



NZ International Optimist Association in conjunction with the Napier Sailing Club
PROPOSAL TO HOST THE 2011 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
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MESSAGE FROM DES BRENNAN

CEO Yachting NZ

The Optimist Class is one of the largest in the world, and its World Championship is one of the most keenly contested regattas. Usually around 250 sailors from over 50 nations compete. New Zealand has enjoyed recent successes at the Optimist Worlds - most significant of these was in 2007, when Chris Steele won the open fleet and Alexandra Maloney took third place and first woman. Those who succeed internationally in the Optimist are often destined for even greater glory in the future.

New Zealand is one of the most successful sailing nations. Its sailors have won and defended the America's Cup, won Round the World races, won the Admiral's Cup and One Ton Cup, won Olympic medals, won the ISAF Youth World championships and won an Optimist World Championship. No other country in the world can tick all of these boxes. Yachting New Zealand enthusiastically supports this bid for the Optimist World Championships, and is confident in New Zealand's ability to organise an outstanding event in exceptional sailing waters.



MESSAGE FROM BARBARA ARNOTT

Mayor of Napier

Napier City is a unique venue for the Optimist World's 2011. Our city will welcome all the participants and supporters with great facilities, sun and blue skies. New Zealand is an important yachting nation and here in Hawke's Bay we take the sport seriously - it will be a privilege to have the Optimist World's sailing out of the well resourced Napier Sailing Club into the pristine waters of Hawke's Bay.

The NZ Optimist Association are a strong organisation with great support throughout New Zealand. Napier City strongly supports this submission to bring the World's to Hawke's Bay.



Photo on Cover: NZ Optimist Nationals 2007, Napier



WHY NEW ZEALAND?



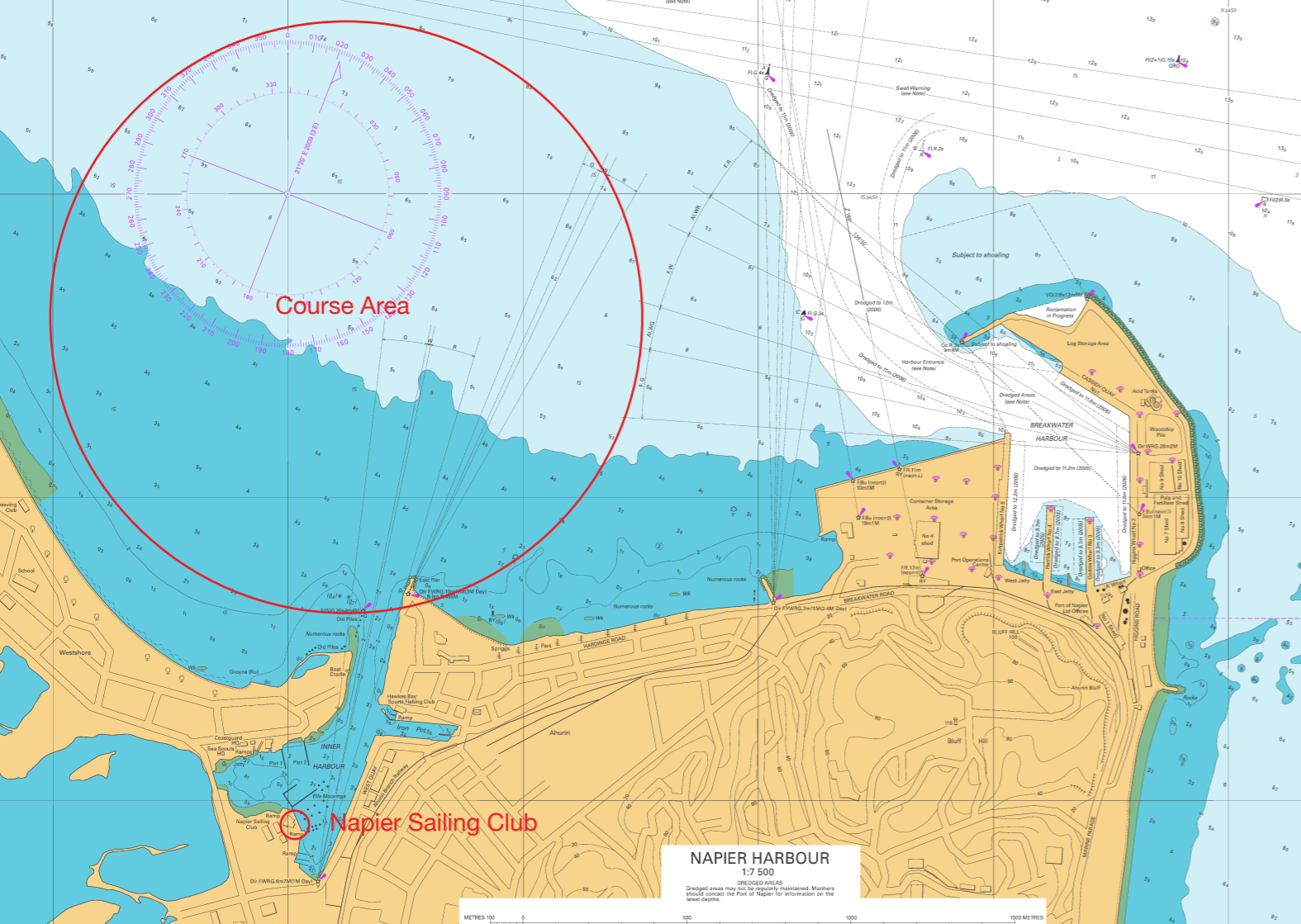
*“God must have
been in a good mood
the day He created
Hawke’s Bay.”*

Ross Barnett, Lonely Planet

The New Zealand public embraces and supports yachting events. This is a fantastic opportunity for Optimist sailors and their families from all around the world not only to be part of a great sailing event, but for a true kiwi experience on and off the water.

New Zealand is very experienced at hosting World Sailing Championships. In the last couple of years we have held the 420 Worlds, the Laser Radial Worlds, the Tornado Worlds and the RSX Worlds. In recent years Napier Sailing Club has hosted 4 World Championships. Only this year New Zealand hosted the Louis Vuitton Pacific Series for syndicates while the Americas Cup is on hold.





WHY NAPIER?

In Napier we have a world class sailing venue with a great club, open water, good winds and negligible currents. The Yacht Club and its facilities are as good as you will see anywhere in the world, and the experienced race management will ensure a superbly run regatta. New Zealand has an abundance of great sailing venues to choose from to host a World Championships, and we have selected Napier as the perfect choice. Napier has hundreds of hotel and motel rooms within walking distance of the Yacht Club, and the airport is just a 3 minute drive away.



Weather Conditions

Hawke's Bay has arguably the best weather in New Zealand.

- **Air Temperature** Minimum 18C, Maximum 28C
- **Water temperature** 19C
- **Prevailing wind** NE/NW 5-21 knots
- **Tides** 1.6m
- **Currents** Slight

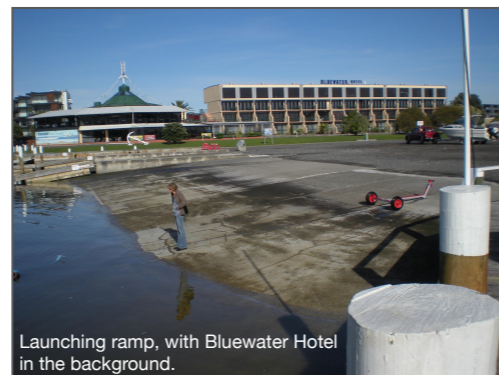


FACILITIES AND ACCOMMODATION

- A great Yacht Club that can host 700 people
- Ample space and wide launching ramps
- Lots of hoses for washing down
- Marina facilities for coach boats
- Spectator Launches for viewing the racing
- Breakfast and dinner at the Yacht Club.
- Lunches will be available to take out on the water

Accommodation

We offer a mix of hotel and motel suites with a minimum of 2 and up to 5 beds per suite. All rooms will be between 50 metres and a maximum of 1200 metres walk away from the Yacht Club. There will be accommodation for families and supporters within this distance also.



COSTS

New Zealand is a relatively cheap place to visit. For the purposes of this bid we have included our costs in NZD with an exchange rate of 1 NZD = 0.4 Euro.

	NZD	Approx Euro
Entry Fee	1500	600
Charter Fee	1250	500
Coach Boat Charter	2500	1000 <i>(1 boat per 2 teams)</i>



TOURISM HAWKE'S BAY

Napier is located in the Hawke's Bay, on the East Coast of the North Island. Hawke's Bay Wine Country is a diverse landscape, with bountiful produce, award winning wines, unique wildlife, stunning architecture and rich cultural heritage. Following the 1931 earthquake which levelled the city, Napier was rebuilt as the Art Deco capital of the world. Long hot summers and mild sunny winters make the Hawke's Bay a perfect year round destination to enjoy the great outdoors.

Enjoy... Breathe... Relax... Taste... Escape... Refresh...



THINGS TO DO

- Vineyards and Wine Tasting
- Gannet Colonies
- 6 high quality local golf courses, including Cape Kidnappers
- Cafes and Restaurants
- Beach and Surfing
- The National Aquarium of New Zealand
- Museums and Art Galleries
- Art Deco tours of Napier City

While the sailing is on there will be ample opportunity to join us on daily tours around the region, or venture inland to Rotorua and Taupo areas for thermal attractions and Maori Culture.

This is a great opportunity to see New Zealand, so after the regatta please stay a week or two and tour around our beautiful country. But be warned, you may not want to leave!





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