

**2025 Thunder Down Under**

Easter Friday 18th > Sunday 20th April.

Host &Venue: BOPMPBC, Thunder Valley, 117 Taurikura Dr, Tauriko, Tauranga.

Dear NZMPBA Member,

2016 was the last time a NZ Championship Regatta occurred. The current NZ committee are keen to kick start an event of this nature, and for it to continue on a year-by-year basis, shared around the regional clubs of NZ.

**These are the classes on offer:**

P (4s) Open

Q (6s) Open

1/8 FE Scale Hydro

Open Electric

Open Nitro (Glow)

T1 Thunderboat

Sport Petrol Hydro

Open Mono (M Course & perhaps separate out “stock” power if there are at least 3 stock boats)

Open Tunnel

Open Hydro

King of The Lake (1 x 10 lap race)

Due to the BOPMPBC Resource Consent, Practice / Tune time will be from 3pm > 6pm Friday 18th April.

Pits open 7.30am. Racing from 9am Saturday and Sunday. (Strictly No internal combustion engine start-ups before 9am)

Racing is restricted to 1 race start each 15 minutes, which introduces a reasonably relaxed timetable.

We will only be able to run approx. 25 heats per day, allowing for a lunch break. Depending on entries and number of classes, then we aim to run 4 heats per class, however, this may need to be reduced to 3 heats to accommodate more classes. All TBC upon close of entries.

Noise will be closely monitored and must not exceed 87db @ 20m. Please note this is equivalent to the normal NZ limit of 87db at 10m due to the acoustic nature of the BOP venue. Any noisy craft will have to cease operating immediately and be made to meet the noise limit or not run.

Basic BBQ lunch and cold drinks will be available to purchase each day.

There will be a Sunday evening Buffet Dinner, Tauranga Citizens Club, Artie Stewart Lounge,

Corner Cameron Rd & 13th Avenue.

**Buffet Menu @ $38.00 per person**

* Selection of Gourmet Bread Rolls
* Scotch Fillet served with a Creamy Mushroom Sauce
* Jerk Marinated Chicken Thighs served with a grilled corn and pineapple salsa
* Creamy smashed potatoes with fried cabbage and bacon
* Broccoli and Cauliflower Tabbouleh w Cranberries, Toasted Seeds, Fresh Mint and Coriander with a Citrus Dressing
* Delicious Orzo Salad w Cherry Tomatoes, Rocket, Parmesan & Green Herb Almond Pesto
* Sweet Treat Platters
* Citrus Slice, Ginger Crunch, Chocolate & Raspberry Brownie, Oaty Caramel
* Freshly brewed Coffee and Tea Selection
* Bar will be open

Apart from individual accolades, the Thunder Down Under Trophy will be up for grabs for the Champion Club.

This event is intended to be about having 100% fun. Race hard, but race fair!

**Accommodation locations.**

There is a mass of accommodation available across wider Tauranga to suit all requirements, from campgrounds to Motels and Hotels.

A quick google search will reveal all however the list below is a starter for accommodation within a 10 minute drive of the BOPMPBC venue ( 117 Taurikura Dr, Tauriko, Tauranga)

Bethlehem Motor Inn 07 5791072

The Edge Cottage Tauriko online

850 Cameron Motel 07 5771774

Greerton Motor Inn 07 5789654

Cottage park Thermal Motel 07 5440039

Cameron Thermal Motel 07 57882859

Tauranga Tourist Park 07 5783323

Hopefully you will find something that suits your needs and we will see you at the races!

We look forward to receiving your entry on the entry form below.

Regards,

NZMPBA Committee

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Entries close 31st March 2025.

Entry Fee $20 plus $2 per event.

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Prize Giving Buffet Dinner $38 Per person

Pay fees to account: 02-0600-0007986-002 (Surname & NZ #)

Return entry form to:

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