

Saturday March 12th, 2011

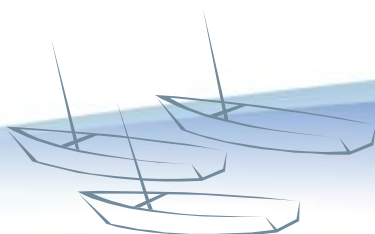
*Venue: NZ Marine Headquarters
85 Westhaven Drive
Westhaven Marina, Auckland*

**Welcome to the 10th
Marine Trades Challenge**

THE YEAR OF THE CAT!!!!

**The major development for the 2011 event is
the change to multi-hulls.**

**It is important that teams read all the
information sent to ensure a safe and fun event
with a minimum of confusion.**



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A full set of rules will be sent soon. It is important to notice the changes being made for this years' event.

- This years' event will involve the building and racing of catamarans (defined as a vessel with two hulls side by side)
- Teams may design their own craft or use the MTC 'one – design' plans supplied
- When entering teams must indicate their preference for plans
- Teams designing their own boats must supply a copy of their plans to the MTC organisers
- Teams wishing to build the MTC 'one-design' will be supplied with plans upon payment of entry
- Other than the component and paddles all product will be supplied by the MTC organisers
- Vessels will be constructed from 3 sheets of 6mm ply and ½ sheet of 9mm ply (the transom and main bulkhead must be 9mm ply)
- Teams may use cardboard or mylar templates to assist construction
- Supplied plans will have templates provided
- The component this year will be the 'bridge-deck' or joining structure (see component rules) between the hulls
- The component will need to be pre-built before the competition
- The component can any width and be built of any material
- No part of the component can provide buoyancy that affects the displacement of the vessel
- The component can have the mast step and outboard mount integrated as part of the structure
- The component structure will have to bolt to bulkheads at a set measurement fore and aft (this measurement will be provided as part of the rules)
- Teams can bring any paddles or oars (these may be purchased)