

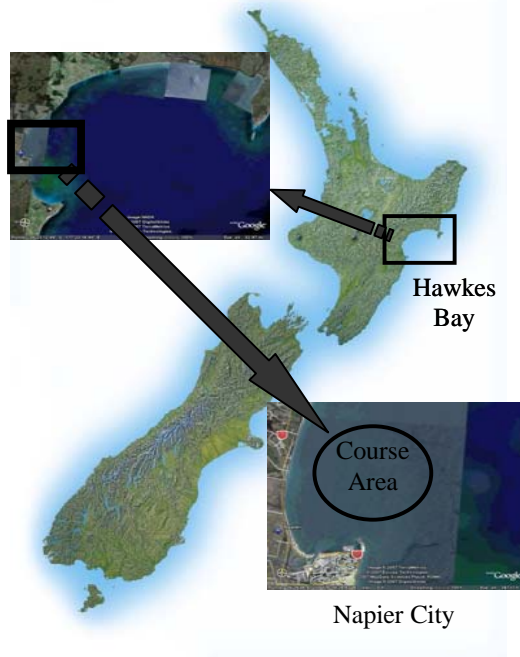
# FD Worlds 2008

**Napier , New Zealand**  
**31 Dec 2008 to 11 Jan 2009**

NZ Open Nationals  
8 races  
31 Dec 2008 to 3 Jan 2009

FD World Championships  
Registration and Measuring  
31 Dec 2008, 4 -5 Jan 2009  
9 races  
6 to 11 Jan 2009

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## **New Zealand - Aotearoa** **The land of the long white cloud.**

New Zealand's 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 society is diverse, sophisticated, and multicultural, and the honesty, friendliness, and openness of Kiwis will impress you. And the great advantage of New Zealand is that all of its diverse physical, cultural, and artistic landscapes are so close to each other!

The list of things to do in New Zealand is endless.

Come and taste our lifestyle.

### **Off the water**

The event will have full family friendly social programme. Daytime trips to attractions such as wineries and the famous Hastings Farmers Market will be arranged for family and supporters.

### **The Sailing**

Napier offers world class sailing conditions and facilities.

There are fantastic facilities ashore with a lot of space at the sailing club and many launching ramps. It is a short sail from the very protected harbour out to the racecourse.

The predominant wind for January is a sea breeze from the East to North East at 8 to 12 knots with 1 to 2 metre swell. This typical wind combined with the ocean swell provides fantastic downwind sailing.

The other common wind is an offshore gradient northwesterly – typically 12 to 17 knots.

Current is less than one knot and even across the racecourse area.

The Napier Sailing Club is very experienced in running national and international events. <http://napiersailingclub.org.nz/>

### **Hawkes Bay**

Hawke's Bay Wine Country is a holiday destination where the sun seems to forever shine. One of the three major winemaking regions in New Zealand, Hawke's Bay is home to internationally acclaimed wines and is the premier New Zealand destination for food, wine and lifestyle.

Supported by a Mediterranean climate and a varied landscape from dramatic sea cliffs, to fertile plains and crystal clear rivers that meander down to the Pacific Ocean, the region has a diverse range of things to see and do.

For families enjoying the sun, there are golden sand beaches, water theme parks, public swimming pools and crystal clear rivers. Swim with dolphins, visit the National Aquarium of New Zealand or see

the largest mainland gannet colony in the world.

For the thrill seeker there's plenty to fuel your adrenaline from jet-boating, hot air ballooning, surfing, caving and paragliding to sailing and windsurfing.

Day walks, hunting or fishing and golf are popular past times too.

For the shopper there are antique shops, art galleries, and studios of potters, wood turners and craftsman.

After a long day taking in the sights, revitalize yourself by sampling some of Hawke's Bay's award winning wines and fresh Bay produce from one of the many restaurant, café and winery menus.

[www.hb.co.nz](http://www.hb.co.nz)



### Getting there

You will most likely arrive in Auckland. You can get from Auckland to Napier by flights on Air NZ, take a bus, a train or hire a car. Auckland to Napier is 420km and is a beautiful drive.

### Accommodation Options

Napier has accommodation to fit all budgets from boutique hotels, holiday homes, backpacker lodges, hotels, motels, holiday parks and homestays.

Further details are available on the event website.

### Getting around

Napier is a compact city. All necessary facilities are within easy walking or bicycle distance.

There are 12 Different rental car companies in Napier. Campervans are available too.

For all the options check "Rental Vehicles" in "Napier" on [www.yellowpages.co.nz](http://www.yellowpages.co.nz)

Napier has several taxi companies.



Napier city's waterfront cycleway.

### Shipping and Logistics

Napier is a container port. Containers can be delivered to the sailing club and can remain there throughout the regattas.

A local shipping contact will be fully briefed to make arrangements easy for competitors.

Further details are available on the event website.

### Currency

The New Zealand dollar (NZD) is a floating currency. Its value varies from time to time. One euro typically buys 1.9 -2.1NZD.

### Napier City

Napier, the city by the sea, is renowned for its 1930s Art Deco architecture, events such as the Brebner Print Art Deco Weekend in February; stately Norfolk pines, surrounding wineries, local fresh produce and national tourist attractions.

Supported by a Mediterranean climate and over 2,200 hours of sunshine a year this popular year-round destination boasts a vibrant cafe culture amongst the splendour of the Art Deco buildings.

Napier oozes fun and adventure and a visit to the attractions of Marine Parade is a must. Marine Parade overlooks the Pacific Ocean and out towards Cape Kidnappers, home to the world's largest mainland gannet colony. A full day can be taken visiting Ocean Spa hot pools and swimming complex, the Hawke's Bay Museum, the National Aquarium of New Zealand, or get splashed by the dolphins and seals at Marineland of New Zealand.

A cluster of upmarket cafes and restaurants along with more affordable options are within easy walking distance from the yacht at Ahuriri. Around 30 cafes are within walking distance of the central city area.

