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Key Public Information – PRADA Cup Finals

Race days: 13, 14, 17 Feb (Reserve days 16 & 18 Feb)

Racing window: 2 x races per day; timings for Saturday racing at 16:15 and 17:15.

Racing snapshot

With the first challenger, New York Yacht Club American Magic, now eliminated from the selection series, this weekend will see the Challenger of Record, Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli, and INEOS Team UK face off in the first races of the PRADA Cup Final Series.

- There will be up to 13 races in the PRADA Cup Finals, with the first team to score seven points winning the PRADA Cup and progressing to take on Emirates Team New Zealand in the 36th America's Cup Match.
- There will be two races per day on Saturday (13 February), and Sunday (14 February), Wednesday 17 February, and then from Friday 19 - 22 February, if required.

Racecourse selection

- Course decisions will be announced around 10:00AM on a variety of channels including:
 - [Americascup.com](https://americascup.com) and the official America's Cup social media channels.
 - [Aucklandnz.com/36th-americas-cup/how-to-watch-the-race](https://aucklandnz.com/36th-americas-cup/how-to-watch-the-race), What's On in Auckland (Facebook), and @aucklandNZ (Twitter)
 - Boat users should tune into marine VHF channel 4 and register for updates at americascup.com/on-water-information.
- Course decisions are based on weather, wind, and a variety of other factors, with a view to choosing the course which enables the best chance of 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.

How to watch

How to watch on-land

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 be experienced from elevated viewing spots.

Course	Suggested on-land viewing locations
A	Milford Beach, Takapuna Beach Reserve, 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.



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D	Southeastern beaches, including Achilles Point and Glover Park.
E	Maratetai and Musick Point.



Other ways to watch

- **THE RACE VILLAGE** - Located in Viaduct Harbour, the **America's Cup Race Village** will be open from 10:00 AM. 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 racing 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.



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On-water spectator information

- For the most up to date information and charts visit americascup.com/watch-on-water and sign up for on-water updates at americascup.com/on-water-information
- It's important that boaties are 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.
- Boat users are reminded that when **Course A** is in use there is to be no anchoring in the cable zone (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.

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](#).
- 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 our marine animals - any behaviour intended to harass, disturb, or feed marine animals is unacceptable.

What else is on this weekend?

The city will be busy this weekend not only with fans heading out to watch the racing but a range of other events and activations at Summernova Festival sites across the city:

- **All weekend** – [Auckland Live Summer in the Square](#), Aotea Square, city centre – Transforming Aotea Square into a nautical-themed playground with racing on the big screen, live music, DJs and food and beverage.
- **All weekend** – In partnership with Summernova, [Sustainable Coastlines' mobile education station](#) will be in place on Maraetai Beach.
- **All weekend** – [Summernova Festival at the Village](#) – Howick Historical Village.
- **All weekend** – Satellite Show of Toi Tu Toi Ora.
- **Saturday 13 Feb** – **SOLD OUT** [Sunsetter Food, Wine & Music Festival](#), Smales Farm, Takapuna – A one day celebration of live music, NZ wine, craft breweries and eateries in a uniquely urban setting.



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- **Saturday 13 Feb – [Bike AKL Bike Rave 2021](#):** The Sundowner Edition – starting with a carpark party, the Bike AKL Bike Rave will follow the North Western Bike Path to a Tropicana sunset beach party on the water's edge.
- A range of activities and events will also be taking place across the city as part of the eighth consecutive **Auckland Pride Festival**. This includes the [Ending HIV Big Gay Out on Sunday 14 Feb in Coyle Park](#). See the full line-up at aucklandpride.org.nz/

Getting around during the PRADA Cup

There are a small number of roading restrictions in the areas immediately adjacent to the Cup Village, in Wynyard Quarter on race days.

Auckland Transport is planning to take a responsive approach, monitoring crowd numbers and network capacity closely and deploying wider roading restrictions only if/when needed. If necessary, road closures (one-way or two-way) and traffic control measures (such as stop/go points) may be deployed at short notice on race days to ensure safe and efficient access.

Even if road closures are implemented, the footprint of any closures will likely be smaller than it was for December's racing – Lower Hobson St and Quay Street (from Lower Hobson Street to Queens Wharf or possibly through to Britomart Place) being the most likely.

At this stage AT is not planning to introduce any road closures along Tamaki Drive or in Devonport (except potentially Macky Ave and Takarunga Rd on Maungauika North Head), but these could also be deployed if necessary, in the interests of crowd safety.

Plans for road restrictions during the America's Cup racing in March are still being developed and will be updated based on crowd numbers over the next few race days, but again AT want to take a more responsive approach.

Find out more www.at.govt.nz/americascup

13 – 14 Feb Closures on the rail network

- Eastern Line - trains will operate during the day. Buses will replace trains between Britomart and Ōtāhuhu in the evening. Trains will operate between Ōtāhuhu and Manukau.
- Southern Line - trains will operate between Britomart and Papakura. Buses will replace trains between Papakura and Pukekohe.
- Onehunga Line - trains will operate.
- Western Line - trains will operate.
- **Commercial car parking buildings** – access to carparks within the city centre, Viaduct Harbour, Wynyard Quarter, Princes Wharf, downtown and Britomart area will be maintained.



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- **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, the racing will likely 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.
- [Learn more about ferry changes due to the 36th America's Cup.](#)

COVID-19 messaging

- We are continuing to carefully monitor 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, 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.

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.