

Auckland to Noumea Ocean Race 09

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With heavy rains forecasted for the far north, it was looking like the fleet were going to get very wet as they continued racing north.

Limit and V5 are off the top of the North Island now, with Limit reporting 30 knot wind's. Lagoon Ozone, a little further back in the fleet are reporting 40 knot winds.

Bare Essentials have taken cover under the Karikari Peninsula at about 1530hours today, all is well but their barometer had a significant drop, so they decided to wait to assess the weather that was coming. And Bird on the Wing have also taken shelter in Mangonui Harbour.

Mustang Sally has had to turn around and head for Opuia with steering issues, a hydrolic hose has broken. But hopefully should be back in the race by morning.

The rest of the fleet look like they are continuing to head north for the night.

The weather is looking fairly windy tonight, but should swing more to the East by Monday night, giving the fleet a better sailing angle and hopefully a drier ride north.