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Alinghi urging Team NZ to drop court action

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Team NZ boss Grant Dalton's being urged to drop court action against Alinghi in order for Alinghi to compete in new LV Pacific Series

Swiss syndicate Alinghi has sent a clear message to Team New Zealand, drop the court case and it will compete in the planned Louis Vuitton Pacific series next year.

Team New Zealand is staging an America's Cup-type regatta in Auckland next summer, using its own boats. It has invited America's Cup holder Alinghi.

Alinghi skipper Brad Butterworth says Grant Dalton will have to drop his lawsuit against the syndicate first. He says Alinghi cannot compete in a regatta that has been organised by a team that is suing it. He says Dalton will have to bury the hatchet, and if that happens his team will be prepared to move on.

Butterworth says he would like to compete in New Zealand again. He says it is obviously his home and it would be great to come back and spend a bit of time sailing.

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