

Auckland to Noumea Ocean Race 2009

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After one of the longest and toughest races according to many competitors in the history of Ocean Racing from Auckland, all boats are finally safely at the CNC in Noumea.

Prize giving is underway tonight in Noumea, with Limit, the Reichal Pugh 63 set to take not only Line Honours, but also 1st place on IRC, PHRF and ORC.

Wild Card the Schumacher 50 from Kerikeri have also had fantastic race, taking 3rd place on line and PHRF and 2nd on IRC and ORC. As this first NZ boat on IRC, they will also receive a prize from the NZ International Yachting Trust .

The crews not only had deal with an extremely foggy start, with some even needing to anchor by Rangi light to avoid drifting backwards. To then head into a storm, and battle 50+ knots and huge waves for 36 hours only to then be becalmed once again for the rest of the race.

With very little time at all with the wind behind them, it was a long race on the nose for everyone and one they'll never forget.

The weather once they have arrived in Noumea however has been better than they could imagine, and for a lot of crew an extra few days holiday.

Final results stand as:

Line Honours

Name	Finish	Elapsed
Limit	Thu 02 Jul 09:42:34	115:42:34
V5	Thu 02 Jul 22:07:53	128:07:53
Wild Card	Sat 04 Jul 11:55:55	165:55:55
Lion New Zealand	Sat 04 Jul 16:29:09	170:29:09
Bird on the Wing	Sun 05 Jul 03:59:10	181:59:10
Lagoon Ozone	Sun 05 Jul 04:52:05	182:52:05
Outrageous Fortune	Sun 05 Jul 05:11:24	183:11:24
Bare Essentials	Sun 05 Jul 12:26:59	190:26:59
Mustang Sally	Sun 05 Jul 12:40:20	190:40:20
Route 66	Sun 05 Jul 14:13:47	192:13:47
Antaeus	DNF	
Bullrush	DNF	
REVS	DNF	

PHRF

Name	PHRF	Corrected
Limit	1.175	135:57:31

Name	PHRF	Corrected
V5	1.105	141:35:07
Wild Card	0.875	145:11:26
Lagoon Ozone	0.865	158:10:51
Outrageous Fortune	0.865	158:27:34
Mustang Sally	0.845	161:07:05
Lion New Zealand	0.955	162:48:50
Bird on the Wing	0.895	162:52:39
Route 66	0.865	166:16:43
Bare Essentials	1.03	196:09:48
Antaeus	DNF	
Bullrush	DNF	
REVS	DNF	

IRC

Name	IRC	Corrected
Limit	1.5	173:33:51
Wild Card	1.187	196:57:40
Outrageous Fortune	1.116	204:26:24
Mustang Sally	1.107	211:04:27
Bird on the Wing	1.163	211:38:59
Bare Essentials	1.289	245:29:23
Antaeus	DNF	
Bullrush	DNF	
REVS	DNF	

ORC Performance Line

Name	ORC	Corrected
Limit	1.159 / 49.1	120:46:58
Wild Card	0.936 / 90.6	130:43:33
Lagoon Ozone	0.855 / 77.5	135:19:15
Outrageous Fortune	0.985 / 126.2	146:11:42
Route 66	0.921 / 111.3	146:50:23
Bare Essentials	0.966 / 22.9	177:45:36
Bullrush	DNF	