
**36th America's Cup
Application for Special Use Airspace
Auckland
December 2020 to March 2021
Airspace user consultation**

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1. Introduction

An application has been submitted by the 36th America's Cup for the establishment of temporary restricted airspace to support the 36th America's Cup event, to be held in Auckland between 17 December 2020 and 21 March 2021.

The application proposes four individual temporary restricted areas. These areas include one small area overhead the Race Village, planned to be active throughout the duration of the race events, and three additional racing areas which would be activated by NOTAM as required. Only one of these three race areas would be activated on any given race day, dependent on which racing area was to be used.

All proposed temporary restricted areas in the application extend from the surface to 2000 ft above mean sea level and would be classified as Class G (uncontrolled) airspace. When activated, any portion of the Whenuapai CTR or Auckland CTA that falls within the America's Cup Airspace would be classified as Class G airspace. The proposed temporary restricted areas are shown at Annex A.

The full application requesting temporary restricted areas for this event can be reviewed in Appendix A. The airspace management plan, including a pilot briefing package for the event, are currently in development and the administering authority for the airspace is yet to be confirmed.

2. What Next

Civil aviation rule 71.151 outlines the criteria considered by the Director in considering whether designating special use airspace is necessary:

1. In the interests of safety or security within the civil aviation system; or
2. In the interests of national security; or
3. For any other reason in the public interest

The Director must also ensure that each portion of airspace designated under 71.151 is as small as practicable consistent with the activities for which the area is required.

Civil aviation rule 71.9 requires the Director to consult with affected persons, organisations and representative groups within the aviation industry before making a designation or classification of airspace.

The Director invites feedback regarding the proposed temporary designation of special use airspace for the 36th America's Cup event. The full 36th America's Cup application is attached to this notice.

CAA will conduct an airspace user consultation meeting in Auckland, in July 2020 to discuss the proposals; meeting date, venue and time will be advised in mid-June 2020.

Once the airspace user consultation meeting has taken place, and feedback from users is received, any designated temporary restricted areas for this event will be advised to users and published in an AIP SUP, for AIRAC 20/12 effective 5 November 2020.

3. Consultation

This document will be sent directly to the organisations listed below. It would be appreciated if you would kindly forward the document to your members for comment and consideration.

This document will be sent directly to the following organizations.

Aerodrome operators (charted aerodromes only)

- Auckland Hospital heliport – Auckland Rescue Helicopter Trust
- Auckland – Auckland International Airport Ltd
- Ardmore aerodrome – Ardmore Airport Ltd
- Coromandel aerodrome – Coromandel Flying Club Inc
- Great Barrier Island aerodrome – Auckland Council
- Hamilton aerodrome – Waikato Regional Airport Ltd
- Kaipara Flats aerodrome – Rodney Aero Club Inc
- Mechanics Bay heliport – Eagleflight Ltd
- Mercer aerodrome – Palms on George Ltd
- Motu Kaikoura Island aerodrome – Motu Kaikoura Trust
- North Shore aerodrome – North Shore Aero Club Ltd
- Okiwi Station aerodrome – Auckland Council
- Parakai aerodrome – Parakai Airfield Ltd
- Thames aerodrome – Thames Coromandel District Council
- Waiheke aerodrome – Waiheke Airfield Management Ltd
- Whenuapai aerodrome – RNZAF
- Whitianga aerodrome – Mercury Bay Aero Club

Major operators, organisations and user groups have been identified as:

- Air New Zealand Group – includes Mount Cook and Air Nelson
- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
- Airways Corporation of New Zealand
- Ardmore Flight Operations Group
- Auckland Airspace User Group
- Auckland Council (Panaku)

- Balloon Association of New Zealand
- Gliding New Zealand
- Hamilton Airspace User Group
- L3 Aviation
- Model Flying New Zealand
- New Zealand Agricultural Aviation Association
- New Zealand Airline Pilots Association
- New Zealand Aviation Federation
- New Zealand Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association
- New Zealand Helicopter Association
- New Zealand Parachute Federation
- New Zealand Parachute Industry Association
- New Zealand Police
- Recreational Aircraft Association of New Zealand
- Royal New Zealand Air Force
- Sport Aircraft Association New Zealand
- Sport Aviation Corp

This document is also available on the CAA website at the following link:

<https://www.aviation.govt.nz/airspace-and-aerodromes/airspace/temporary-designated-airspace-consultation>

Notifications will be sent to CAA email notification subscribers to Airspace Notifications – Briefing Areas 1, 2, 3.

If there are any further questions regarding the review process, please contact Airspace@caa.govt.nz

4. Submissions

Prior to making a designation or classification of airspace, Civil Aviation Rule 71.9 requires the Director to consult with all parties that may be affected within the aviation industry.

This document forms part of the consultation process. Submissions are sought from any interested person, organisation or representative group.

Submissions are accepted either electronically or via mail.

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Closing date for submissions is **Friday 10th July 2020**

Further information

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ANNEX A

Proposed Temporary Restricted Areas 17 Dec 2020 to 21 Mar 2021



APPENDIX A

36th America's Cup

Application for designation of temporary special use airspace

(pdf document sent via email distribution and pdf document links on CAA website)