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AMERICA'S CUP 36

Notice to Competitors
N°27

To: All Competitors in the 36th America's Cup
From: Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron and Circolo della Vela Sicilia
Subject: Auckland Course Location Guidelines
Date: 6th February 2020

Dear Competitors,

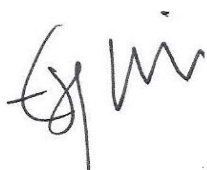
On 30th August 2018, COR/D issued Notice No 7 to Competitors announcing the Racing Area, the Course Areas and the intended course configuration for the Match under Article 4.2 of the Protocol.

By this Notice, COR/D confirms that the same Racing Area, Course Areas and intended course configuration will apply to the Prada Cup, the ACWS Auckland and the Christmas Race and will be incorporated in the Prada Cup Conditions (to be finalized by COR by 30th June 2020 under Article 18.2 of the Protocol) and in the ACWS Auckland and the Christmas Race Conditions (to be agreed by COR/D under Article 2.4 of the Protocol).

In order to assist the Regatta Director and to provide information to Competitors, COR/D also issues the attached Guidelines outlining the principles governing the selection of course locations during the Match, the preceding Prada Cup and the other Auckland events. These guidelines constitute recommendations only for the Regatta Director who under the Protocol is solely responsible for the conduct of all racing in AC 36.

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Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Esquier', written in a cursive style.

Laurent Esquier
On Behalf of COR/D

AC 36 Match

Auckland Course Location Guidelines for the Regatta Director

Introduction

On 30 August 2018 COR/D issued Notice No 7 to Competitors announcing the Racing Areas, Course Areas and intended course configurations for the Match under Article 4.2 of the Protocol.

The Notice specified two Course Areas - Course Area 1 and Course Area 2 (Protected Race Course Area) as shown on Appendix 2 to the Notice. The Appendix also shows potential race course locations within each Course Area, also publicly identified as A (Milford/Takapuna), B (Rangitoto Channel) C (North Head), D (Motukorea Channel) and E (Race Course Area 2). These depicted locations are indicative only and the Regatta Director may select a location anywhere within the two Course Areas based on what he considers to be the best location for racing in the prevailing conditions and taking it to account all other relevant factors both sporting and commercial.

These Guidelines outlining the principles governing the selection of course locations have been prepared to assist the Regatta Director and to provide information to Competitors. They constitute recommendations only for the Regatta Director who under the Protocol is solely responsible for the conduct of all racing in AC 36.

General Principles

The general principles governing such course location selection are as follows:

- Proximity of the location to onshore spectator viewing;
- Availability of course area for racing as confirmed by local authorities;
- Safety of competing yachts and spectator vessels in the location;
- Weather forecast including the general weather pattern, predicted wind strength and direction, predicted sea state.

Suitability of the Indicative Locations for the Match within Course Area 1 (in order of priority):

Priority 1 - North Head

- Preferred course location due to proximity to onshore spectator viewing, ideal for TV broadcast and the generation of public interest;
- Suitable for WSW, SW, NE wind directions;
- No sea state issues.

Priority 2 - Milford/Takapuna

- Suitable for all wind directions;
- Sea state can be problematic in stronger E, NE or N wind directions.

Priority 3 - Rangitoto Channel

- Suitable for S, SE, N and NW wind directions.

Priority 4 - Motukorea Channel

- Suitable for W or E wind directions.

Protected Course Area 2

- Alternative back up if other courses are unsuitable due to inclement conditions;
- Suitable for all wind directions.

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