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Introduction

Dear Water Ski Racers,

Welcome to the first bulletin for the 2015 World Water Ski Racing Championships. With only three months to go the organising is in full swing. We have an excellent professional team who are working hard to bring you a wonderful and exciting event.

The purpose of this bulletin is to update and inform you of the details and progress that has been made so far. Each section has an allocated committee representative. Should you have any queries, please refer to the representative for that area (see below for committee members). Remember to check out www.wwsrc.com for further and constantly updated information.

For those of you who haven't been to New Zealand, you are in for a real experience. Wellington is a vibrant city, and a wonderful place to visit. Take the time to have a look around our beautiful country and get a taste of the kiwi culture.

As well as fantastic racing we have many functions and events for you to attend. More details will be available closer to the event.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us so far, both in and out of New Zealand. Thanking you in advance for your continued support!

Please let us know if we can help you in any way with your trip to New Zealand. We wish you all the best with your training and preparation over. We look forward to renewing acquaintances and meeting those we haven't yet met.

Warm regards,

Emms & Bevan

Emma Nasimi & Bevan Scott

Co-Chairs – 2015 World Water Ski Racing Championships

New Zealand Water Ski Racing Association

The NZWSRA hosts the 2015 World Water Ski Racing Championships. A separate organising committee called World Water Ski Racing Championships 2015 has been established and is being run by a group of NZWSRA members.

The NZ Water Ski Racing Division was originally incorporated in 1985 and changed its name to NZ Water Ski Racing Association ("NZWSRA") in 1992.

The NZWSRA runs all water ski races in New Zealand with a volunteer executive, headed by President Mike Jamieson. With around 200 financial members, water ski racing is not a huge sport in New Zealand, but has passionate members most of whom never miss a race.

- North Island Series Events – A championship series held over five race weekends at different venues around the country.
- North Island Championships – Held annually over one weekend to decide the North Island Champion.
- National Champs – Held annually at a rough water venue to decide the best ski racers in New Zealand.

Classic Races

- Rollos Marine Hamilton Bridge to Bridge – New Zealand's premier water ski race is held over two days on Hamilton's Waikato River. Saturday has races for novice, masters, and powerboats followed by time trials for the main race. Family class and the pinnacle long race are held on Sunday.
- Bryce Newton Memorial 100 Miler Classic– Held for over 50 years on Blue Lake in Rotorua, the gruelling length of this race ensures the toughest skier and team is decided.
- Hauraki Twin Rivers – This unique river race travels two rivers and has an open sea section that can be extremely rough.

International Events

- Trans Tasman Challenge – This programme for under 19 skiers was started in 1990 between New Zealand and the Australian state of Victoria. This has become our prime junior competition. Hosting of the event is rotated each year between New Zealand and Australia.

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Visitor Information

Wellington

The event will be based in Wellington, our capital city.

Famous for arts, culture, cuisine and lifestyle, Wellington is a vibrant capital city, at the southern tip of New Zealand's North Island.

Energetic and creative, Wellington has been called the world's 'coolest little capital'. Wellingtonians enjoy an outdoor lifestyle, close to nature, thanks to its harbourside setting and 425 hectares of bush-clad town belt. With reportedly more cafés, bars and restaurants per capita than New York, the city is known for its lively nightlife and world-class culinary scene. Already proud of its internationally-recognised coffee culture, Wellington has become the hub of New Zealand's craft beer revolution, with experimental breweries and specialist bars popping up all over the city.

Home to national museums, galleries and theatres, the city is at the heart of New Zealand's arts and culture, and Wellington's innovative film production and digital technology sectors have built a worldwide reputation. The city combines the sophistication, cosmopolitan outlook and global reach of a capital city, along with the warmth and personality of a village.

For further information on Wellington refer to:

<http://www.wwsrc.com/index.php/location>

www.wellingtonnz.com

For further information on travelling in New Zealand refer to:

www.newzealand.com

New Zealand Map



Figure 1: Tourism Locations in New Zealand

Wellington City – Key Locations

Two courses will be used.

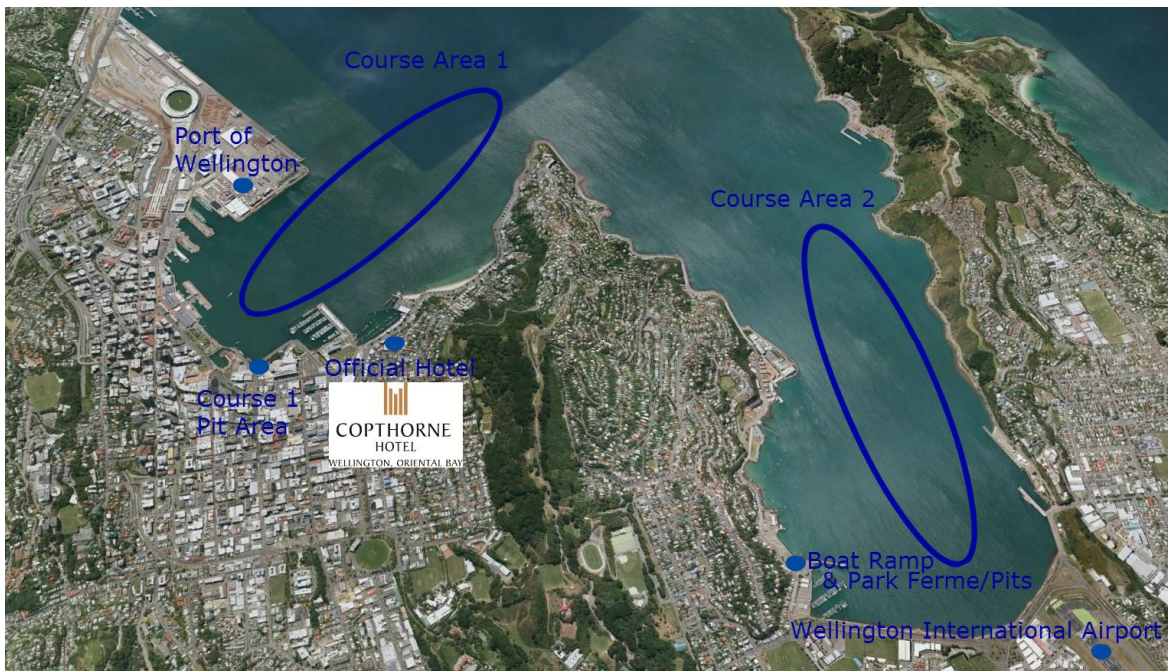


Figure 2: Important Locations in Wellington

Accommodation

Official Race Hotel - Copthorne Hotel, Oriental Bay, Wellington

Competitors of the 2015 World Water Ski Championships are offered a special bed and breakfast rate at the Copthorne. The Hotel is located across the road from the harbour and on the road to the race pits area.

If location is everything, then this hotel in Wellington has it all. The hotel overlooks one of the most beautiful harbours in the world, and offers one of the best accommodation experiences in Wellington. Enjoy the stunning harbour views from One80° Restaurant, or relax in the comfort of your room with 24 hour room service. The hotel also offers a heated indoor pool, concierge service and leisure desk.

Rooms are limited so book early to avoid disappointment:
<http://www.millenniumhotels.co.nz/nz/2015worldwaterskichampionships>

If you have any questions regarding the official accommodation please contact Verve our event management team - +64 4 499 6909 or erin@verve.co.nz

Rental Vehicles

Information on rental cars will soon be available from the website.

Visa Requirements

Passports

All visitors to New Zealand must carry a passport that is valid for at least three months beyond the date you intend to leave the country.

Visas

You do not need a visa or permit to visit New Zealand if you are:

- An Australian citizen travelling on an Australian passport.
- An Australian resident with a current Australian resident return visa.
- If you are a citizen from: Andorra, Argentina, Austria, Bahrain, Belgium, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea (South), Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovenia, Slovak Republic, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay and Vatican City.

All other nationalities will require a visa and, if required, we can provide an official letter of invitation to support your application. Visa information can be obtained from the NZ Government website:

www.immigration.govt.nz/migrant/stream/visit/visitors

then go to step 4, click on nearest receiving office; select your country of citizenship and residence, select visitor permit or visa and search.

NB. Depending on your route travelled you may also need a visa for countries you transit – even if you do not stopover.

Schedule

Preliminary Schedule of Events

Thursday	9th April	Registration and practice day	
Friday	10th April	Practice day, Street Parade & Opening Ceremony	
Saturday	11th April	Race Day 1	Oriental Bay course
Sunday	12th April	Rest Day	
Monday	13th April	Race Day 2	Evans Bay course
Tuesday	14th April	Rest Day	
Wednesday	15th April	Race Day 3	Evans Bay course
Thursday	16th April	Official Meetings Day (Rest Day - competitors)	
Friday	17th April	Rest Day	
Saturday	18th April	Race Day 4	Oriental Bay course
Sunday	19th April	Final Presentations and Closing Ceremony <i>Entry free of charge to competitors & officials</i>	

Any changes to the provisional racing schedule will be updated on the website. Event start times will included when they are finalised:

<http://www.wwsrc.com/index.php/programme>

Social Activities

We are looking forward to welcoming all competitors, families, sponsors, spectators and officials to iconic Wellington – New Zealand. There is so much to see and do whilst you are in New Zealand. For those adrenalin junkies, you will find more than enough to challenge you and for the avid golfer, don't forget to pack those golf clubs – refer to www.wellingtonz.com for details on these activities, not to mention all the other fabulous sights on offer.

During the event a variety of entertainment will be on offer. Details of welcome events, opening ceremony, functions, ceremonies, parties, presentations and much more will be available soon.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Become a Sponsor of the World Champs

Don't miss the opportunity to partner with us in the hosting of the 2015 World Ski Racing Championships and to promote your business down under and to the world.

From branding and onsite activation opportunities at this well-attended public event, inclusion in our extensive print and digital marketing campaigns and televised media, to exclusive access and hospitality opportunities there are ample opportunities to leverage this prestigious event as part of your brand strategy and to raise your public profile.

To obtain a sponsorship information document or to discuss your unique sponsorship requirements please contact:

Bevan Scott

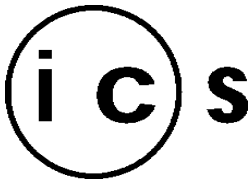
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Boat Information

Boat Transportation

We have arranged for International Cargo Systems Ltd (ICS) to assist competitors with shipping and highly recommend that you use them. They are familiar with New Zealand import and export requirements.

ICS have prepared the following information to assist competitors.



INTERNATIONAL CARGO SYSTEMS

International Cargo Systems Ltd is proud to be associated with the hosting of the World Water Ski Racing Champs by New Zealand Water Ski Racing Association in Wellington in 2015.

For all your international shipping, border control, NZ Customs Clearance and local transport requirements ICS are well placed to assist. ICS have a dedicated team of import & export operators and in house customs brokers who will take care of all of your requirements to and from NZ.

A summary of services is available at www.cargosystems.co.nz

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Temporary Import Permit

In order to have imports of your boat and accessories exempt from import Duty and GST ICS will arrange a temporary import permit for all competitors. If anyone decides to sell any of their boats or equipment in NZ then ICS can arrange for the required payment of Duty (if any) and GST at the time of the sale.

Carnet

If requested ICS can arrange for a carnet to cover both the export of your goods from origin and import to NZ & re export to destination.

Insurance

All competitors should arrange insurance prior to the shipment of any of your products used in the competition. This is best arranged at origin via your usual insurance service provider.

Roll on Roll off / Full Container / Less than Full container / Air Freight

Where applicable Roll on Roll off services will be quoted in conjunction with containerised sea freight services. In addition small consignments can be handled in less than full container or air freight form.

Whatever service you require can be supplied via International Cargo Systems Ltd.

A few important points:

- Food is prohibited to enter NZ as a non-commercial consignment.
- The use of timber products or straw should definitely be avoided in any import to New Zealand.
- An inspection of your shipment upon arrival in NZ is likely to be required. This is determined solely by our border control agency : MPI. Any 'corrective actions' including additional cleaning or possible fumigation can be coordinated by International Cargo Systems Ltd.
- Boats and gear must be cleaned to an as new condition prior to arrival in NZ.
- Where correct and true please declare any product that is new as that.
- A detailed and accurate manifest and values of all shipments must be taken and supplied as part of the import and export customs processes.
- A Packing Declaration for Full Container shipments will be required to be completed by every exporter to NZ. Blank copies of these will be supplied on request and are also available at www.cargosystems.co.nz
- A declaration of any treatments (incl. fumigation) you have used in cleaning your boats and equipment should be supplied with each import entry application that ICS submit on your behalf.
- Although the competition begins on the 8th April 2015 the time between now and then will pass quickly. Please contact International Cargo Systems Ltd for early planning on shipping modes, schedules and costings.

REQUEST FOR QUOTATION FORM

(Please complete the following and return to
antony@cargosystems.co.nz)

1. Shipment type :

(full container size specifications available at www.cargosystems.co.nz)

- A. Full Container (20', 40' 40'HC)
- B. Roll On Roll Off (if available)
- C. Less than full container (please state cbm)

2. Terms of shipment:

- D. Ex Door
- E. Port to Port
- F. Door to door

3. Place of origin (physical address) :

4. NZ Customs Clearance required: (yes/no):

5. Preferred ETA at Wellington:

6. Preferred ETD ex Wellington (post event):

7. Please specify any other requirements:

8. Return of all items to Origin (Yes/No) (if Yes, please specify terms for shipment; see (2) above).

Fuel

Available Fuel Grades

Three grades of unleaded fuel (91RON, 95RON, 98RON) can be purchased from local gas stations close to the racing venue. Three suppliers offer 98RON pump fuel (with and without ethanol) but 98RON is not available at all gas stations.

- BP Ultimate 98 (contains no ethanol)
- Mobil S8000 / Synergy 8000 (contains up to 10% ethanol)
- Gull Force 10 (contains 10% ethanol).

AVGAS in 100/130 grade is available in New Zealand.

Fuel Supply on Site

A fuel supplier is being arranged to provide fuel on site, with electronic payment facilities. The onsite fuel will be available in (leaded) AVGAS and 98 RON unleaded grades.

More details of how you can purchase fuel will be available in the next bulletin.

Octane Ratings

NZ gas stations display the RON on the pump and this displayed pump rating system may differ from other countries (in particular, the USA where $(R+M)/2$, PON or AKI pump ratings are commonly used). AVGAS meets an international specification and is rated at 100/130.

Wikipedia has a very good explanation of the different rating systems.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Octane_rating

Ethanol Blends

Petrol blended with ethanol, of up to 10% can legally be sold in New Zealand as long as the fuel pump is labelled to show that ethanol has been added to the petrol. Ethanol blends are not normally recommended for marine applications so look for this label when purchasing fuel.

BP Ultimate 98 is the only non-ethanol 98RON fuel available at gas stations.

Fuel Transportation and Storage

Fuel transportation and storage rules in New Zealand are very well explained by Motorsport New Zealand in their “Code of Practice for Motorsport Fuel - Storage and Handling” document. Competitors who follow this code of practice will be compliant with legal requirements.

<http://www.motorsport.org.nz/sites/default/files/motorsport/documents/fuel/Code-of-Practice-Fuel.pdf>

Scrutineering

All boats attending the 2015 World Water Ski Racing Championships will be subject to scrutineering. This will be done to the IWWF Water Ski Racing rules. It is the boat owner and driver’s responsibility to ensure your boat complies, particularly with Formula 2 rules. Any boats found to not comply will not be racing. Don’t risk getting to New Zealand and not being able to race your boat.

<http://www.iwsf.com/15Racing/IWWF%20RACE%20RULESJan%202015.pdf>

Boat Launching

The Evans Bay course has a very wide multi lane concrete boat ramp in the pit area that is useable at all tide levels.

The Oriental Bay course does not have a launching ramp nearby and the organisers may crane boats into the water at Oriental Bay. Launching arrangements for Oriental Bay races will be confirmed on the website and in the next bulletin but boat owners should consider lifting arrangements for their boats in advance.

Specific questions regarding launching should be directed to Dave Hanks – Logistics. dave@rollosmarine.co.nz

Register Your Interest

We will be sending the majority of our updated information out via our email database. If you want to receive regular updates and information you should sign up to our mailing list.

If you would like to join the mailing list for the 2015 Worlds, follow this link and complete the "login form" on the right hand side.

www.wwsrc.com

Or for more information email: info@wwsrc.com

Entry forms and further details will be sought in the next bulletin.

Intention to enter form

We would like each federation to complete an intention to enter form. This will help the organisers estimate the number of people intending to attend. We know you may not have all the details yet, but please fill it in to the best of your knowledge and return to us at info@wwsrc.com by **31st October 2014**.

You will find the intention to enter form here:

<http://www.wwsrc.com/index.php/download-forms/25-intention-to-enter>

Information Still to Come

We will be releasing another bulletin one month out from the event. This will have the final information you may need for your visit to New Zealand. Amongst other things this bulletin will include:

- Details of how, where and when you can practice
- Insurance details
- Fuel details
- Container storage details
- Availability of internet facilities
- Availability of secretarial facilities
- Detailed launching procedures
- Local water laws and restrictions
- Details about how the pit area will operate
- Further details on functions and social events, including Final Awards, Closing Ceremony and Gala Dinner details
- Federation and team entry forms

Some of this information will be available before the next bulletin. As the information becomes available, it will be put on our website. If you would like to know when important information is added, sign up to the mailing list at www.wwsrc.com