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# whats new?

## **blokart® Sails 'Get Tough' for 2010**

We are excited to announce the early release of the strengthened blokart® sail. The 'cutting-edge' R&D team at blokart International have been focusing on increasing strength and life expectancy of our sails when developing the 2010 model. Retaining the current performance, so racers can still compete on an even playing field, was paramount.

- Reduced size & weight of 2-ply head
- Spectra strengthened clear X-mono fabric
- Finger batten reinforcement
- Reinforced mylar leach
- 5mm scallop in trailing edge between battens to reduce flutter
- New battens ensure a more consistent sail shape
- New 4 batten 3.0m sail for higher speeds
- Stronger batten tension bungees to improve sail shape

**The new 3.0m, 4.0m and 5.5m sails are in stock now!**



## **blokart® Sail Quiver Bag**

You can now travel with and store your sails in one purpose built bag.

- Long enough for all long-rolled sails
- Large enough for four sails, mast protectors, helmet and gloves +
- Tough fabric and stitching
- External mesh pocket
- Durable zip
- Reinforced carry handle



**Bags are in stock.**

## **blokart® Mast Bag**

You can now protect your precious Carbon &/or Ultra Carbon mast sections in a very practical and stylish blokart Mast Bag.

Those of us who wrap our mast sections in a sail (potentially damaging the sail and mast) or leave them rattling loose in the Kart bag or the back of the car will appreciate the blokart Mast Bag.

- Six mast pockets, with space for more
- Tough fabric and stitching
- Durable zip
- Strong reinforced carry handle
- Fits inside a blokart bag





## New Performance Batten Adjuster

The blokart® performance batten adjusters have undergone some modification to fit the batten pocket of the new sails. The thinner sleeker profile minimizes the batten pocket bulge. The new model performance batten adjusters are in stock and will be sold individually and in sets of 5.

Note: The new model performance batten adjusters will fit the old sails but the current/old system is not compatible with the new sails.



## New Ultra Downhaul

The Ultra Downhaul is for use in conjunction with the 5.5m sail and Ultra Carbon mast sections. The triple purchase pulley block allows you to effortlessly downhaul the sail, even with the stiffest mast.

The quick release shackle does away with the 'fiddley' D-shackle and speeds-up rigging.

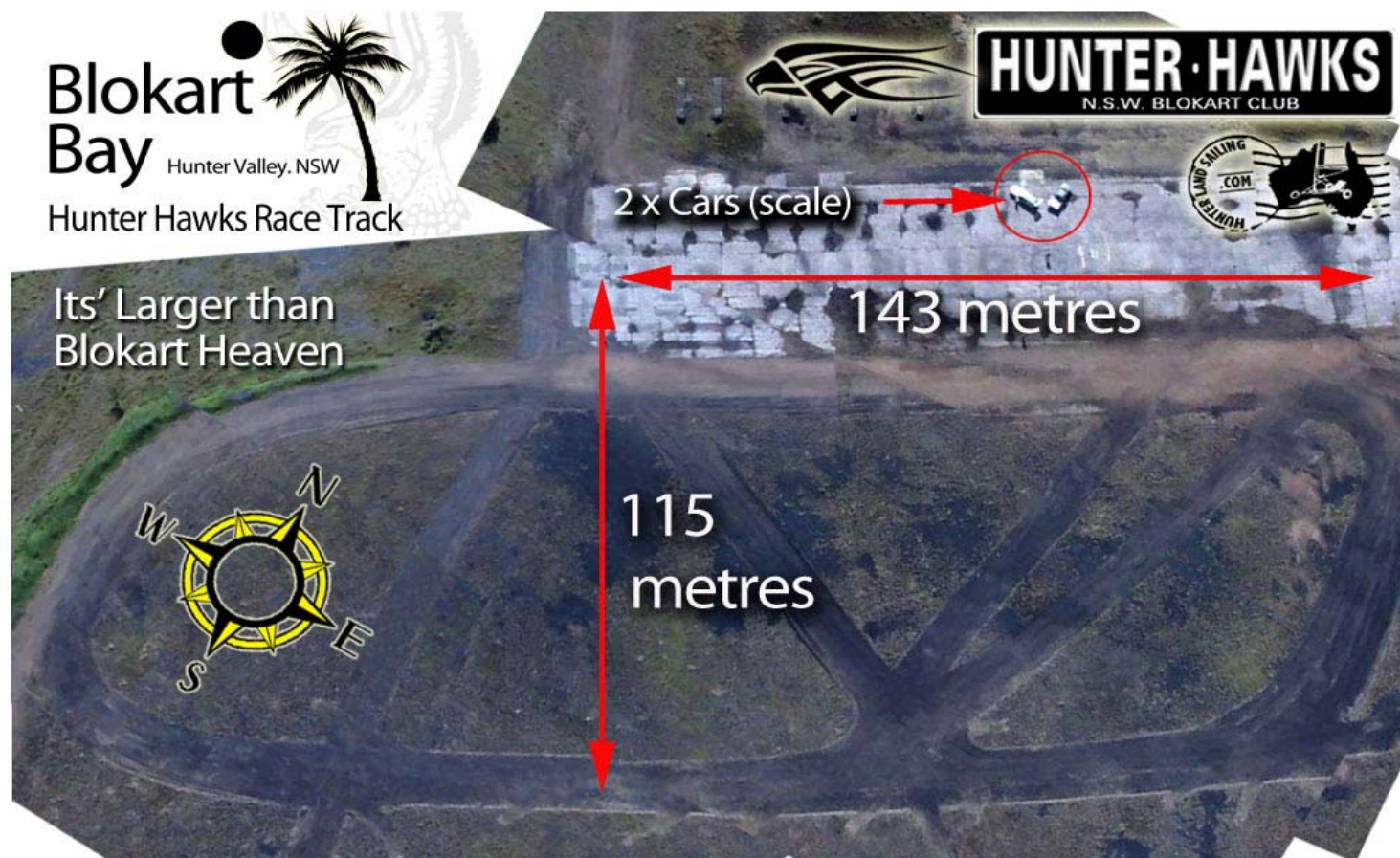
Tip: Use in combination with a blokart® Mast Crane for best results.

Available Mid September, with or without cleat.

The Ultra Downhaul supersedes the Performance Downhaul, which will be discontinued.



# international news



## Hunter Hawks have a new home!

The Hunter Hawks NSW blokart Club have a new home! Thanks to many hours of hard work by Paul Alford we now have a track that we can be proud of right here in the Hunter Valley! "Blokart Bay" concept was inspired by "Blokart Heaven" in New Zealand, only this track is even larger! To use the track you must hold current membership to the NSW Blokart Club. [http://nswblokartclub.com/Club\\_Membership.html](http://nswblokartclub.com/Club_Membership.html) for insurance reasons. This is privately owned land so we must take care of this area and surrounds. All care must be taken when arriving and departing from site. At this stage, Hunter Hawk Club Meetings will be held at least once a month, 1st Sunday of the month (starting this Sunday 10am). This is a great place to have fun, race with others, and also train for the up coming "State of Origin 3" - later this year. So bring your Blokart, bring a picnic lunch, & bring the family... Hope to see you all there soon. Cheers John Shorthouse.



## Blokart Insurance for Australia

The Australian blokart Association (ABA) have secured insurance for the club events! This is huge progress for the sport in such a litigation rife country.

It is fair to say that the sport has been restrained as land access for club events has been near impossible without insurance

We congratulate everyone involved with securing this cover.



## Perth, Australia

Check-out this great write-up about the Perth blokart Club

<http://inbox.apana.org.au/?p=262>

They have secured an awesome location in the city, the car-park of Belmont racecourse in Burswood, which has attracted new members at an unbelievable rate.

This proves that metro clubs and sailing is possible!



## New blokart Dealer - New Caledonia

Shop name : Diabolo Funboard  
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## United Kingdom - blokart gets a great rap on UK primetime TV!

Check it out, it proves how easy it is for almost anyone to master a blokart.  
<http://fwd.five.tv/videos/wind-up-challenge-part-one>



## Middle East - blokart distributor Mark Trotter announced today that he has secured a deal with in the famous French sporting retail chain 'Go-Sport' in the Mall of the Emirates and Ibn Battuta Mall in Dubai, UAE!

"The karts are in-store and I have spent the last two days training the staff and creating marketing material to help them along. I even got them into a kart in the car-park."



**Simply inspirational!**

# Blokart ride of the month



## Andrew Bates - Western Australia

Send photo's of your ride to [ash@blokart.com](mailto:ash@blokart.com)



After blokart enthusiasts went to the media after being ordered off the beach due to speed re-

strictions **Darwin have an allocated blokart area!**

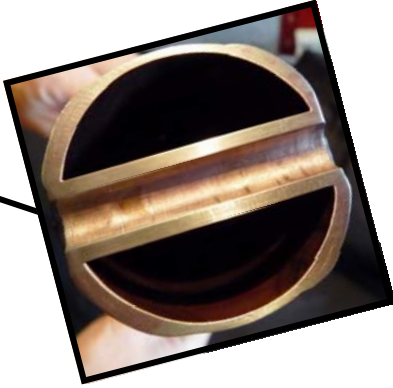
*No prizes for spotting the nudist beach!*

# did you know?



## Strengthened Pro Mast Base

blokart International started strengthening the Pro mast base in February this year after a rental operator noticed some fatigue due to a combination of their rough gravel track, over-weight 'punters' and the additional forces applied by large 5.5m sail.



FYI: Here is a cross section of this 'beefed-up' area.

## blokart® Forks get plugged

Based on customer feedback we are now fitting plugs in the fork steering tube on all Sport and Pro model blokart's.

It appears that during some fast beach sailing the front wheel can blast sand up the steering tube which builds-up around the fork spring button and in no time completely fills the tube!

When packing-up at the end of a great day of sailing the spring button cannot be depressed due to the sand build-up! .... The fork plug does the trick!

**Note:** when flushing your kart with fresh water the steering tube on the fork may fill up with water. Ensure this is drained and dry before storing



## Tough MSP's

Blokart's chemists have cooked-up the ultimate plastic to ensure the Mast Sleeve Protectors (MSP) are TOUGHER THAN EVER!

Even our GM Matt "beefcake" Beckett couldn't crack one 'wacking' it as hard as possible on a sharp edge!



# new zealand



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## **blokart Heaven Papamoa now Game-On Activities**

The rental track at the home of blokart in Papamoa has been leased to Richard & Karlene Brown (ex blokart Heaven track manager) who has developed a new business, Game-On Activities Ltd.

blokart rentals will continue to be the focus at Game-On but they have also introduced new exciting activities; infra-red Laser Tag (an army style game in our purpose built arena within 2 acres of eucalyptus trees) and Laser Claybird Shooting (using modified shotguns players fire an infra-red beam at clays launched from a conventional launcher), perfect to retain those corporate bookings when the wind drops.

This change in management will allow blokart International (BKI) to focus on production and international distribution. BKI will continue to manufacture on site and use the track for testing and development of new products.

The local club, Bay blokart Club have also secured the venue for regular club days and the BAI will be using the venue to host National events, such as the 2009 NZ blokart Open in October.



## **North Island Champs – Ohakea: 4/5 June 2009**

This was an event for everyone, catering for all levels rather than the normal 'flat out' racing.

The venue was amazing, where in the world can you get full runway access on an operational military base! Cruising down over 2km of runways at speed is fantastic.

The event went off well although a bit frustrating at times with shifty wind. This meant big downward gybes all the way down the runway which meant big gains for those who got it right and frustrations for those who got it wrong.

There were several highlights.

- Over 70 participants made this a huge success and one that will be repeated in 2010 all going well.
- The C division. It was great to see over 20 entering this division, all who done no or very little racing. The results were close throughout the series. Hopefully with this division we will see some of these new members coming along to Nationals in October.
- The social occasions. We started with an informal dinner Friday night, mostly for the travellers but all welcome at the Rathole. Forget the name, this was great food and over 40 turned up to start the weekend in style. Saturday night was at the Turkish Restaurant and what a great night this turned out to be. Gaye organised things well, managed to produce extra tables as more turned up than were booked, and the Belly Dancer was a hit. Lots of prizes for all day 1 place getters and spot prizes for everyone.



## Ice sailing in NZ

Kyle Metzloff visited this month to attempt to be the first American to ice boat in NZ. Kyle was successful and set an iceboat speed record in New Zealand of 23.14 mph. "We found the "ice master" who checks the ice for the curling club and scouted some natural lakes, at the Idaburn Dam near Naseby, but the ice was too thin or non-existent. We did our testing at the Southern Hemisphere Proving Grounds just 50 minutes from Queenstown in the Cadrona valley! [www.shpg.co.nz](http://www.shpg.co.nz)  
New Zealand's Southern Hemisphere Proving Grounds Ltd. (SHPG) is an industry leader in the winter vehicle testing for over 15 years!  
With the automotive industries experiencing pressure to reducing product development times counter-seasonal winter testing in the Southern Hemisphere has become an important industry resource.  
Read Kyle's reports on [www.iceboat.org](http://www.iceboat.org)



## Canterbury blokart club

If you go along to check out the Christchurch Boat Show or The Boys Day Out, also in Christchurch the weekend of September 5th & 6th, you will find the local blokart club promoting membership and the sport. Club members will be handing out flyers for a free blokart demo at Wigram Airbase on the Sunday afternoon. An awesome opportunity for first timers to have-a-go!

# nz - event calendar



## NZ Secondary Schools blokart Champs Postponed

**Originally scheduled for 5th – 6th September** the 2009 New Zealand Secondary Schools' blokart Championships, hosted by NZ blokart Association and ABC and held at Bruce Pulman Park– Auckland, has been postponed.

Go to [www.bai.co.nz](http://www.bai.co.nz) for more information

***Sanctioned by the NZ Secondary Schools Sports Council***



## 2009 New Zealand blokart Open

1-4th October Blokart Heaven, Papamoa.

Go to [www.bai.co.nz](http://www.bai.co.nz) for more information and entry details.

## Auckland blokart Club (ABC) Champs

31st October & 1st November 2009.

## ABC's 90 Mile Beach Trip

13th to 15th November 2009, ABC's bi-annual 90 Mile Beach Trip

