

## 2009 IFDS WORLD BLIND SAILING CHAMPIONSHIPS Lake Rotorua, Rotorua, New Zealand 13<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2009

### EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Organising Committee of the 2009 IFDS World Blind Sailing Championships, have been working towards this World Class International Event since November 2006.

The Championships will be sailed on Lake Rotorua, New Zealand in March 2009. All sailing and accommodation venues are within walking distance of the City.

Rotorua City with its stunning surroundings is world renowned as a Tourist destination famous for its unique Maori Culture and thermal activity as well as its many lakes, amazing forests and numerous major attractions.

This most prestigious event will bring together competitors and their support people from all around the world.

The incentive for this letter is to gauge support from Visually Impaired Sailors worldwide, and to ask that they organise teams to compete at this World Championship event representing their country/state.

**Please advise as soon as possible if we can expect your participation via email**  
(refer email addresses below).

We understand circumstances and situations could change over the period between now until the competition, however your reply will not commit you at this stage but will assist us in assessing possible numbers of teams who intend to compete.

You may visit our web site [www.2009worldblindsailingnz.com](http://www.2009worldblindsailingnz.com) for further information pertaining to these World Championships.

If you have any queries or require any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me via Fax: +64 7 3494811, Email [a.thompson@clear.net.nz](mailto:a.thompson@clear.net.nz) or [info@2009worldblindsailingnz.com](mailto:info@2009worldblindsailingnz.com)

The Organising Committee wish to take this opportunity to wish you all well and look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

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