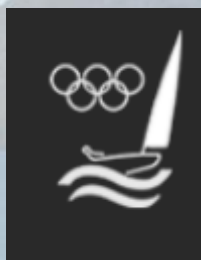


**TAKAPUNA BOATING CLUB INC.**

# **FINN GOLD CUP 2015**

**22-29 November**



**BID DOCUMENT**

**Welcome to New Zealand**

**Takapuna Beach - Auckland**

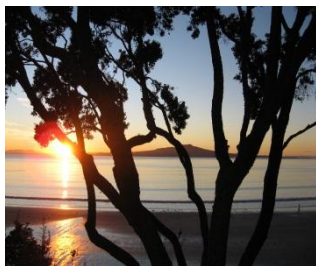


# Beautiful Beaches

Warm Climate, Spectacular Scenery







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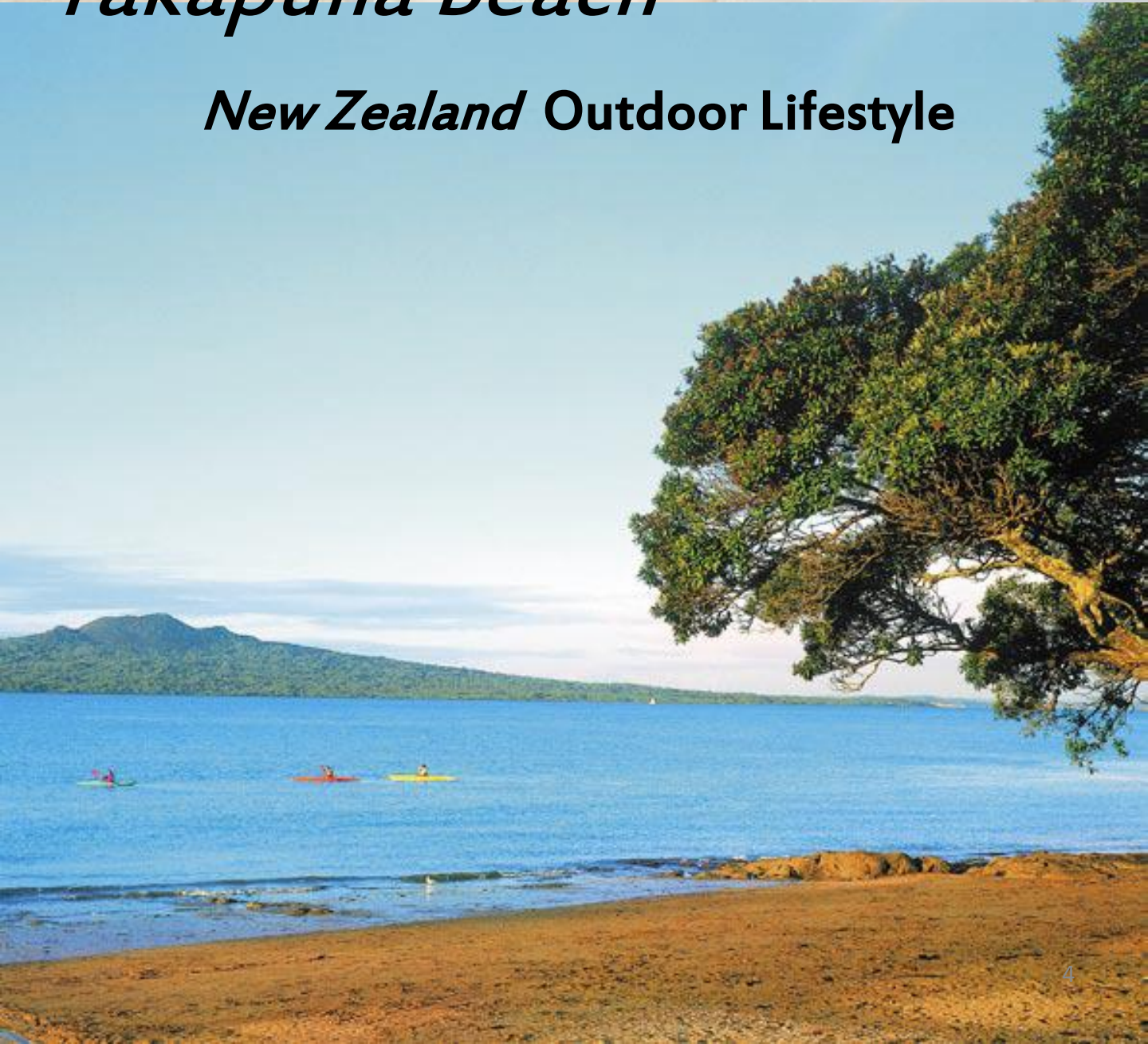
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# *Takapuna Beach*

***New Zealand Outdoor Lifestyle***







# Our Proposal

## To host the 2015 Finn Gold Cup

Takapuna Boating Club located in Takapuna, Auckland, is pleased to submit this proposal to host the 2015 Finn Gold Cup.

Takapuna Boating Club is located on Takapuna Beach of Auckland's North Shore. Auckland is the major port for entry to New Zealand.

Takapuna Boating Club and its adjacent waters provides consistent and challenging weather conditions for optimum dinghy sailing.

The on-water race management will be controlled by an International Race Office ably supported by proven Race Management team.

The most recent events successfully held at Takapuna Boating Club:

2008 – Tornado World championship

2008 – RS:X World Championship

2008 – Laser and Laser Radial World Championships

2010 – Splash Worlds

2012 – 470 Junior World Championship

In 2014, we will host the A-Class Catamaran World Championships, a 10 day regatta with 100 participants.

The Club has had a strong link with the Finn Class over many years through our President Ralph Roberts who looks forward to continuing his association with the class.

Please read the bid material and we suggest the 2015 event be held at Takapuna in February to get the best sailing for Finn skippers.



# Our Vision

## For the 2015 FINN GOLD CUP

New Zealand is a country of unique physical extremes - sweeping coastlines, lush rainforests, steaming volcanoes, expansive mountain chains. Our awesome landscapes, lush forests, amazing wildlife and pleasant climate make it a haven for many outdoor activities, and a great place to unwind.

New Zealand's society is diverse, sophisticated and multicultural, and the honesty, friendliness and openness of Kiwis (New Zealanders), will impress and welcome you.

This wonderful combination of physical beauty, cultural diversity and wide range of outdoor activities provides a unique experience for visitors to our shores. It is this opportunity to experience adventure, unique culture and lifestyle all within a modern and safe environment that makes New Zealand a destination to remember.

Nestled on the north shores of the Waitemata Harbour, in the Auckland region, is Takapuna. The natural advantages of a warm climate, beautiful beaches and spectacular scenery contribute to the popularity of one of the most vibrant cities in New Zealand.

Takapuna and the North Shore are a well-utilised training destination during the European winter period. Our climate provides varied training conditions that challenge and hone the skills of those who choose to sail here.

We delight in offering these superb conditions, our world class event experience and our enthusiasm in providing our bid to host the 2015 Finn Gold Cup.

We trust that our proposal - which brings together a passion for yachting, and sport in general, and a vehicle to showcase our country, our city and our community to Finn sailors and the world - meets with your favour.

Evelyn Johnson  
Takapuna Boating Club Commodore



# Our Officers

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# Welcome

## To Takapuna - Auckland

Just 40 minutes from Auckland International Airport, seven minutes and a drive over the Auckland Harbour Bridge from Auckland City or a short ferry ride away from downtown Auckland, you'll find Takapuna in the North Shore.

Takapuna boasts a lifestyle and environment that sets it apart as a superb event, conference or holiday destination. The city is home to world-class sport and leisure facilities, modern shopping areas, stunning beaches and beautiful parks, a thriving arts scene, vibrant cafés and gourmet restaurants. The spectacular scenery of the North Shore, relaxing seaside ambience and big city attractions contribute to the popularity of one of the most vibrant regions in New Zealand.

North Shore suburbs boasts 141km of coastline and beaches - the longest unbroken urban coastline in New Zealand.

This geography, combined with a warm climate have fostered a community that thrives on a dynamic, active, outdoor lifestyle.



# New Zealand



# A World Class Event

With our expansive coastline and enthusiasm for an outdoor lifestyle, it's little wonder that sailing is supported by over a third of the New Zealand population. Our small nation's Finn Sailors have a strong history of success at an international level.

Champions like Sir Russell Coutts who now also lend their enthusiasm along with current Finn sailors (Dan Slater, Matt Coutts) and support for our bid for the 2015 Finn Gold Cup.

Due to its high profile status as an Olympic class discipline and its spectator appeal, we anticipate this Finn Gold Cup will attract a very high profile, and an excellent opportunity for the world's great Finn athletes to showcase their sponsors and supporters as well as fine tuning their regatta experience in the lead up to the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

The waters of the Hauraki Gulf have been home to many national and international sailing events in recent years and Yachting New Zealand and the New Zealand Finn Association, in conjunction with Auckland City, are extremely excited to utilise this experience and enthusiasm to host the 2015 Finn Gold Cup.





# A World Class Event

## Venue

### Takapuna Boating Club can offer:

- A moderate sized, modern and well-supported club, with a large open grassed area adjacent, suitable for boat rigging and container storage.
- Attractive tree-lined beach affording plenty of space for spectators.
- Adequate boat launching facilities both from the beach, directly in front of the clubhouse and on a dedicated ramp only metres away.
- Suitable sailing area for event management.
- Club facilities – showers, bathrooms, snack bar – all within immediate access of the boat park.
- Within less than 5 minutes walking distance from restaurants, bars and cafes, modern shopping facilities and a wide range of accommodation options.
- One of the very best sailing venues in New Zealand and was the venue for four World Championships in 2008, prior to the Beijing Olympics.
- International Race Officials available within the immediate area.



# A World Class Event

## Regatta Course

The courses shall be set as per IFA Major Championship Rules. The waters off Takapuna allow more than sufficient space to run this event reasonably close to shore for good viewing. Particular for the medal race.

## Event dates

**2015 Finn Gold Cup** dates are :

Pre-Worlds Regatta 17-19 Nov 2015

Layday 20 Nov

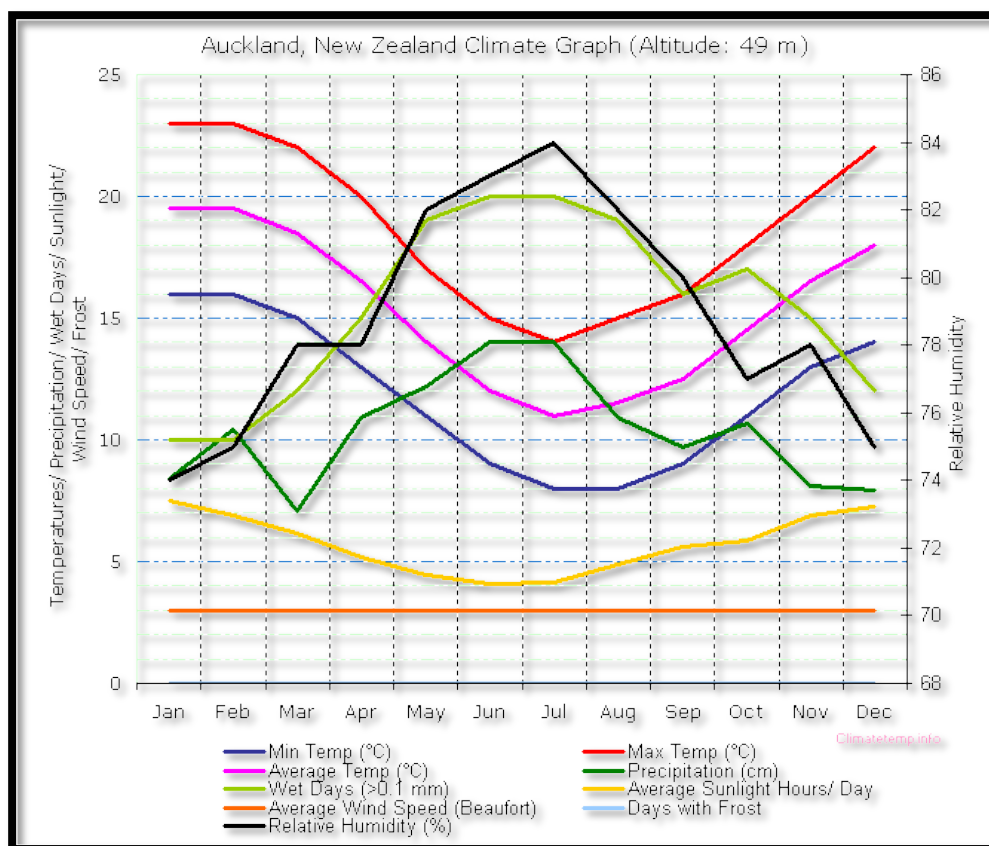
Measuring & Registration for FGC 21-23 Nov

Finn Gold Cup Racing 24-29 Nov 2015

## Data (Averages)

## March / November

- |                                             |            |   |            |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|---|------------|
| • Average High Temperature                  | 22         | / | 20         |
| • Average Morning Relative Humidity (%)     | 78         | / | 78         |
| • Average Low Temperature                   | 15         | / | 13         |
| • Average Windspeed (knots)                 | 11         | / | 13         |
| • Probability of wind greater than 11 knots | 48         | / | 61         |
| • Average Wind Direction                    | South West | / | South West |





# A World Class Event

## **Regatta Office and Press Facilities**

- The regatta office and suitable press centre and media services will be available during the event.
- Separate phone and internet connections, and fax and copier equipment will be available for regatta officials and press representatives to ensure the events can function separately.

## **Safety**

All safety requirements will be met for the event as outlined in IFA Major Championship Rules both on and off the water.

## **Off Water Training Facilities**

Arrangements will be made to allow competitors access to local world-class gym facilities prior to the event. The local Takapuna and North Shore areas also afford a wide range of safe and interesting running locations.



# A World Class Event

## Water Access

Access to the sailing area is from a grassed embankment to a hard sand beach. The water can be accessed at both high and low tides allowing all day sailing if required.

## Course Conditions

Winds during the summer months provide a wide range of sailing conditions which will challenge and test 2015 Finn Gold Cup competitors. Reliable onshore and offshore winds offer excellent training and sailing opportunities.

## Proposed course area and Map of Takapuna





# Event Experience

## **Previous World Event successes**

Takapuna Boating Club's race management capabilities both on and off the water have been proven with successful execution of the following recent events:

### **1980 – Finn Gold Cup**

1993 – Laser, Laser Radial and Laser Master World Championships

2005 – International 14s World Yachting Championship

2007 – International 420 World Sailing Championship

2008 – Tornado World championship

2008 – RS:X World Championship

2008 – Laser and Laser Radial World Championships

2010 – Splash Worlds

2012 – 470 Junior World Championship

2014 – A-Class Catamaran world Championship

## **Event Management**

All official requirements for event management will be available as per guidelines set down for the IFA Major Championship Rules. This includes competitor's village, jury secretary's office, jury room, press area, meeting room and results office and facilities.

Full details of event management infrastructure will be provided by the management committee closer to the time of the event.

Necessary water craft will be directed to operate and ensure the integrity of the race effort. Suitable facilities will be provided for all race officers and their teams, as well as coach/team leaders, media representatives, sponsors and spectators crafts.

Competent boat operators, as well as mark and tackle layers, are available and eager to begin defining the logistics for the regatta race course and experienced individuals from previous large regattas are ready, willing and available to help under the direction of the International Race Officers and International Jury.

# Accommodation

Takapuna affords a wide range of accommodation options, from the luxury four 1/2 star international quality Spencer on Byron Hotel to a plethora of smaller hotel, motel, bed & breakfast and camping options. All are within easy access of the regatta venue.

Our experience of previous large regattas has shown that there is an ample supply of houses to let on short term leases.

Event organisers will assist with this process.

## Camping Ground

**Takapuna Beach Holiday Park** – 5 minutes walk from Takapuna Boating Club

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Website: [www.takapunabeachholidaypark.co.nz](http://www.takapunabeachholidaypark.co.nz)

## Hotel

**Spencer on Byron**

Ph: +64 9 916 6111 / Fax: +64 9 916 6110

Email: [reservations@spencerbyron.co.nz](mailto:reservations@spencerbyron.co.nz)

Website: <http://www.spencerhotel.co.nz>

## Motels

**Emerald Inn on Takapuna Beach**

Ph: +64 9 488 3500 Fax: +64 9 488 3555

Email: [info@emerald-inn.co.nz](mailto:info@emerald-inn.co.nz)

Website: [www.emerald-inn.co.nz](http://www.emerald-inn.co.nz)

**Parklane Motor Inn Takapuna Beach**

Ph: +64 9 486 1069/ Fax: +64 9 486 2658

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**Anzac Court Motel**

Ph: +64 9 489 4315 / Fax: +64 9 486 3861

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Website: [www.anzac-court.co.nz](http://www.anzac-court.co.nz)



# Support

As provided in the “Letters of Support” section of this document (following pages), the Takapuna Boating Club bid for the 2015 Finn Gold Cup has extremely strong support from community, sporting, local government and national government bodies.

- Letter from **Minister for Sport and Recreation**
- Letter from **Yachting New Zealand**
- Letter from **Auckland Council Mayor**





## Office of Hon Murray McCully

Minister for Sport and Recreation

Minister for the Rugby World Cup

The President: Dr. Balázs Hajdu  
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Dear Dr. Hajdu

### **NEW ZEALAND'S BID TO HOST THE FINN GOLD CUP 2015**

I am writing to express the New Zealand Government's strong support for the bid to host the 2015 Finn Gold Cup in Takapuna, Auckland.

Both the Takapuna Boating Club and Yachting New Zealand have a wealth of experience and capability in hosting international yachting events. We have every confidence that they can deliver both an outstanding event and memorable Kiwi hospitality to all participants and visitors.

That this country is passionate about yachting is well known to you. However, we also pride ourselves on our proven track record for successfully delivering a significant number of major international events across a variety of sporting codes. Included within this are the America's Cup, Volvo Ocean Race and seven other yachting world championships held at Takapuna Boating Club since 2005. Of course you will be aware of our most significant major event hosting experience to date in which we take great pride – the Rugby World Cup 2011.

As Minister of Sport and Recreation I want to assure you that I am fully supportive of this bid by Takapuna Boating Club and Yachting New Zealand. If the New Zealand bid is successful, you can be confident that your members will enjoy a thrilling event on world-class waters, hosted in world-class facilities. Developments are progressing here for a National Ocean Waters Sport Centre based at Takapuna, which will be an excellent new facility to support this event.

Finally, you can take comfort in New Zealand's reputation as a safe country historically untroubled by issues that sometimes affect other major events worldwide.

Yours sincerely

Hon Murray McCully  
Minister for Sport and Recreation

# Support

11<sup>th</sup> May, 2012

To whom it may concern;

**Re: Takapuna Boating Club bid for the 2015 Finn Gold Cup**

The pristine waters of Auckland Hauraki Gulf are quite possibly the finest sailing waters in the World. Yachting New Zealand fully endorses the application by the Takapuna Boating Club to host the 2015 Finn Gold Cup.

The Takapuna Boating Club has a rich sailing history and unparalleled record in hosting fourteen previous World Championship sailing events since 1970. The club last held the Finn Gold Cup in 1980 and we feel it would be fitting to see the event return to New Zealand waters.

Sailing and the sea play an important role in the lives of all New Zealanders and Takapuna is the jewel in the crown of the Hauraki Gulf, home of the aptly named, "City Of Sails".

New Zealand is a proud sailing nation with a history that includes 16 Olympic medals, of which 6 were Gold, and has also won, in 1995 and in 2000 defended the Americas Cup on the beautiful waters of the Hauraki Gulf.

This venue will deliver competitors fabulous world class waters but New Zealand has a great deal more to offer as an exciting tourist destination for competitors, officials and supporters both before and following the conclusion of the event.

Currently New Zealand has more young Finn sailors than in any previous period, and they along with the rest of New Zealand would be honoured to host the 2015 Finn World Championship event.

Yours sincerely,



**David Abercrombie**  
Chief Executive Officer



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11 May 2012

**Re: Bid to host the 2015 Finn Gold Cup**

I fully support the bid by Takapuna Boating Club to hold the 2015 Finn Gold Cup on the waters of Takapuna Beach.

Auckland has the required infrastructure and facilities to host this event. Auckland offers superb event facilities, excellent public transport and an abundance of hotel accommodation, restaurants and world-class attractions.

The city has successfully hosted a number of major international events including the 2007 Netball World Championships, the FIFA Under-17 World Cup in 2008, Louis Vuitton Pacific Series in January 2009, FIBA Men's U19 World Championships 2010 and the FIA World Rally Championships 2010 and of course one of the world's biggest sporting events, Rugby World Cup 2011.

Aucklanders are passionate about boating, we are the 'city of sails' and Takapuna can boast as being one of our most beautiful watersport locations. I have no doubt that the Finn Gold Cup will attract visitors from all over the region and the world.

We would be privileged to host this event and if the bid is successful, the cup will be the 15<sup>th</sup> world championship held in Takapuna since 1970. Auckland will provide a spectacular location and the experienced Takapuna Boating Club deliver a memorable event for the participating teams, guests and visitors.

Yours sincerely



Len Brown  
**MAYOR OF AUCKLAND**

