

This document is designed to answer the major questions competitors, team leaders and coaches may have about the 2016 Youth Sailing World Championships in Auckland, New Zealand.

We will attempt to continually update this paper as we get close to the Championship with frequent questions.

Please check this document before asking the Organising Committee a question as the chances are somebody else has probably asked it!

If you wish to ask a question that is not detailed within this document, please send the question to ywregsec@gmail.com

What are the Course Allocations?

The regatta will be run over 4 courses.

Course A.	Laser Radial
Course B	420
Course C	29er
Course D	RSX and Nacra

Opening and Closing ceremony tickets for any supporters?

There will be a limited number of tickets for supporters to the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Tickets for the Opening Ceremony will cost \$60 per person and will include dinner. 15th December 18:30, Viaduct Events Centre, Auckland

Tickets to the Closing Ceremony and Medal Ceremony will be \$40 and will include Dinner. Tuesday 20th December 1800, AUT, Wellesley St, Auckland

To purchase tickets, please contact the regatta secretary ywregsec@gmail.com

Where to stay for supporters?

There are several options for supporters who wish to stay in Auckland during the event.

There are some AirBnB houses available near the regatta venue. The address for the regatta is 948 Beach Road, Torbay, Auckland.

The other options are to stay are

Albany, _ Close to Venue and Large Shopping complex, which includes food outlets 10 -15 Mins Drive to Venue

Takapuna - Close to a beautiful beach and nice restaurants and shops, 15- 20 Mins drive to venue

Central Auckland – In the centre of Auckland, 20 -25 minute drive to venue

Browns Bay – Close to Venue, nice beach and few shops 5 -10 Mins to sailing venue

As there are 3 accommodation venues for the teams, and accommodation will be allocated based on arrival dates, we do not know where each team will be staying just yet.

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Pre-registration process?

Most of the registration process will be done prior to teams arriving in New Zealand. Teams are required to fill out the registration information requested by World Sailing on their website. The Regatta Secretary will also send an email to each MNA for the remaining information required. This will include an Athletes Code of Conduct and Support Team Regulations, as well as an invoice for damage deposits and accommodation deposits. Teams who have completed all the pre registration in a timely manner will get preferential treatment on the 14th December.

Teams who have completed pre registration, registration will involve each team handing over 2 Country Flags, and collecting their accreditation, bibs and boat Charter forms.

Therefore we hope to have everyone out on the water very promptly, if everyone assists us with doing registration requests prior to arrival in NZ.

How do I book early accommodation?

Early accommodation is available at the official regatta accommodation. Cost is \$50 Per night per person. The accommodation is in 5 bedroom apartments, so each sailor will get their own room, there are 2 shared bathrooms and full kitchen facilities in each apartment.

Breakfast and Dinner is available for early arrival for \$35 per person per day.
We can also organize early airport pick ups.

Please contact Jude Eades the regatta secretary to book, ywregsec@gmail.com

Booking Flights?

Remember you are travelling near Christmas, so flights are booking up quickly. Currently there are some good deals to get home, so we would suggest booking flights very soon

What should sailors wear in December In New Zealand?

The temperature will range between 15c (60F) and 23C (73F), the sea temperature will be about 18C (65F)

On water kiwi sailors would normally wear;

- A short wetsuit or similar
- Rash shirt and longs to keep the sun off
- A light thermal layer on the upper body if it is windy
- An option to wear a waterproof layer on the upper body if it is really windy and raining

Remember the New Zealand sun is very strong, and can burn within 10 minutes, and all sailors should be prepared with Long rash shirt and longs or very good sunscreen.

Purchasing ex Charter boats

If you would like to purchase an RSX from the event please contact Phil and Mark from Watersports New Zealand. info@watersports.co.nz

Will there be a Pre Regatta?

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There will be no official Pre Regatta and as per the NOR

6.2 The venue and racing area are not available for practice sailing between 1 December and 14 December 2016. This includes participation in the Sir Peter Blake Regatta.

Accommodation arrangements?

There are three different accommodation venues, all team members will have a single room, shared bathroom and kitchen facilities, and communal social area. The accommodation is 15 -30 minutes away from the sailing venue. Buses will be provided to transport teams between the Sailing Venue, Ceremonies and Accommodation.

Should teams wish to hire their own transport, the accommodation will have suitable parking facilities. Please contact the Regatta Secretary to book parking spaces. ywregsec@gmail.com

Bring your own Mobile Phone

Could all Sailors, Coaches and Team Leaders bring your own mobile phone. A New Zealand sim card will be supplied at registration. Communication during regatta will be via Mobile app so a phone is essential.

A cheap smart phone will be available to purchase (approx nz\$79) for anyone not arriving with iphone or Android Phone.

Are there any special things I should know before coming to New Zealand?

Please remember to bring and apply lots of sun cream. New Zealand has some of the strongest levels of ultraviolet (UV) radiation and the highest rate of melanoma skin cancer in the world so please be extra careful!

Are there any considerations for in the venue I need to be aware of?

This is a non-smoking event. Smoking will not be permitted on the water, on the beach, in the security compound or in the accommodation.

Alcohol will be severely restricted for competitors. No alcohol will be allowed in the accommodation and any damage resulting from drunken behaviour will be severely dealt with.

Security will be on guard on the final night and any bad behaviour will result in major action towards the relevant competitors, team leaders & coaches by World Sailing.

Are there any restrictions to travel to the New Zealand?

You will only need to apply for a visitor visa if you are not from a [visa waiver country](#). Please refer to the [Immigration New Zealand](#) website for more information.

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To enter New Zealand you must have a passport valid for **3 months** after the date of your intended departure.

You must also be carrying an **onward/return** ticket to a country you have permission to enter.

What am I allowed to bring to New Zealand?

New Zealand border control is famously strict! To ensure you don't get fined (or worse!) when you arrive in New Zealand, we have outlined some of the key facts on New Zealand border processes. For detailed information we recommend visiting the [New Zealand Customs website](#) and the [New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries](#) website, which manage New Zealand biosecurity and border control.

New Zealand is an isolated country, free from many pests and diseases. To protect our unique environment and agriculture, border controls are strictly enforced and MAF imposes **heavy** penalties on individuals who break these rules.

Even inadvertently carrying an apple into the country in your carry-on luggage could result in a [\\$400](#) instant fine – so take care!

On arrival visitors **must** declare the following goods on their Passenger Arrival Card:

food of any kind, including fruit or vegetables; meat, fish, poultry; ingredients used in cooking; all dairy products.

plants or parts of plants (alive or dead) including seeds and straw wooden items

animals (alive or dead) or their products e.g. feathers

traditional or herbal medicines

outdoors or sports equipment e.g. camping gear, golf clubs and hiking boots

sea shells

Dispose of any goods you have not declared in the amnesty bins on arrival. If you're unsure, always declare.

DECLARING USED EQUIPMENT

Used equipment is included the list of things to declare because equipment might carry soil holding diseases and pests. MPI suggests that you “check, clean, dry” equipment before packing it. Also, pack the equipment somewhere easy to access in case it does need inspecting.

Used equipment refers to:-

Hiking and sportswear that has been outside urban areas

Any gear, including clothes, footwear and tools, used in any farming and forestry industry.

Diving equipment, including wetsuits.

Are there any precautions that I must take before entering New Zealand?

New Zealand is generally a very safe place to travel with a relatively low crime rate, few endemic diseases and a great healthcare system.

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As with any country you need to take personal responsibility for your own security and your own personal belongings.

Will I need to get special travel insurance?

It is wise to come to New Zealand with your own travel insurance. You will need to get this before you can register.

How easy is it to travel around New Zealand if you do not speak English?

New Zealand is a popular tourist destination which caters well for foreign speaking visitors. English is the primary language spoken in New Zealand.

What currency do I need to use?

New Zealand's unit of currency is the dollar (NZ\$). To purchase anything in New Zealand NZ dollars will be essential or a credit card. All major credit cards can be used in New Zealand, with Visa and MasterCard accepted most widely.

Which airport shall I fly to?

Please book flights to arrive at Auckland International Airport.

How will the transport to and from the accommodation from the airport work?

We will arrange Airport Shuttles to collect you from Auckland International Airport and drop you at your accommodation. Please inform us of your flight details. We will be collecting arrivals on the 12th, 13th and 14th December 2016. Please advise your flight arrival details regardless of date of arrival and we can advise you further on transportation to your accommodation.

Where will we be staying?

There are 3 accommodation venues

We will allocate your accommodation and your whole team will be staying together.

Each Sailor or Coach will get their own room, a shared bathroom and have a communal social area complete with Kitchen facilities.

There are also laundry facilities and a gym within the complex.

Will I be able to book into accommodation early if I want to travel earlier?

Yes the accommodation will take early arrivals but bookings will need to go through the Regatta Secretary. Please email ywregsec@gmail.com for more information. Cost will be \$50 NZD per night, per person.

What will the food be like?

Breakfast and Evening meals will be provided at each accommodation, and a packed lunch will be provided each day. The team leader will be responsible for collection of these. We will provide as much range of

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food as possible to suit all culinary requirements and cultural customs. There are also local supermarkets which sell a good range of foods and most flats have cooking facilities.

What are the sailing conditions going to be like?

The 2016 Youth Worlds will be sailed off Torbay on Auckland's, North Shore which is one of the best sailing waters in the world. Auckland City sits on a narrow piece of land that separates the Tasman sea and the Pacific ocean so it can have varied weather conditions. The two prevailing winds come from the SW and the NE. The gradient breeze from the South West is known for shifty and gusty conditions, with flatter water as the wind comes off the coast. The North Easterly is very different with stable winds and larger waves.

All of the sailors competing in the youth worlds will be given a free PredictWind Subscription to help with understanding the local conditions. Simply register for the free version of PredictWind at <http://www.predictwind.com/> and then contact support@predictwind.com with the subject: "2016 Youth Worlds" and in the body of the email please state your country and the class of boat you are sailing in, and we will upgrade your PredictWind account.. With PredictWind's advanced PWG and PWC wind models you will be able to "sail like a local" using the PredictWind 1km resolution forecast over the race area.

What is the venue like?

Torbay Sailing Club, is a beach launching venue, there will be a fenced compound for boat storage and rigging. Accommodation will be a 15 -25 minute drive to Torbay Sailing Club, buses will be provided daily to transfer to the Yacht Club and return each day.

Is there Wi-Fi at the accommodation?

There is Wi-Fi at all the accommodation, but please bring your own devices.

What is the town like?

<http://www.aucklandnz.com> will give you all the information you need.