

# Stabi-Craft Marine Limited

**Adventure with Confidence**

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## **Stabicraft is racing**

Stabicraft Marine will swap knots for km/h when the BNT V8 Championships roar into action at Taupo this weekend (October 4-5).

The Invercargill boat manufacturer is the major sponsor of talented racing car driver Dale Williams, who has signed with Team SCG for the 2008/2009 season.

"It's great to have Stabicraft on board – I think motorsport and fishing are two pursuits which go nicely together and I don't think too many guys would disagree," Williams said.

Despite his rookie status this season, Williams is confident he can make his mark on New Zealand's premier racing class.

"I definitely believe I can mix it with the best of them," he said.

"I'm aiming for a top 10 finish initially and definitely want to be the best of the rookies."

The 26-strong field features several drivers with international experience, including Craig Baird and Paul Radisich, together with Kiwi stars John McIntyre, Kayne Scott, Angus Fogg and Andy Booth.

"These are the guys I looked up to when I was younger, now I'm racing against them but if you believe in yourself and rate yourself, anything's possible," Williams said.

"I just need to focus and go for it ... there's no reason why we shouldn't be up there."

It's been a meteoric rise to motorsport's top echelon for Williams, who last year comfortably defended his NZ Production Racing Class crown. His efforts also secured him the number two position in NZ Driver magazine's Top Ten list of the best drivers, behind V8 champion John McIntyre.

"The goal has always been to race in the V8 Championship – we've been working towards this for the past few years," Williams said.

"It will be great to finally line up on the grid."

Debuting on the Taupo circuit adds a new challenge this weekend for Williams and his Stabicraft Ford.

"It's a difficult track. You have to be very precise but if you can go well there, there's no reason you won't do well anywhere."

Stabcraft managing director Paul Adams said the company was proud to back Williams, a driver brimming with natural talent.

“I’ve been impressed with the professionalism Dale and his team have shown and there’s no doubt in my mind he’s got the talent to reach the podium,” Adams said.

“The whole factory will be eagerly watching his progress as the championships progress and we’re looking forward to being trackside when the V8’s hit the Teretonga circuit in January.”

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