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Date: 29 Jan – 2 February, Auckland Anniversary Day

Racing window: Races to begin from around 15:00, see below for more details.

Event: The PRADA Cup Challenger Selection Series – Semi-Finals

Weekend racing snapshot

With New York Yacht Club back on the water, this weekend marks the start of the PRADA Cup Semi-Finals. Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli will face off against American Magic in seven scheduled races across four days.

Luna Rossa and American Magic will compete in two races per day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (29-31 January), with a final race scheduled for Tuesday 2 February if required. There is no racing on Monday 1 February (Auckland Anniversary Day).

- The first race will begin at 15:15, with the second race scheduled for 16:15, these timings may change depending on the conditions.
- The first to score four points will win the Semi-Finals and progress to the Finals to compete against INEOS Team UK; therefore, if one team has already scored four points by Saturday or Sunday, racing on subsequent days will not be required.
- 3 and 4 February are scheduled reserve days.

COVID-19 messaging

- With the reappearance of COVID-19 in the community over the past few days, there has been some speculation on the immediate impact on events and whether currently scheduled events such as the 36th America's Cup will continue as planned.
- We are carefully monitoring the situation and will respond as required if circumstances change.
- Based on current advice, partners responsible for the 36th America's Cup and Summernova events and activations are continuing with the programming planned for this weekend, all of which is being delivered in line with government guidelines.
- Auckland's current COVID-19 Alert Level remains at Level 1 and we continue to urge everyone to:
 - Use the NZ COVID-19 Tracer App upon entering the America's Cup Village and other events and venues this weekend;
 - Wear masks on public transport,
 - Wash hands and use sanitation stations,
 - Stay home if you are unwell.

RACECOURSE SELECTION

- **For each scheduled race, racecourses will be chosen by the Race Director and confirmed around 10:00 AM.**

The Race Director, in consultation with the Harbourmaster and relevant authorities, has announced some changes to courses that will be used during the rest of the Prada Cup and into the America's Cup match.



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Course C has been singled out as the preferred course to be used if conditions allow, but some changes have been made to expand it slightly to allow for better maneuverability to alter the course if required when conditions change. The on-land vantage spots remain largely the same for the public with good viewing from Maungauika North Head and spots along Tamaki Drive, but this may vary depending which orientation of Course C is used.

The Race Director has also indicated that Course E is the second choice for use, and the future uses of courses A and D will be less likely but still available to be used at the Race Director's discretion.

- Course decisions will be announced on a variety of channels including:
 - o Americascup.com and the official America's Cup social media channels.
 - o Aucklandnz.com/36th-americas-cup/how-to-watch-the-race, What's on in Auckland (Facebook), and @aucklandNZ (Twitter)
- Course decisions are based on weather, wind and a variety of other factors, with a view to choosing the course which will best enable successful racing and a safe on-water experience for teams and spectators.
- Sometimes a course decision may be delayed or once established need to change to ensure racing can go ahead on a given day. When this is the case, changes will be announced as early as possible on the same channels listed above.
- Boat users should tune into marine VHF channel 4 and register for updates at americascup.com/on-water-information.





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What else is on this weekend?

The city will be busy this weekend with Auckland Anniversary celebrations, race-related activations, and other event events, including:

- [Auckland International Buskers Festival](#) will deliver world-class performances, acrobats shows, hula hoop demonstrations and more from noon Friday to Monday evening at three inner-city locations: Silo Park, Silo Park Extension, and Te Komititanga Square.
- **Additional, child-friendly activations** will also be hosted on race days in Te Komititanga Square. This includes FREE face painting and buskers from Youth Arts NZ. This is part of Auckland Unlimited's [Summernova](#) festival programme.
- Once again, [Auckland Live Summer in the Square](#) will transform Aotea Square into a nautical-themed playground with racing on the big screen, live music, DJs and food and beverage.
- Local community favourite, [SeePort Festival](#), is also back on Captain Cook Wharf on Sunday 31 Jan from 10:00 AM until late. Stop in for live music, mini golf, fireworks and demonstrations from the Royal NZ Navy, Defence Force and Air Force.
- Throughout the weekend, the **America's Cup Race Village** will also have special programming. There will be an ice cream market on Sunday 31 Jan from 11:00 AM and family-friendly activities, including face painting, circus training and fairies.

How to watch

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- On-land vantages will be determined by course selection each day; suggested viewing spots outlined in the table below.
- It's important to note that the best views will of course be experienced from elevated viewing spots.
- Public transport and walking or cycling to race viewing locations is encouraged wherever possible.

Course	Suggested on-land viewing locations
A	Milford Beach, Takapuna Beach Reserve, Kennedy Park and East Coast Bays beaches on the North Shore.
B	Cheltenham Beach, Narrow Neck Beach and Takapuna Beach Reserve.
C	Maungauika North Head, Orakei, Bastion Point and other elevated locations along Tamaki Drive.
D	Southeastern beaches, including Achilles Point and Glover Park.
E	Maratetai and Musick Point.



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Other ways to watch

- **THE RACE VILLAGE** - Located in Viaduct Harbour, the **America's Cup Race Village** will be open from 10:00 AM – 8pm. This space is completely free and open for the public to experience a festive spectator experience with food and beverage, and more.
 - Find out how to get to and from the Village at www.at.govt.nz/americascup
- **TUNE IN** - Can't make it to the action? Don't worry – the 36th America's Cup will be broadcast free-to-air on TV1, with the Gold Network providing radio coverage. Races will also be streamed live on Americascup.com and the official America's Cup Facebook and YouTube channels.
- **SUMMERNOVA** - Several Summernova activation sites will spread the vibrant atmosphere of the 36th America's Cup beyond the Race Village and throughout the region with opportunities to watch and listen to the broadcast while enjoying live music, delicious food and good vibes. See the full line-up at Summernova.co.nz.

On-water spectator information

- For boaties, it's important to be familiar with the various rules that are in place while the racing is on. This includes 5 Knot Restrictions in areas determined by which course is in use on a given day, and being aware of the tides.
- For the most up to date information and charts visit https://www.americascup.com/files/m3470_Course-Area-C-speed-restriction.pdf
- When Course A is in use buoys are in place on the perimeter of the cable zone to identify this. Note that these are the same buoys that are used to mark the perimeter of the course.
- VHF Channel 4 will be used to announce any significant course change or movement required by spectators.
- Important announcements will be updated on the website, social media and via the Live Broadcast online, TVNZ and Radio 1332.
- Vessels are reminded of the risks to craft by generated wake.
- The event strongly discourages the use of non-powered craft in the indicated speed restriction zones.
- Vessels are not permitted to operate in transit lanes when they are adjacent to a racecourse with their sails hoisted.
- Speed restrictions apply from 1pm (13:00 hours) until 7pm (19:00) hours each race day unless lifted earlier.
- Lifting of event speed restrictions will be announced on Marine VHF channels 12, 16 and 4.
- No anchoring in transit lanes

LIVE SPECTATOR LOCATION PERIMETER

- You can track your live location in relation to the spectator perimeter on the America's Cup website: <https://www.americascup.com/en/spectators-perimeter>
- Racecourse details and the spectator location finder are updated every race day at 11:00 and are LIVE until 18:00. Outside of these hours the location finder will not work. For this service to work please ensure the GPS location is enabled on your device.

VHF CHANNEL 4



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- America's Cup Event On-Water Operations will transmit half-hour updates including important information such as course changes, issues with people inadvertently in the wrong place and other communications via VHF channel 4.
- Please do not use this channel to communicate with other boaties. It is important to keep this line free and for race communications only.

TEXT MESSAGE UPDATES

- America's Cup Event will send text messages where required to inform spectators of changes to the course and for other emergency updates.
- To receive these you must have opted in via the ['sign up for on water information' form](#).

BOAT RAMPS

- Boat ramps and the roads leading up to them will be busy, so give yourself plenty of time to launch your boat, park your car legally and head out to the racecourse within the event speed limits.
- Be patient and considerate.
- If one boat ramp is full, try another. A full list of boat ramps can be found at aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/parks-recreation/get-outdoors/coastal-marine/find-boat-ramp/Pages/default.aspx

KEEP THE HAURAKI GULF PEST FREE

- Before you head out on your boat, check for pests, clean all equipment and close food containers to [help protect the Hauraki Gulf and its islands](#).
- The event and all teams take the protection of the biodiversity of the marine life of the Hauraki Gulf as a priority every day they go on the water.
- If you are part of the Event spectator fleet, be aware that you may see or have a close encounter with one of the different species of marine mammals that inhabit the Hauraki Gulf. If you do, you should:
- Please ensure that you operate your vessel with 'respect' to marine animals that you see and keep your distance.
- Be kind to the marine animals - any behaviour intended to harass, disturb or feed marine animals is unacceptable.

Getting around during the PRADA Cup

Saturday 30 Jan – Monday 1 Feb

- Western Line - Buses will replace trains.
- Eastern Line - Buses will replace trains.
- Southern Line - Buses will replace trains.
- Onehunga Line - Buses will replace trains.
- Reason for line closure: Full network closed for track work.



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City Centre impacts

- There will be some roading restrictions and closures in the areas immediately to the west of the Cup Village (e.g. Jellicoe, Madden and Daldy Streets) on race days.
- Please be prepared for some congestion and plan accordingly.
- Find out more www.at.govt.nz/americascup
- Auckland Transport is monitoring crowd numbers, congestion and pedestrian safety and may introduce roading restrictions if needed.
- **Commercial car parking buildings** – access to carparks within the city centre, Viaduct Harbour, Wynyard Quarter, Princes Wharf, downtown and Britomart area will be maintained.
- **Bike and e-scooter parking** – Bike and e-scooter parking is available next to the containers at the Jellicoe Street carpark and under the Hobson Street flyover (next to the Tepid Baths).

Ferry users

- While Fullers staff will endeavour to limit disruption, it's almost inevitable the racing will cause some changes to ferry services, including increased travel times, delays to various services, or cancellations.
- To ensure safety of the race yachts, spectator vessels and ferry passengers, there will be ferry speed restrictions in place from noon each race day.
- The Fullers' My Ferry app, and AT Journey Planner or AT Mobile app can all help people make travel plans and stay ahead of any changes.
- **Stanley Bay.** No services this weekend.
- **Birkenhead, Bayswater, and Beach Haven.** Normal timetables
- **West Harbour.** No services this weekend.
- [Learn more about ferry changes due to the 36th America's Cup.](#)

Anything else - need to know

- Airspace restrictions are in operation on race days across the weekend.
- Officially approved helicopters and drones will be the only aircraft permitted to film during the races.
- The CAA's key safety message for aviation is: ***Do not fly a drone or aircraft over the Waitemata Harbour on race days.***
- This map shows the no fly zones in detail: <https://www.aviation.govt.nz/assets/Americas-Cup-Airspace.pdf>
- Drone users should check the AirShare App and register drone flights. Any breach of those rules by drone users may earn a fine of up to \$2000.