minimum. The site runs north south with the main wind being a prevailing North Westerly so the lake remains relatively calm. Average water temperature is 22°C.

There are seven sections around the lake and these owners enjoy the privacy of being the only users. The LOC would like to thank the private owners of the lake and its surrounding land for the use of their property, leading up to, and during the World Tournament.

Alternative tournament site (back up lake) Forest Lakes

Forest Lakes will be the back up lake for the Worlds and is a 3 minute drive from the main lake. The two lakes are only 600 metres apart. This lake was used as the tournament site for the 2001 Junior/Senior World Tournament. Running NW/SE this is a perfect backup for Lake Inspiration. The lake is 780 metres long x 80 metres and up to 10 metres deep.

accommodation

Forest Lakes: bunk house style - NZ\$30 pp per night

Contact: Rob Groen - rob@groenz.co.nz
for information on above and
RV sites at Lake Inspiration

Alternatives: motels and holiday homes - some sites to get you started - more information in or prior to Bulletin 2
kapitigateway@paradise.net.nz
arikilodge@xtra.co.nz
www.holidayhouses.co.nz/Otaki.asp
www.aatravel.co.nz/new-zealand/Otaki_Accommodation.html
www.jasons.com/New-Zealand/Otaki/accommodation/

Closing Ceremony: Duxton Hotel - Wellington
to make a booking **as soon as possible** contact
Teresa Old - the-olds@xtra.co.nz

catering

A wide variety of food and beverages, breakfast, lunch and snacks, will be available for purchase on site each day at Lake Inspiration.



OTAKI approximately 1½hr from Wellington
Airport - 5 minutes from Lake Inspiration

Otaki is a small provincial town - population approximately 8,000. (Ladies it has some fantastic outlet shopping stores.)

Otaki is situated on the Kapiti Coast - known as Nature Coast, it offers a quintessential New Zealand experience just an hour and a half drive north of Wellington. Sample some of the local cheeses, ice creams, chocolates and other specialist small goods produced in the area. Or take a day trip to the unique Kapiti Island, home to many rare and endangered birds. The area offers some great outdoor adventure attractions - check them out on the net.



tournament boats

The official tournament boats will be:-

- Two 2007 SangerDX11 6.2 Mercury Black Scorpion 340hp inboard motors (maximum speed 46.5 mph)
- One 2006 Sanger DX11 with 375hp PCM (maximum speed 48.5mph)

All boats will be fully rigged with towers, barefoot plates set at 2 and ¼ turns on the setting and super high fly poles if this is passed.

At no time during the event may a skier enter the boat. There will be a chase boat or jet ski in use for Slalom and Tricks. In the Jump event the skier will only be allowed to be seated on the back transom and ski platform.

handles

Handles and ropes are all supplied by Barefoot Central. The ropes will be US Gear spectra fusion and the handles regulation.

tower

3 metre towers will be set up on both lakes and will be available for training. The water depth at the base of the tower is approximately 2.5 metres.

tournament entry fee

3 events	US\$275.00
2 events	US\$200.00
1 event	US\$150.00

cross entry (subsequent entry)

3 events	US\$195.00
2 events	US\$130.00
1 event	US\$65.00



2006 Sanger DX11



2007 Sanger DX11



2007 Sanger DX11



Tower Starts - What A Rush



pre-tournament training

Three lakes will be available to hire on hourly rates leading up to the Championships - Lake Inspiration, Forest Lakes & Keelings Lake.

Pre tournament training will be available between Wednesday 14 and Friday 23 January. In addition Keelings Lake will be available for hire during the Championships.

Cost: Forest Lakes / Keelings Lake US\$175 per hr
Lake Inspiration US\$200 per hr

Times: 6am - 8pm

Includes: Lake / Jump / Boat / Petrol / Driver

Contact: Fred Groen fred@groenz.co.nz
Mobile: 0064 21 426 608 Phone: 0064 4 234782

site familiarisation

The cut off date to sign up for site familiarization - 20 December 2008. All teams must register with the LOC prior to this date for their allocated familiarization times.

- a.) Site Familiarization is now integrated into the time available to all teams for practice during the week prior to the start of Tournament.
- b.) All skiers who register for site familiarization with the LOC before the cutoff date shall be guaranteed the free of charge (FOC) site familiarization time as stated in the C204. (But for ease of management and good will each skier will receive 8 minutes of free time regardless of the events entered in if the skier is an independent)
- c.) If a team/skier does not register for familiarization with the LOC prior to the 20.12.08 familiarization time will be allocated only if the established schedule permits.
- d.) The LOC shall ensure the tournament competition area, jump course and ramp, start docks and towers shall be in tournament ready condition and the towboats and tow ropes used for site practice/site familiarization shall be identical to those that will be used in the tournament.



Lake Inspiration



Forest Lakes



Keelings Lake



All Lakes Are In Close Proximity To Each Other



on site

The Opening Ceremony will be held on site on the evening of the 24th January before the Championships kick off bright and early on the 25th. Details of this event and other functions and facilities that will be available on site will be included in Bulletin 2.

travel visa & taxes

Most visitors to New Zealand do not require visas unless they intend to work, study or seek employment. We advise you to check with your local travel authority.

currency, banking & travellers cheques

New Zealand's currency is based on dollars (\$) and cents (c). There are five notes (\$5, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100) and five coins (10c, 20c, 50c, \$1, \$2). Trading bank hours are 9.00am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday. Most banks are not open Saturday, Sunday or public holidays. Currency exchange facilities are available at the International Airports - hours of trading link with arrival and departure times. Travellers cheques can be changed at banks, bureaux de change, hotels and trading establishments in cities and towns.

credit cards

Paying by credit card is widely accepted throughout New Zealand. Visa, Mastercard, Diners Club and American Express cards are commonly used. Please note credit cards with "Smart card" technology, which often have no magnetic strip, aren't accepted everywhere in New Zealand. You may experience problems using these cards, and we therefore recommend you contact your card provider for further information before arriving in New Zealand.

goods & services tax or GST

All goods and services (except certain financial transactions) in New Zealand are subject to a government 12.5% Goods and Services Tax, commonly known as GST. Overseas visitors cannot claim back GST, however **some** stores sell goods to overseas visitors exclusive of GST provided you show proof of onward travel arrangements (i.e. departure ticket). It is possible to purchase duty free and GST exempt goods upon arrival and departure at all international airports in New Zealand.



EXCHANGE RATES

As these change daily best to check out a currency converter on the net.



rental cars

The LOC is still negotiating with rental car companies to secure more favourable rates and will confirm in Bulletin 2.

Reciprocal driving rights exist between New Zealand and most other countries. Usually rental car companies will ask for an International Driver's Licence. The driver will need to be 21 years of age. Driving in New Zealand is on the left hand side of the road. The majority of roads are one lane wide in each direction and sealed.

transport

Officials and WBC Delegates - airport pickups will be made at designated times from Wellington Airport preceding the Championships.

Officials and Delegates are required to notify our Transport Coordinator Rob Groen via email rob@groenz.co.nz by the 20th of December 2008.

Teams will be required to make their own transport arrangements.

medical & emergency services

All emergency services can be contacted throughout New Zealand by dialling 111. New Zealand's medical and hospital services are both public and private. Medical services are not free to visitors (except as a result of an accident). It is strongly recommended that visitors purchase health insurance.

There are no snakes or dangerous wild animals in New Zealand.



Yes it's true we're outnumbered

People 4,266,415

Sheep 40,000,000



senior appointments

Chief Judge	Claire Willard	AA
Assistant Chief Judge	Joe Malefont	Pan Am
Chief Scorer	Chico Cohen	Eame
Homologator	Terry Jones	Pan Am
Chief Driver	Rob Gardner	AA

flags

Federations are requested to bring two large flags to the Championships for official purposes. We ask each Federation to nominate a person responsible to deliver the flags to a LOC Representative on arrival.

As soon as possible please send your nominated persons email contact details to:

Eddie Wilson eddie@waikato.ac.nz

biography info

Biographical information, including a photograph, on team members, independent skiers and officials must be with the LOC before 20.12.08

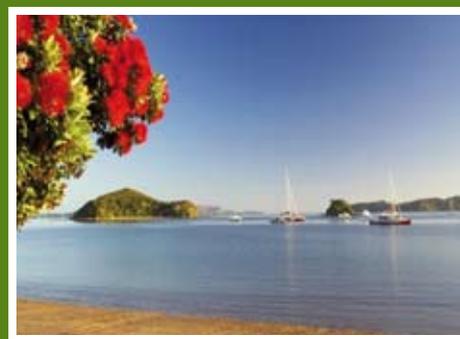
Please send to: Eddie Wilson eddie@waikato.ac.nz

website - www.nzbwsc.co.nz

The New Zealand Barefoot Water Ski Club website with links to all World Championship news and information will be available mid August.

thanks to sponsors

The local organizing committee would like to thank all of its sponsors for the assistance they have given, in getting these World Championships underway. They would also like to acknowledge the work of many members of the barefooting community here in New Zealand for their active support.



Pohutikawa Tree

New Zealand's most well known native tree. The tree blossoms around Christmas time and therefore is known as New Zealand's Christmas Tree. The trees are usually found near the coastline in the North Island and the top of the South Island.



Silver Fern - Ponga

The image of the silver fern is widely representative of New Zealand and New Zealanders - it is a powerful and emotional symbol of inspiration at times when it matters.

The leaves are dark green on the upper side and silver underneath. The underside glows brightly in moonlight providing excellent track markers in New Zealand's native forests.

