

Huge yacht enters race

DIGBY Taylor's Enterprise New Zealand has been entered in the Auckland to Tauranga yacht race on April 4.

Taylor's 24-metre round-the-world racer will be competing in her first major race in the Malcolm Fowler Motors-sponsored Tauranga Easter race according to organiser Mr Dave Peet.

The new Bruce Farr-design was launched last Saturday and had her mast stepped yesterday.

Taylor, who won the small boat prize in the last Whitbread event, has built Enterprise without the blaze of publicity which has surrounded the slightly shorter Lion New Zealand.

But there are many people who believe he will be Lion's biggest rival in the next round-the-world event this year.

Enterprise is expected to be open to the public while in Tauranga and will be berthed off the same barge Lion used when she was here last weekend.

The Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club will run a raffle to raise funds for Enterprise, the two prizes being berths on the big racer for her trip back to Auckland.

The Auckland-Tauranga race is the second to be sailed since the Tauranga Yacht and Power Boat Club revived the once popular event two years ago.

To date 50 entries have been received and Mr Peet knows of at least 20 other boats which will be definite starters.

One yacht not yet entered is Anticipation, which took line honours in the last event.

But Mr Peet said owner Don St Clair Brown had assured the club Anticipation would be back.

There is one overseas entry, the 12.2 Robertson design Baroness, entered by visiting American veterinary surgeon Jay Donelker from the Lewes Yacht Club in Delaware.

The race starts in Auckland at 4 p.m. on April 4 and will finish off A buoy on the next day.