

## Teams Racing Worlds - Team NZLONE

Throughout the week of the 23-27 September a team of six sailors from Royal Akarana Yacht Club will be competing in the 2007 ISAF Teams Racing World championships in Gandia, Spain which is an hour drive south of Valencia. The members of this team are made up of NZL's most active Teams Racers and some have been sailing together for over 10 years. The team includes Jamie Dawson, Georgina Hill, Laurie Jury, Graeme Sutherland, Logan Sutherland and Annemarie Waugh.

Teams' racing is one of the fastest growing areas of sailing in New Zealand and is particularly continuing to rapidly develop within secondary schools sports where this year's nationals saw an increase to 20 teams (120+ sailors). This style has become a favourite for all sailors with its fast paced action, intensity and team work which has seen an increase in excitement with the introduction of over 170 420's into the country, as they became the national teams racing boat in 2004.



The team wishes to thank those who have helped and supported the team along the way, especially Royal Akarana Yacht Club and the NZTRA for boat support throughout the year and also to Kiwi Yachting for providing their Magic Marine sailing gear sourced from Fergs Kayaks and Sailors Corner.

## Worlds 2007 Updates

*Day 2 - filed by Laurie*

New Zealand make the gold fleet at the Teams Racing Worlds in Gandia Spain.

*The New Zealand Team, NZL1, skippered by Laurie Jury, Graeme and Logan Sutherland, with Annemarie Waugh, Georgina Hill and Jamie Dawson as crew, finished 6th in the gold fleet and have progressed though to the next round. The top places are dominated by British and American teams who are the historically the best at Teams Racing.*

*Silver Panda, from USA is leading the regatta followed by GBR2 then USA2, GBR1 and GBR3 are in 3rd and fourth. In seventh is AUS3 then IRL1. Only one team per nation can make the final four.*

*There are three more days of racing left the finals will be sailed on the 29th of september.*

*The format is a double round robin for gold and silver fleet. Then semis and finals for the top 4 nations.*

*The wind has been pretty shifty between 2-15 knots, we are racing inside the breakwater, and the course has been rather challenging. At times the start line was only two boat lengths off the dock. The first beat was only 70 meters and you cant reach a lay line on either side of the course before hitting the side of the harbor. We are learning a lot, and have already come along way, we are losing a lot of races on the last beat, so we hope to improve this and have a crack at knocking off the American and English teams*

*Day 1 report from the World's - filed by Graeme Sutherland*

The Teams racing worlds kicked off with a light sea breeze which filled into the marina for racing at lunch time. The course is small at times and squashed in different places to fit within the area of the harbour, the towering sea wall and shipping area make for interesting wind hurdles and the course was often patchy at best.

Our first race was against USA 2 whom had raced Ireland before us. The pin was biased and we lead off the line although missing the first shift in the right in the whole ridden course we fell to round the top mark with USA in a 1,2 which they held to the finish of the race.

After we settled into the competition we turned our starts into wins and although one or two of us were over at times it was not without an oposition boat to windward of us.

Leading back into the line was key in the light winds and we worked well as a team to win these positions.

The team was happy to end the day on 4 wins and just the 1 initial loss, beating; Ireland 3, Japan 1, Aus 2 and GBR 2. Most were won and extended from the start although we had a tight last beat with GBR 2 whom overtook our 1, 2 and almost had a 2,3,4 untill 6 came through to take 3rd taking the win with a 1,3,6.

We are looking forward to more racing tomorrow and feel we are on the right track although with a little less race practice than most which we aim to pick up over the course of the event.

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## Worlds - Final Day

NZL Take home Bronze

After an ambitious attempt to hold quarter, semi's and finals on the last day of the teams racing worlds in a almost vacant breeze, the sailing for the last day had to be called off and the results were taken from the end of series 1 and 4 days of racing.

Although the previous round had been called short, results were found (after 3 hours of redress hearings) which awarded USA1 with the gold medal, GBR2 silver and NZL Bronze.

The Team progressed and developed over the course of the event and will be bringing back to New Zealand not just a medal but also the more valuable experiences and relationships gained from competing at this level.

The Team would once again like to thank all its supporters, family and friends.

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## International Teams Sailing

Graeme and Laurie have just heard from their contacts they made while attending Worlds, there is a move towards an international body for teams racing and following comments made:

"Currently there is a lot in the works. A web page will be up no later than the end of January at [www.teamsailing.org](http://www.teamsailing.org) (currently we just own the domain name nothing is posted). We also have at this time an email list. To get on this list send an email to [teamsailing-subscribe@topica.com](mailto:teamsailing-subscribe@topica.com) then once you are approved you can email away to [teamsailing@topica.com](mailto:teamsailing@topica.com) If you can get as many Team Sailors in your country as possible to sign up for the email list we can all start communications with each other as things start to take shape in the next couple of months."