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**Strong Kiwi contingent for the 46th OK Dinghy Interdominion Championship.**

Since 1966 the Australian and New Zealander OK Dinghy sailors have met each year to determine who are the 'top dogs' in the southern hemisphere. Both nations have done very well in the World Championships over the years, with Karl Purdie from NZ currently holding the title. While interest in the Interdominions had fallen off a little in recent years it was decided, at the last meeting in the warm up for the 2010 Wellington world championships, to revitalise the contest by holding it separately from World and National Championships. As a result, this is shaping up to be the most closely fought Interdominions in many years.

The event will be hosted by Black Rock Yacht Club, with seven races to be held over Easter, commencing on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April and finishing on Monday 25<sup>th</sup>. There are eleven competitors coming from New Zealand: Ben Morrison, Mark Perrow, Russell Wood, Alistair Deaves, Paul Rhodes, Luke O'Connell, Karl Purdie, Trent Pryce, Steve McDowell and Adrian Coulthard. The New Zealand team includes four sailors who are in the top ten in the OK World rankings, plus 2010 NZ national Finn champion, Mark Perrow, who was one of the favourites for the 2010 Worlds before injury cut short his campaign.

The Australian team will be drawn from sailors from New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania. With an impressive line-up the big question is whether the Aussies will have the depth of strength to match the Kiwis. Michael Williams was runner up to Purdie in the 2010 World Championship and is the current National Champion. Andre Blasse, who has multiple top ten finishes at the Worlds, will be there with his brother Roger who is a former World Champion. Tim Davies will head up a strong contingent from NSW vying for a place in the team. There will be over forty boats in the fleet to ensure that there will be a great atmosphere for this traditional event. Fittingly, the regatta concludes on Anzac Day, 96 years from the day that the "ANZAC legend" which forms part of the identity of both nations was born.

Below are the results for every year since the start of the event in 1966;

### Interdominion Championship Results

Year	Venue	Winning Country	Winner	Achievements
2010	Wellington, NZL	NZL	Karl Purdie	World Champion 2008 & 2010
2009	Wellington, NZL	NZL	Mark Perrow	2nd World Championship 2007
2008	Melbourne, AUS	AUS	Roger Blasse	World Championship 1998
2007	Wellington, NZL	NZL	Paul Rhodes	2nd World Championship 2002
2006	Belmont, AUS	AUS	Roger Blasse	World Champion 1998, several top 10 at 14ft Worlds
2005	Napier, NZL	NZL	Steve McDowell	
2004	Airlie Beach, AUS	AUS	Roger Blasse	World Champion 1998
2003	Melbourne, AUS	AUS	Mark Jackson	
2002	Napier, NZ	NZL	Alastair Gair	
2001	Wellington, NZ	NZL	Daniel Bush	
2000	Melbourne, Aust.	AUS	Roger Blasse	World Champion 1998
1999	Napier, NZ	NZL	Alistair Deaves	
1998	Adelaide, Aust.	AUS	Andre Blasse	
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1996	Auckland, NZ	NZL	Greg Wilcox	World Champion 2002
1995	Adelaide, Aust.	AUS	Alastair McMichael	
1994	Napier, NZ	NZL	Leith Armit	World Champion 4 times
1993	Melbourne, Aust.	AUS	Andre Blasse	
1992	Jervis Bay, Aust.	AUS	Peter Horne Jnr.	
1991	Auckland, NZ	NZL	Greg Wilcox	World Champion 2002
1990	Melbourne, Aust.	AUS	Mark Fisher	World Champion 1986
1989	Jervis Bay, Aust	NZL	Leith Armit	World Champion 4 times
1988	Wellington, NZ	NZL	Leith Armit	World Champion 1984, 86, 90, 94
1987	Adelaide, Aust.	AUS	Roger Blasse	World Champion 1998
1986	Takapuna, NZ	NZL	Peter Meo	
1985	Melbourne, Aust.	AUS	Mark Fisher	World Champion 1986
1984	Sydney, Aust.	AUS	Glen Collings	World Champion 1984
1983	Takapuna, NZ	NZL	Greg Wilcox	World Champion 2002
1982	Melbourne, Aust.	NZL	Richard Dodson	Team NZ (1995, 2000) Oneworld(2002)
1981	Melbourne, Aust.	AUS	Peter Gale	World Champion 1981
1980	Takapuna, NZ	NZL	Garry Lock	
1979	Melbourne, Aust.	AUS	Bruce Ashton	
1978	Wellington, NZ	NZL	Tom Dodson	Team NZ
1977	Sydney, Aust.	NZL	Rex Lamb	
1976	Murrays Bay, NZ	NZL	Rex Lamb	
1975	Frankston, NZ	NZL	Peter Lester	Yachting NZ, High Performance Manager
1974	Takapuna, NZ	NZL	Clive Roberts	World Champion
1973	Sydney, Aust.	AUS	Tony Hill	
1972	New Plymouth, NZ	NZL	Clive Roberts	World Champion 1973
1971	Melbourne, Aust.	AUS	Tony James	
1970	Brisbane, Aust.	NZL	Clive Roberts	World Champion 1973
1969	Takapuna, NZ	NZL	Clive Roberts	World Champion 1973
1968	Sydney, Aust.	AUS	Tony Hill	
1967	Takapuna, NZ	NZL	Clive Roberts	World Champion 1973
1966	Sydney, Aust.	AUS	Alan Clark	