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HPYD4 delegate information

Welcome to Auckland

Auckland City

Auckland is New Zealand's largest urban region and is home to approximately 1.3 million people. It is also recognised as the largest Polynesian city in the world, so there are a variety of cultural experiences on offer. Auckland is built on an isthmus located between two beautiful harbours - the Waitemata, meaning "sparkling waters", which is the key to Auckland being known as the "City of Sails", and the Manukau Harbour, which flows out to rugged black-sand beaches loved by surfers.

Hotels

Many hotels can be found within easy walking distance of the Auckland Maritime Museum. In addition, the HPYD conference has secured preferential rates at the following:

Mercure Auckland, from \$179 per room
Auckland Harbour Oaks, from \$98 per room
Waldorf Stadium Apartments Hotel, from \$239 per room
Copthorne Hotel, from \$165 per room
SkyCity Grand Hotel, from \$235 per room

Weather and Local Information

March is usually a very pleasant summer month in Auckland, with an average maximum temperature of 20 °C (68 °F), minimum 13 °C (55 °F) and bright sunny days. However, Auckland's climate can change quickly, with the phrase "If you don't like the weather, just wait 5 minutes" often applicable. There is still a good chance of heavy showers in March so do bring an umbrella or raincoat just in case!
New Zealand electricity is 220-240V, 50Hz.

Conference Registration

The Registration and Opening Cocktail Function is at 19:00 to 21:00 on Sunday 11th March. The venue is Emirates Team New Zealand Base, 135 Halsey St. This is situated on edge of the Viaduct Basin, adjacent to the Viaduct Exhibition Centre where the main Volvo Ocean Race stopover displays are held. A lifting bridge across the Viaduct provides access from downtown. You are welcome to arrive and leave at whatever time suits. For those unable to attend this function, delegates can complete their registration and collect their conference bags Monday morning from 08:00 to 09:00 at the conference venue. "Business casual" dress is fine for the Opening Cocktail Function and for conference sessions.

Conference Venue

The conference venue is the Auckland Maritime Museum located at the end of Quay Street in the Viaduct Harbour and behind the 1988 America's Cup Challenger KZ1. Entrance to the conference centre is to the right of the entrance to the Waterfront Bar and up the stairs. Smoking is not permitted within the conference venue or within the function venues.

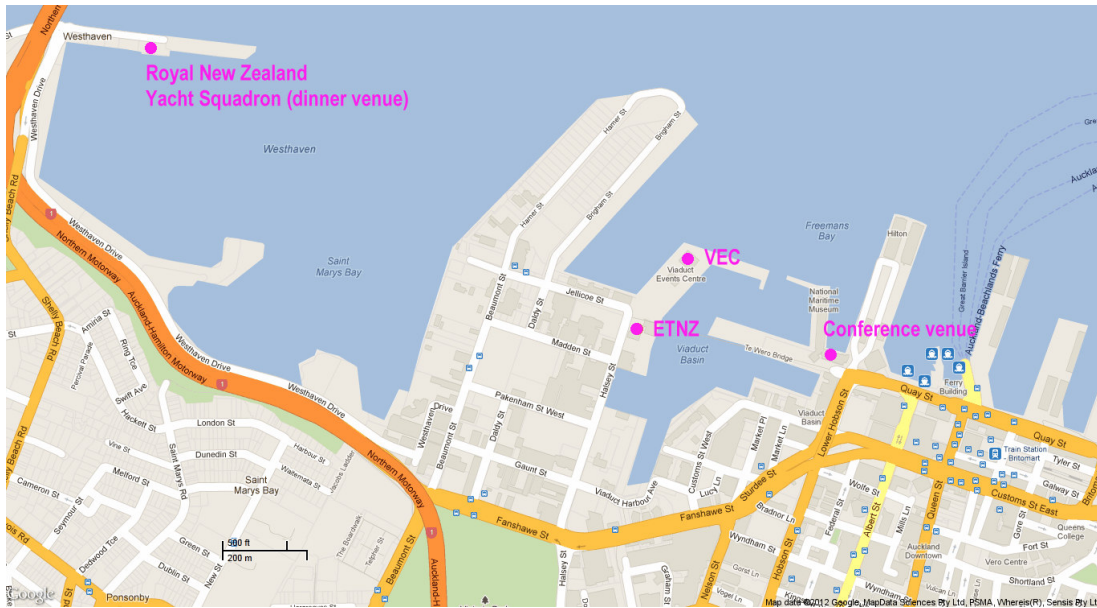
Conference Programme

A final programme will be provided on registration. A notice board will be provided at the conference venue for updated conference information and for notes for delegates if required.

Technical Sessions

Each presenter has been allocated a 30-minute slot, which is expected to include a 20-23 minute presentation, 5 minutes for questions and 2 minutes for hand over. We anticipate that most people will be using PowerPoint and request that you upload your program onto the local computer well before the session. Assistants will be available to help with this. We suggest you bring your presentation on a CD or USB memory stick. If you have any special requirements, such as the need to use your own laptop, please let us know in advance.

Venue Map



Public Session

Following the day's formal conference sessions on Monday 12th March, we are pleased to be able to host a public design session the nearby Viaduct Exhibition Centre. Well known Volvo sailors and designers will discuss what has made the VO70 class so successful. The session will run from 19:00 to 20.30, with refreshments available.

Harbour cruise

We'll take a slightly earlier finish on Tuesday 13th March and jump onto a boat for a cruise around Auckland's inner harbour. This will offer an opportunity to view local racing and to see the harbour from arguably the best viewpoint. Drinks will be provided. The boat will leave at 16:00 and will return at 17:30.

Conference Dinner

A highlight of the conference will be the formal dinner on Wednesday 14th March. This will be held at the prestigious Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron, Westhaven Marina, Auckland City, starting at 19:30. This is a 5-10 minute taxi ride from central Auckland; alternatively you are welcome to use conference transportation that will be provided leaving from the conference venue at 19:00 and from underneath the America's Cup yacht KZ1 on Hobson Wharf at 19:15. If you would like to use this free service, please book your seats on the conference notice board. Dress code is evening informal (sports jacket and tie).

Best wishes for a safe trip down under!
HPYD4 Organising Committee.