



# CRUISING YACHT CLUB OF AUSTRALIA

*Home of the Rolex Sydney Hobart Yacht Race*

28 November 2012

Mr Murray Francis  
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Dear Murray,

***Re: A2B Bluewater Classic 2014***

On behalf of the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia I congratulate you and your team for developing the concept for a yacht race from Auckland to Bluff and for the perseverance and dedication demonstrated by all stakeholders to see the concept materialise.

The CYCA has, from the very moment the concept was brought to our attention, seen the idea of a yacht race between Auckland and Bluff as an opportunity to provide yachtsmen and women from around the world with another long blue water race that we hope can be developed into a long term fixture on the ocean racing calendar. We are very pleased you have chosen to conduct the race in February as this will not only give Australian based yacht owners something to consider participating in, we also think international yacht owners who are planning on making the journey to Australia to participate in our great race find the idea of crossing the Tasman to participate in the Auckland to Bluff Yacht Race an obvious addition to their itinerary while their boat and crew are in our part of the world.

Once the Notice of Race has been published we look forward to promoting the event to our members. In the meantime we wish you and your colleagues our very best wishes for a successful inaugural event in 2014 and a long and rewarding future for the Auckland to Bluff Yacht Race.

Yours sincerely,

**MARK WOOLF**  
**Chief Executive Officer**