

Who will Benefit?

This vessel will enable special needs school children to take day trips to learn about the marine environment.

Families with a member in a wheelchair can take an adventure holiday together on equal terms.

Teenagers from Starship's cancer ward can take a respite trip, enjoying a day sailing, fishing, swimming or kayaking with friends and family.

Intellectually and physically disabled people from all walks of life will be able to extend their outlook to new horizons.

One in five New Zealanders has a disability, which equates to over 700,000 disabled persons. Forty per cent of adults with a disability consider themselves to be moderately or severely disabled.

(Figures from Statistics NZ 2006 Disability Survey)

For each of these people many more are affected as family members and caregivers who are involved physically, emotionally and financially, often around the clock and 365 days of the year.

Sailing is one of the few adventure activities in which families with a disabled member can fully participate. It is a quintessentially New Zealand experience that offers not only fun and adventure, but hope and inspiration for their future quality of life.

Help us to make New Zealand's coastal waters barrier-free and accessible to all through the thrill of sailing, regardless of physical or intellectual challenges.

www.disabledsailingtrust.org.nz

Who are we?

The Disabled Sailing Trust NZ was established in 2008, has Charities Commission registration and is administered by an incorporated trust board.

Trustees represent considerable sailing, education and management experience and include David Barnes, respected New Zealand Olympic sailor and America's Cup skipper/tactician and campaign manager.

The Disabled Sailing Trust vision is supported by national organisations such as SPARC, The Halberg Trust, IHC, CCS Disability Action and many other groups and individuals who recognise the challenge of living with a disability.

The trust is also affiliated with national sailing body Yachting New Zealand, which is committed to making safe sailing accessible to all sectors of the community.

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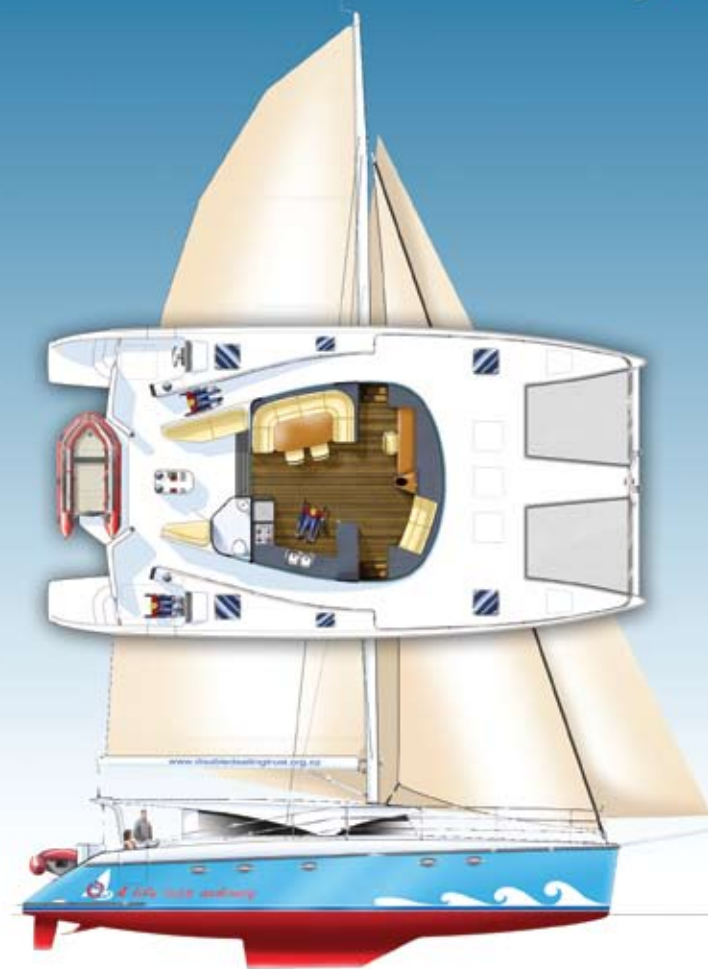
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From Dream to...
reality



**Leaving limitations behind through
the thrill of sailing**



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The Dream

A unique purpose built catamaran fully adapted for sailing by even the most disabled, allowing all New Zealanders access to our world renowned coastal environment and many related water activities.

Make it a reality

With professional drawings of the vessel complete, the trust is now seeking funding to move us to the construction stage.

The overall cost of the project is \$2 million. A detailed analysis of construction costs is available on request.

Corporate sponsorship opportunities are now available at a range of levels.

Potential benefits include:

- Vessel naming rights
- Use of vessel for agreed events
- Logos and signage on the vessel, at promotional events, on literature, on crew uniforms
- Recognition through media activity
- Promotion among the network of disabled people, their caregivers and families.
- Staff participation in crewing
- A key profile with a highly visible not-for-profit organisation which is changing the lives of the disabled in our community for the better.

Contributions in kind are also welcome and we would love to hear from any organisations or individuals with goods or services to offer.

Disabled Sailing Trust NZ is a registered charity and all donations are tax deductible and exempt from gift duty. Donations can be made through our website at any time.



What's possible?

This purpose-built vessel will enable disabled people and their families to experience activities such as cruising New Zealand's unique coastline and exploring the many beautiful anchorages, swimming, kayaking, fishing and snorkelling, that others may take for granted. Trips will provide a revitalising combination of relaxation, education, stimulation and enjoyment.

The yacht will be based in Auckland but will also operate out of other harbours around New Zealand, taking groups of twenty on day excursions and up to eight on overnight trips.

For the disabled themselves the sailing experience can provide:

- empowerment
- improved self esteem and confidence
- a sense of independence,
- freedom and dignity,
- motivation and social skills,
- enhanced muscle tone and strength
- increased coordination and range of movement
- a positive and inclusive environment