

## NEWS

# Brothers win TAKF Mac boat

I don't know if there were any two kids as happy as Kumeu brothers Ben and Thomas Ross on December 7, the day they received their new Mac 360 boat as the prize for winning the 2011 Take A Kid Fishing competition.

Each month *NZ Fishing News* publishes a selection of pics showing young anglers with their catches, and in December each year one young angler's name is drawn and they receive a new boat for Christmas.

Galloway International Ltd, manufacturers of Mac boats, has been involved with this popular part of the magazine for a number of years. Once again the company's CEO, Garth Galloway, was on hand to pass over the prize, which consisted of: a Mac 3.6 dinghy on a custom DMW trailer; an 8hp Mercury outboard; rods and reels and a tacklebox from Kilwell Sports; lifejackets from RFD; and oars and an anchor pack from *NZ Fishing News*.

The Ross brothers were both in a photograph sent in by their parents after a successful trip targeting gur-

nard on the Kaipara Harbour, which was published in the July edition.

The brothers' dad, Darrin, said the boys had been the toast of Taupaki Primary, the country school they attend, and had had lots of requests from their fellow students and friends to be taken for a ride.

The boys were looking forward to their camping holiday this summer at Whananaki, where they would put the boat to good use.

"I guess we will have to fit a towbar to mum's car," Darrin says.

The boys and their dad took the Mac for its maiden voyage, doing a few short laps close to the Bucklands Beach shoreline, and were excited about the prospects of their first fishing trip, promising to send in some photographs of their efforts.

Garth Galloway, in handing over the boat, says his company's involvement in the Take A Kid Fishing pages always gives him a great deal of personal pleasure, seeing so many youngsters enjoying themselves out on the water.


This year the company celebrated



Galloway International's CEO Garth Galloway presents Kumeu brothers Ben and Thomas Ross with their new Mac 360 boat. (Photo: Miah Dixon)

25 years, having put their rotationally-moulded boats under the feet of thousands of Kiwi anglers and boaties. To check out what they do and the models available, go to their

website [www.macboats.com](http://www.macboats.com).

To see how to enter for the 2012 Mac TAKF competition, check out page 182 of this edition. 

## Mangawhai kids competition


There will be an independently-run kids fishing competition for residents and holidaymakers in the Mangawhai area these holidays.

On Thursday, January 5, there will be a competition for kids under 15 run out of the Mangawhai Boating and Fishing Club's facilities.

There will be a heap of prizes up for grabs, including a 3.3m boat

and a charter trip with Ridgeback Charters.

Fishing is between 10.00am and 1.00pm and entries will be taken on the day. The cost is \$5 and the event will be fished in two age groups – under 15 and under seven. There will be a free sausage sizzle after the weigh-in.

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