



Frequently Asked Questions

- **When is the regatta and what sort of conditions can I expect?**

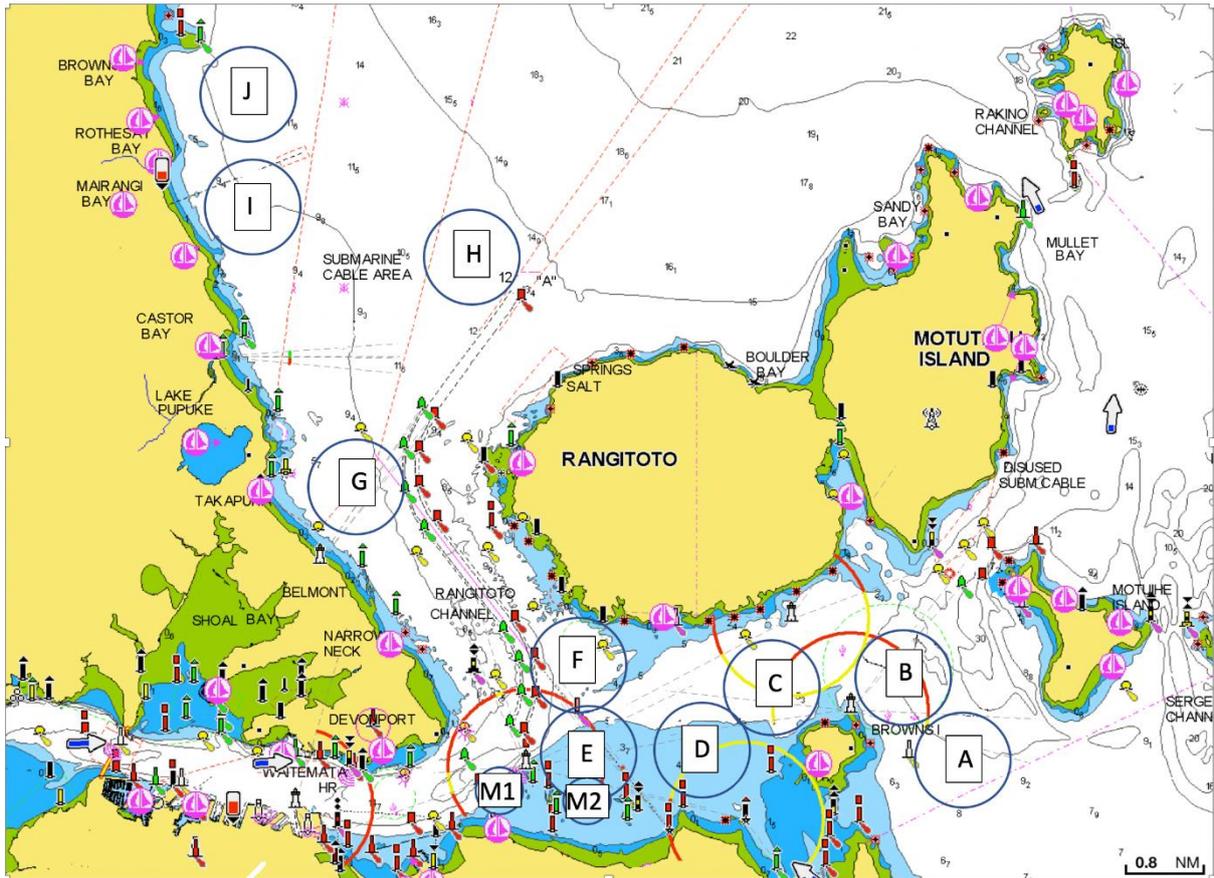
The 2019 49er, 49erFX and Nacra 17 world championships will be held in Auckland from November 29-December 8. Racing will start on December 2, with four days of qualifying before moving into the final series and will conclude with top-10 medal races.

It will be early summer in Auckland, meaning temperatures are starting to warm up but it's not as hot as January or February. Competitors can expect temperatures to average around 21 degrees (Celsius) during the day. It can be a little changeable and windy but, equally, beautiful sea breezes can also kick in. Overall, it's a good time to be in New Zealand and escape the northern winter.

- **Where are they being sailed?**

The world championships will be held at the Royal Akarana Yacht Club, which is only 5km from downtown Auckland. The club, which was established in 1895, recently opened their new clubrooms, the Hyundai Marine Sports Centre. The centre is more than 800 square metres, with training and educational areas as well as event spaces capable of hosting more than 300 people. The world championships will be the club's first major international event in their new facilities.

There are 10 designated racing areas that can be used on the Hauraki Gulf, from Bean Rock in the west to beyond Browns Island in the east and the East Coast Bays in the north. The medal race courses will be closer to shore.



- **Can anyone enter or do I need to qualify?**

Anyone can enter, because they are open championships but, because it is an Olympic qualifier, the 49er is open only to male crews, 49erFX to female crews and Nacra 17 to mixed crews.

- **How many entries are allowed from each country?**

There is no limit.

- **How many competitors are likely to attend?**

Organisers are expecting as many as 400 competitors (200 boats) across the three classes.

- **How do I get my boat and equipment there?**

Our recommendation is you contact our local logistics company Oceanbridge. Oceanbridge will have a dedicated team to assist sailors competing in this year's 49er, 49erFX and Nacra 17 World Championships in Auckland and can assist with international shipping, customs clearance, border security and trucking. Oceanbridge will have staff on the ground at the event to supervise unpacking and packing and will also handle general queries about shipping to make life easy for visiting sailors and teams. They can also help if you wish to ship your boats onward to Melbourne for the next regatta or return home. Their dedicated marine team are passionate about boats, international sailors and shipping. Contact Sara Meyer at saram@oceanbridge.co.nz or + 64 9 489 6070 (bus.) or a/hrs + 64 21 658 133 for more information or assistance.

- **Can I charter equipment?**

It is not expected to be easy to charter boats from New Zealand for this regatta. We have a number of younger teams from New Zealand wishing to compete who have soaked up much of the supply of spare boats, so it is advisable to use your own contacts to source equipment or you could try our local 49er association president Dave Gunn (David@stack.co.nz).

- **What about servicing and boat parts?**

Mackay Boats is one of the leading manufacturers of 49er yachts and manufactures in Auckland. They will be onsite during the world championships and will have a full range of 49er and 49erFX spare parts at the regatta venue or nearby at their factory. Some workshop facilities will be made available for preparing boats prior to the regatta. Representatives from the Nacra builders will also be on site to provide parts and service.

- **Will there be coach boats available to charter?**

As with the sailing boats themselves, we expect there to be limited opportunities to charter coach boats in New Zealand. You are best to bring your own coach boat in a container to Auckland or use whatever contacts you have in New Zealand to assist. You could contact Dan Slater dan@nzwatershed.co.nz who may know of some private boats available to charter.

- **Where can I stay?**

There is a range of accommodation close to the venue to suit all tastes and budgets. Popular choices are university summer accommodation, Air BnB and hotels or motels. Auckland city centre has approximately 11,125 accommodation rooms available from 5-star international hotels to budget-friendly lodges. There are a number of apartments available to rent and Auckland city centre has more than 2000 motel rooms. We highly recommend considering university summer accommodation at AUT which should be available from approximately November 20. See [Wellesley Apartments](#) . Use the event code **49erNacra** when booking online. These 5-bedroom apartments are available for approx. NZ\$65(or 40 Euro) per night per bedroom.

The rate will include the following:

- Bedding, linen and towels
- 5 bedroom Apartment with 2 bathrooms
- Fully equipped kitchen, dining and living area
- Communal areas on the ground floor
- Wi-Fi
- Tea/coffee making facilities in the Apartments
- Towel change 2 x weekly (every 3-4 days)
- Linen change 1 x weekly (if staying more than 7 days)

Group Bookings should enquire via:

shortstays@clv.co.nz quoting the event code **49erNacra** also to receive the appropriate rate

For any other assistance with accommodation, please contact regatta secretary Jude Eades (Auck49erNacraWorlds@gmail.com).

- **How can I get around Auckland?**

We highly recommend bringing your bicycles or e-scooters to use for transportation from your city accommodation to the yacht club. Load them into your container but be sure to list them on your contents. Rental cars are another option.

For exploring the wider Auckland area, there is an excellent transport service including buses, trains and ferries. See <https://at.govt.nz/>.

Uber and traditional taxis operate well around Auckland City and North Shore.

- **Will I need a visa to enter New Zealand?**

Visa requirements for participants will depend on where they are from. Participants from visa waiver countries will not need to apply for a visa before travelling to New Zealand - they may be granted a visitor visa on arrival, subject to meeting standard entry requirements. The full list of visa waiver countries can be found [here](#). Competitors and visitors from non-visa waiver countries will need to obtain a visitor visa before travelling to New Zealand. This visa is likely to be the [Sport Events Visitors Visa](#). The processing times for visas can vary, depending on where the participant is from. More information about processing times can be found [here](#).

- **Who is our best contact person?**

For competitor information, please contact our regatta secretary Jude Eades. Jude will be on board from April 1, 2019. Her email contact is: Auck49erNacraWorlds@gmail.com

This email address is being monitored now so please feel free to enquire.

- **Are there any regattas being held prior to the worlds?**

We understand many teams wish to come to Auckland early for training purposes. There will be a pre-worlds regatta called the Oceania Championship for those wishing to take part held on November 25-28.

- **Do you have a preferred travel partner for information on New Zealand?**

If you would like to book any travel through a travel agent, then our recommended travel partner in Auckland is Orbit Travel and your best contact is Debbie Kelly debbiek@orbit.co.nz

- **What else can I do while in Auckland?**

For general information on what to do in Auckland during your stay, you can start by visiting <https://www.aucklandnz.com/visit/discover> and/or check out the official

event - Discover Auckland supplement on <http://49er.org/event/2019-world-championship/#discoverauckland>

If you would like to extend your stay and travel around New Zealand, then the best place to start is <https://www.newzealand.com/int/>

- **Do you have a preferred airline partner?**

Emirates have agreed to come on board as a sponsor for the event and will be able to offer a discount to all visitors. When booking your air travel, should you choose Emirates, we will provide a **closed user group promo code** to use with your online booking. Please contact Jude Auck49erNacraWorlds@gmail.com to retrieve this code.

- **Is container storage available and what will it cost?**

Container storage is available on site for storage of spares and equipment. Container storage will be charged at \$25 per day + GST for each day the container is onsite from arrival until departure. If booking your shipping in and out of Auckland through Oceanbridge, this can be collected with payment to them.

- **Is there a cost for boat storage for early arrival?**

Inspection opens for the regatta from November 28. There will be no charge for storing yachts or coach boats at the venue from this date until the end of the regatta on December 8. There will be a daily charge of \$5 + GST per yacht and \$10 + GST per day for a coach boat if you would like to arrive earlier than that.

- **Can we join the yacht club and what are the benefits of doing so?**

The Royal Akarana Yacht Club are offering a guest membership for visiting sailors and coaches. This will cost \$20 + GST per week per sailor and will give you full access to the yacht club and their facilities, which include the showers, wifi, launching ramp, bar and café. Discounts on Club bar and café for guest members will ensure that the membership fee will be swiftly recovered.

- **Shall we bring our bikes or e-scooters?**

Yes. These will be suitable methods of travelling from your accommodation or the city to the venue. The venue is about 5km away from central Auckland and there is a flat cycleway to get there. Make sure you bring a bike helmet (it's compulsory to wear helmets when riding a bike in New Zealand) and, if bringing an e-scooter, be aware our power supply are 230 volts.

- **What is best way to travel from Auckland Airport to our accommodation?**

Auckland's international and domestic airport terminals are about 45 minutes from downtown Auckland. Regular shuttles, transfers, private transport and bus services are all available 24 hours, seven days a week. For more information about getting to your destination from the airport please refer to <https://www.aucklandairport.co.nz/transport>

- **What travel should I be considering before and after the regatta?**

Food and wine, nature, adventure, culture and art, there is something for everyone to see and do in Auckland. Spend some time before or after the regatta exploring the region. Check out <https://www.aucklandnz.com/visit> for everything the Auckland region has to offer.