

A group of 25 New Zealand Club rowers raced at the Australian Beach Sprint Champs in September 2025. Based at Monterey Beach, near Sydney airport, the Champs was four days of racing against crews from around Australia, including the Aussie National Beach Sprints team soon heading for World Champs in Turkey. Athletes from Vanuatu and American Samoa were also racing.

The NZ contingent, under the guidance of Gary Reid, Joe Sullivan and Mike Brake, included rowers from West End, North Shore, Sacred Heart, St Pauls Collegiate, Takapuna Grammar, Waikato, Bay of Plenty Coast, Tauranga, Aramoho Whanganui, Petone, Picton, Avon and Canterbury Rowing Club. Coastbusters athletes competed in a full range of events from U17 age grade right through to Masters. With great success! There are heaps of photos on social media, search by Coastbusters BeachSprints.

This group are all looking forward to the summer series in NZ, kicking off on Orewa Beach November 15th, hosted by Beach Sprints NZ.

