



AC36 Newsletter

13 December 2020

AMERICAS CUP WORLD SERIES OPENING CEREMONIES

There will be two ceremonies on the morning of December 15. A blessing will be held at 5:15am, This is an invite only ceremony. There is a public facing ceremony from 9am, as hosted by Challenger of Record. There will be invited Ambassadors, Ministers and other dignitaries as well as syndicates. Note the Bridge will remain down from 8:45am-9am as the Challengers gather at the Karanga Plaza in front of the Emirate's Team New Zealand base before crossing to Te Wero Island, Ngati Whatua Orakei will play an important role here.



AMERICA'S CUP RACE VILLAGE

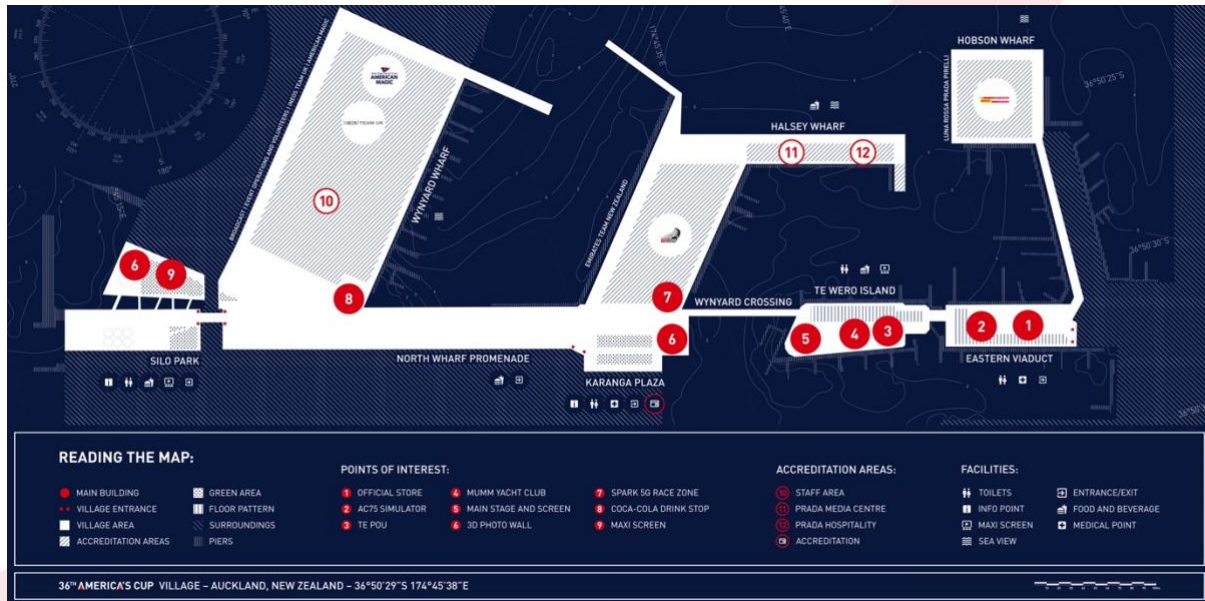
Open everyday from 11am on Tuesday December 15 until the end of the match in March, with the exception of Christmas Day. The village is where everyone will want to be to enjoy the action and experience the buzz of the racing off the water.

The Village is completely FREE throughout all America's Cup racing events and it has been a long held objective of the Defender, Emirates Team New Zealand, since winning in Bermuda, that the

36th America's Cup presented by PRADA be the most inclusive and easily viewed America's Cup ever. This vision has been supported by all stakeholders involved in the events.

The waterfront will allow FREE experiences accessible for everyone, connecting people to boats, team bases and events. The village spreads across the waterfront beginning at Hobson Wharf, continuing through Te Wero Island, Eastern Viaduct, North Wharf up to the Silo Park Area.

The America's Cup Race Village is home to more than just the four team bases of the 36th America's Cup Presented by Prada. [Watch](#) Blair Tuke (Emirates Team New Zealand) as he shows us a little of what we can expect to see.



OPENING TIMES AND ENTRANCES

The village operates from 9am until 11pm on race days and from 10am to 10pm on non-race days.

On Christmas Eve (24/12 10am – 6pm) and New Year's Eve (31/12 10am – midnight) opening and closing times differ slightly.

The Main Entrance is located at the beginning of Hobson Wharf where two entrance towers will herald the start of the village experience and help visitors navigate the area. A second entrance is between North Wharf Promenade and Karanga Plaza, and a third access is located at Silo Park.

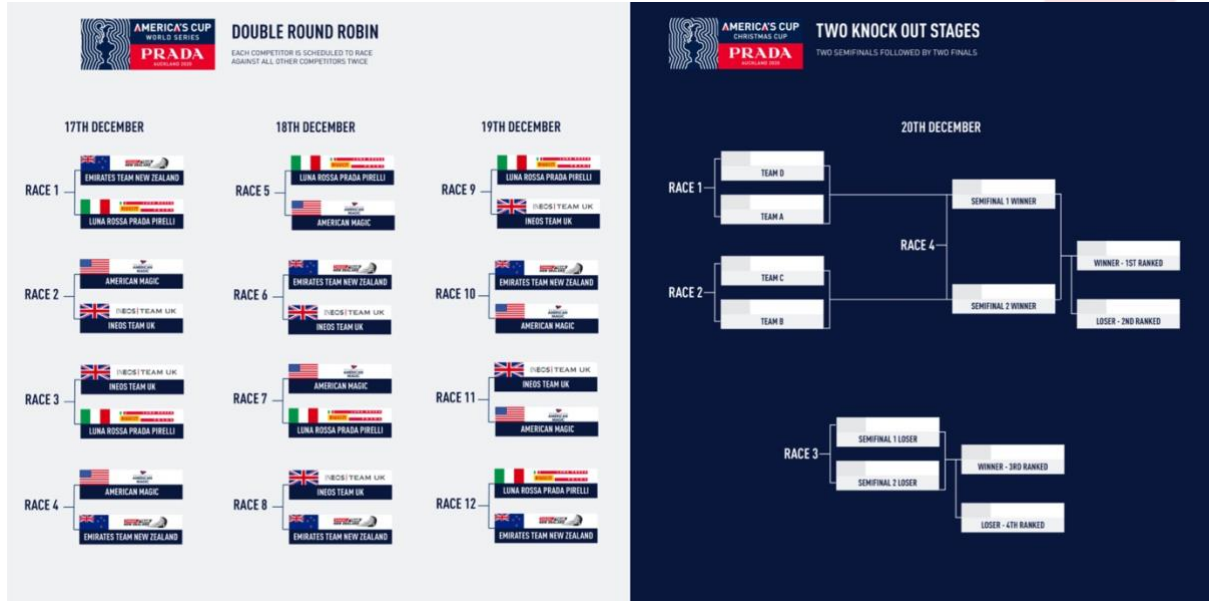
RACING TO START THIS WEEK

It's an exciting week as racing kicks off with the PRADA Auckland World Series Race (17 – 19 December). During these first three days of racing, there will be four races per day of Round Robin competition when all of the four teams will race each other twice. The winner of each match gets one point.

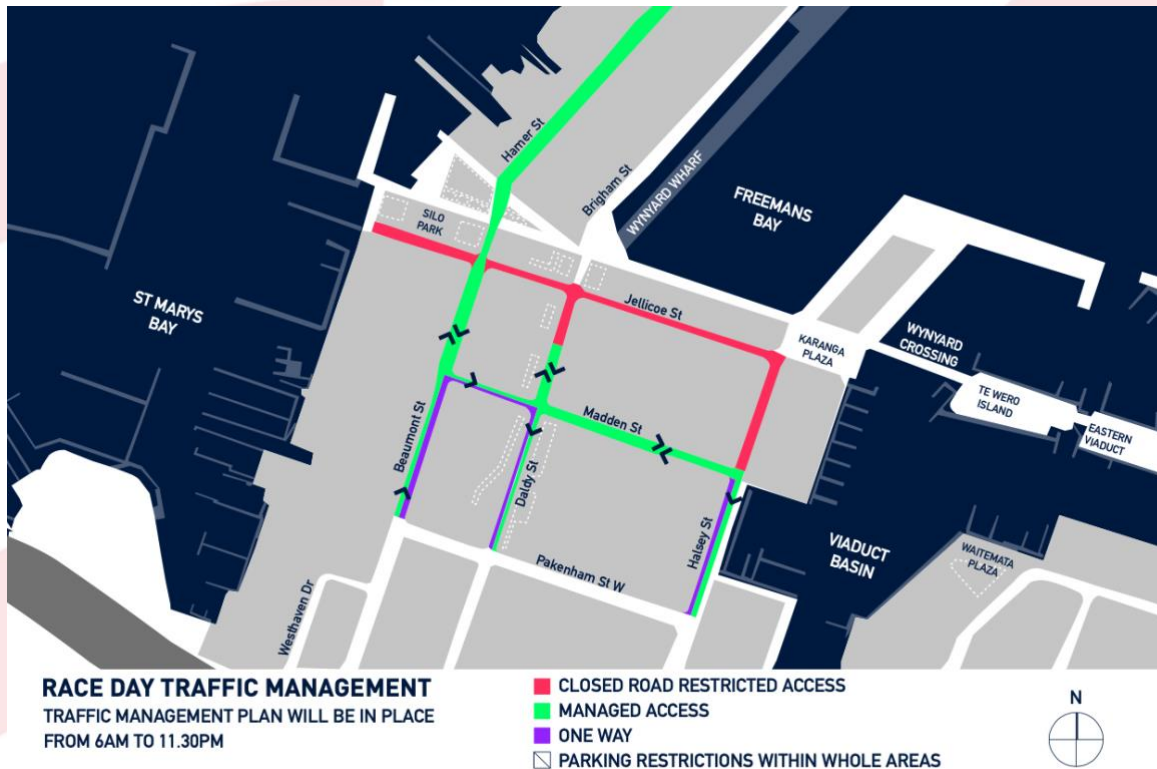
The fourth day (20 December) is the PRADA Christmas Race and will be comprised of two knock out stages. The first stage consists of two head to head match ups, the winners of each will progress to the final, the losers to a 3rd and 4th match will help decide the final rankings. The pairing of the

PRADA Christmas Race Semifinals will be decided by the results of the PRADA ACWS Auckland double Round Robin.

RACE FORMAT



TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN IN PLACE



LOOKING AHEAD

KEY DATES	WHAT'S COMING UP...
15 December	5:15am – 8:30am Dawn Ceremony (Invite only) 9:00am – 11:00am America's Cup Race Village Opening Ceremony 11:00am Race Village Open
17 December	PRADA Auckland World Series Race Day 1
18 December	PRADA Auckland World Series Race Day 2
19 December	PRADA Auckland World Series Race Day 3
20 December	PRADA Christmas Race

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NEW YEARS EVE

Auckland's landmarks will be the stars of the New Year's Eve show again this year, with the Sky Tower and Vector Lights on the Harbour Bridge set to bring in the new year with spectacular shows. Central city events include FREE, family-friendly entertainment at the America's Cup Race Village. More on this to come next week.