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# 2021 MASTERCARD SUPERYACHT REGATTA AUCKLAND

23-26 February

*Racing and comradery at it's best*



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1871 2021

The Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron is New Zealand's leading yacht club, with an illustrious history dating back to its formation in 1871. The RNZYS is also the official home of the America's Cup after Emirates Team New Zealand, representing the RNZYS, won the oldest sporting trophy in the world at the 35th America's Cup in Bermuda in 2017.

In 2021 the RNZYS will celebrate 150 years of existence that will see a variety of regattas and events take place throughout the year. None more so important than the America's Cup Defence itself. We invite you to join us for this very special year.



## **Kia Ora**

We look forward to welcoming you to New Zealand for the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron (RNZYS), 2021 Mastercard Superyacht Regatta, Auckland, one of our 150th celebration events in 2021. The year will include an array of wonderful events for you to enjoy our unique 'kiwi' hospitality, amazing scenery and brilliant sailing (see our list of 2020-2021 Events).

It is our privilege to be hosting this special regatta around the same time as our defence of the America's Cup. To ensure you don't miss the party, contact our team at [superyachtregattas@rnzys.org.nz](mailto:superyachtregattas@rnzys.org.nz) to enter. They are only too happy to answer any questions you may have to ensure you have all the details you need to make your trip, to Auckland, NZ 'the city of sails' one that you will remember forever.

We look forward to you and your team, joining us for the 2021 Mastercard Superyacht Regatta, Auckland - 'Racing and comradery at it's best.'

## **Aaron Young**

*Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron - Vice Commodore*

*Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron 2021 Organising Committee - Chair*



**The Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron is the organising authority for the 2021 Mastercard Superyacht Regatta, Auckland.** Held within days of the start of our defence of the America's Cup, you and your crew will be in the heart of the action. Berthage is available within the America's Cup village in the heart of the Viaduct harbour, races will be held in the picturesque and sometimes challenging, Hauraki Gulf.

The regatta will be a four race regatta from 24 – 26 February with the race registration, skippers' briefing and welcome function on the 23 February. Courses will include windward-leeward marks and outer harbour marks including islands and other navigation marks with one or two races each day, conditions permitting.

A morning Skipper's briefing and crew happy hour (which all competitors are invited to attend), will be hosted at the 'Home of the America's Cup'. The final prize-giving and end of regatta party will showcase kiwi cuisine and hospitality at it's best, this will also be the opportunity to share stories, re-connect with old friends and make new ones, but most of all celebrate the end of a fantastic regatta and party the night away.

**The Entry Form, draft Notice of Race and FAQ's can be found at [www.rnzys.org.nz/superyacht-regatta](http://www.rnzys.org.nz/superyacht-regatta) or email: [superyachtregattas@rnzys.org.nz](mailto:superyachtregattas@rnzys.org.nz)**

# 2020-2021 EVENTS\*

## 2020

### *31 December*

RNZYS New Year's Eve  
Race to Kawau Island

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### *October 2020 – March 2021*

Monthly Superyacht  
networking functions -  
RNZYS

## 2021

### *1 January*

RNZYS New Year's Day  
Round Kawau Island Race  
and official launch of their  
150th Anniversary

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### *3 January*

RNZYS Cruise to Great  
Barrier Island

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### *January - February*

Prada Cup Challenger Series

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### *13 February*

Superyacht Fishing  
Competition – presented  
by NZ Marine and Bay of  
Islands Swordfish Club

### *15 - 18 February*

NZ Millennium Cup  
Superyacht regatta, Bay of  
Islands – presented by NZ  
Marine and Russell Boating  
Club

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### *23 - 26 February*

2021 Mastercard Superyacht  
Regatta – Auckland –  
presented by the Royal New  
Zealand Yacht Squadron

### *28 February - 5 March*

2021 Mastercard J Class  
Regatta – Auckland –  
presented by the Royal New  
Zealand Yacht Squadron (**4  
sailing days plus the J-Class  
Exhibition race before the  
start of the America's Cup  
regatta**)

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### *6 - 21 March*

America's Cup match  
Hauraki Gulf, Auckland

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### *25 - 27 March*

The Superyacht Gathering  
- presented by The  
Superyacht Gathering

\*Dates are subject to change

*'There's always something happening in Auckland, from major sporting events, concerts and festivals to outdoor adventures, designer shopping and world-class food and wine.'*

Auckland is a city defined by water. Sitting on an isthmus between the Hauraki Gulf, Manukau and Kaipara Harbours, the multitude of coves, bays and islands makes Auckland an ocean-goer's paradise.

Inner-city berths mean the heart of the city is at the end of the passerelle, while a short cruise out of the harbour gives access to wine-growing Waiheke Island, dormant volcano Rangitoto Island, and a plethora of quiet bays to moor in.

Back on land, Auckland combines world-class dining, shopping and entertainment with rainforests, walking trails, volcanic cones and alluring beaches all within easy reach of the city.

Culturally diverse Auckland plays host to a thriving culinary scene. Adventurous chefs draw

on Pacific Rim flavours and New Zealand's exceptional local produce, seafood and grass-fed meat in crafting a dining culture that is all their own. Micro-breweries and vineyards also abound in the region, influenced by Aucklanders' love of crafting world-leading flavours in their own corner of the globe.

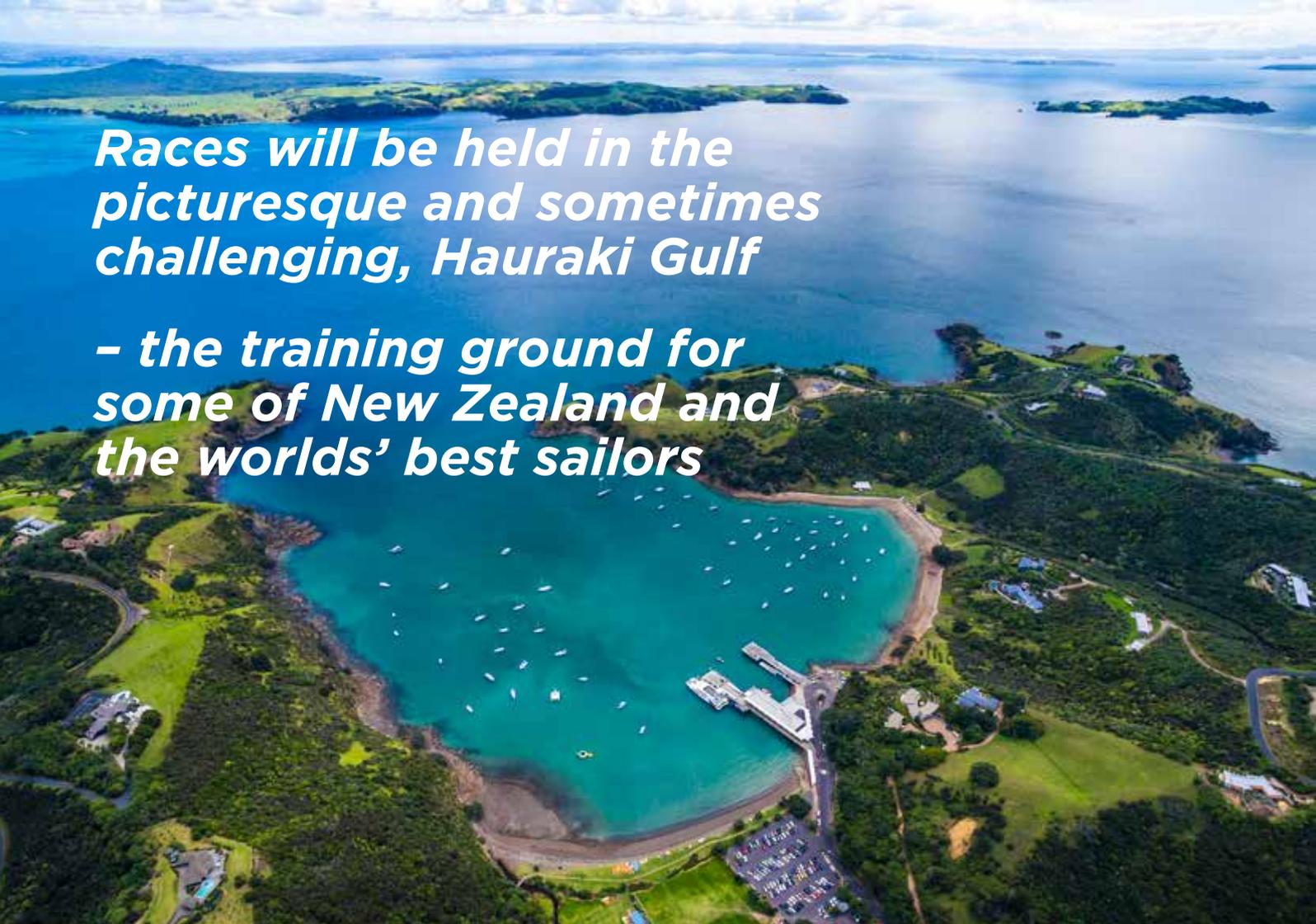
With the Hauraki Gulf on our doorstep, Auckland often plays host to internationally renowned nautical events, which in the past have included the world's largest annual, one-day sailing regatta, the 1999/2000 and 2003 America's Cup and the 2012 Louis Vuitton Pacific Series. Auckland has also proved a popular stopover port for the Volvo Ocean Race, and is now gearing up for the Prada and America's Cup Regattas in 2021.





[www.aucklandnz.com](http://www.aucklandnz.com)



An aerial photograph of a coastal area in New Zealand. The foreground shows a bay with clear turquoise water, filled with numerous white sailboats. A marina with a concrete pier and several buildings is located on the right side of the bay. The surrounding land is lush green with rolling hills, fields, and some residential buildings. In the background, the water extends to a distant coastline under a blue sky with scattered white clouds.

***Races will be held in the picturesque and sometimes challenging, Hauraki Gulf***

***- the training ground for some of New Zealand and the worlds' best sailors***

# EVENT SCHEDULE\*

**23 FEB 2021**

*Tuesday*

**4.00pm - 5.30pm**

Registration  
*Where: RNZYS*

**5.30pm - 6.30pm**

Captains' briefing  
*Where: RNZYS*

**6.30pm - 8.30pm**

Welcome reception  
*Dress code: Smart Casual*  
*Where: RNZYS*

**24 FEB 2021**

*Wednesday*

**Day 1**

Race Day

**5.00pm - 6.00pm**

Crew happy hour -  
complimentary drinks and  
nibbles  
*Dress code:*  
Crew wear  
*Where:*  
RNZYS

**25 FEB 2021**

*Thursday*

**Day 2**

Race Day

**5.00pm - 6.00pm**

Crew happy hour -  
complimentary drinks and  
nibbles  
*Dress code:*  
Crew wear  
*Where:*  
RNZYS

**26 FEB 2021**

*Friday*

**Day 3**

Race Day

**5.00pm - midnight**

Regatta prize - giving  
*Dress code:*  
Party  
*Where:*  
RNZYS

**\*Subject to change**

\*this will be a three-day, four race regatta, with a possible reserve day, all based on daily or forecast conditions

# FAQs

## Where and when will be 2021 Mastercard Superyacht Regatta be held?

The regatta will be based at the RNZYS club in Westhaven, Auckland. Racing will take place within the wider Hauraki Gulf area. Courses will include windward-leeward marks and outer harbour marks including islands and other navigation marks with one or two races each day, conditions permitting. The regatta will start with the race registration and welcome function on February 23th, and conclude on February 26th.

## Where can I find information regarding entering the regatta, sailing documentation and receiving updates?

The entry form and draft Notice of Race can be found at [www.rnzys.org.nz/rnzys-events/rnzys-superyacht-regatta](http://www.rnzys.org.nz/rnzys-events/rnzys-superyacht-regatta). The final NOR, Sailing Instructions and updates will be posted to the website, social media channels and emailed to entrants, as they become available.

## How much is the race entry fee and what does it include?

The race entry fee is NZD\$9,200 incl. gst. The fee includes:

**Tickets for all crew** to attend functions listed in the Event schedule.

**Guest membership** of the club for the duration of the regatta for the owner, captain & crews

**All racing February 23-26. 2021.**

**RNZYS limited edition gift pack.**

Access to additional events prior to these dates that will have other entry fees published closer to the time.

## How do I enter?

To enter complete the enclosed entry form and email: [superyachtregattas@rnzys.org.nz](mailto:superyachtregattas@rnzys.org.nz) or visit [www.rnzys.org.nz/rnzys-events/rnzys-superyacht-regatta/](http://www.rnzys.org.nz/rnzys-events/rnzys-superyacht-regatta/) we are only too happy to help you through this process, if needed.

## How is the race handicapped?

The RNZYS will work with the Superyacht Racing Association in regards to handicapping.

## How can I book a Superyacht berth?

Send your expression of interest to the Official Marinas of the 36th America's Cup – Viaduct and Silo Marinas, [www.ac36hub.co.nz](http://www.ac36hub.co.nz) or please contact John Matla - [john.matla@viaductmarina.co.nz](mailto:john.matla@viaductmarina.co.nz) (For yachts under 40m contact John White - [john@viaduct.co.nz](mailto:john@viaduct.co.nz))

## We heard there was some sort of anchor tax proposed by council?

- The proposed daily anchor tax has been dropped.
- All superyachts transiting to a marina berth in Auckland City via the shipping channel and pilotage area are exempt the new levy.
- Vessels over 40m LOA anchoring anywhere in the Auckland region will be subject to the fee. The fee will not apply to vessels proceeding directly to a berth from sea or vessels anchored for less than 24 hours in a designated gulf anchorage whilst awaiting a berth. Vessels over 40m LOA planning to anchor or cruise in the Auckland region are encouraged to contact the Harbourmaster's Office for





information and advice as to anchorages and local regulations. The fee is a one off NZ\$20 per metre charge.

### **Where can I book accommodation?**

Auckland will be extremely busy during this time and accommodation arrangements should be made as early as possible. To book accommodation we have preferred group rates available for you. Please send requirements to [superyachtregattas@rnzys.org.nz](mailto:superyachtregattas@rnzys.org.nz) and our accommodation providers will be able to provide you a bespoke quote.

### **Where can I find a superyacht agent?**

Please contact [superyachtsupport@rnzys.org.nz](mailto:superyachtsupport@rnzys.org.nz) if you have any questions regarding customs, biosecurity, taxation, chartering, standards for foreign flagged vessels, pilotage for vessels over 500 tonne.

Or for a full list of marine companies go to [www.nzmarine.com/destination-nz/](http://www.nzmarine.com/destination-nz/)

### **What other events are happening in NZ in 2021?**

2021 is the year the RNZYS turns 150, you can find a full list of events at [www.rnzys.org.nz/150th-introduction](http://www.rnzys.org.nz/150th-introduction)

### **What about sponsorship?**

As you may be aware, the RNZYS has sponsorship relationships with a number of brands and corporate partners for the regatta. We want to make certain that we provide the best possible experiences for all corporate partners and avoid any prospective conflicts of interest. Consequently, please note that any and all branding and sponsorship activity at the 2021 Superyacht Regatta, must be coordinated with

and approved by the RNZYS in advance. This includes bow stickers, boom stickers and other signage/display on yachts. If you anticipate soliciting or having corporate partnership for this Regatta, or if you have any questions regarding this process, please email General Manager - Hayden Porter at [hporter@rnzys.org.nz](mailto:hporter@rnzys.org.nz)

### **Can I use the RNZYS clubhouse during the regatta?**

Regatta participants and their guests will enjoy full use of the RNZYS facility while in New Zealand. Simply complete the online Guest Registration form and your Guest Card will be waiting for you at the reception desk upon your arrival. The bearer may present this card to service personnel at any time and will be accorded the same cordial service we routinely offer our club members. Charges to be settled at the time of purchase. Upon entry you will be sent the Guest registration form to return.

### **Where can I find more information about Auckland and New Zealand?**

A wide variety of information can be found at: [www.aucklandnz.com/visit](http://www.aucklandnz.com/visit) and [www.newzealand.com/intl/](http://www.newzealand.com/intl/).

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