



WWF WORLD WATER SKI RACING CHAMPIONSHIP

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Intro

Welcome to the 2st bulletin for the 2017 World Water Ski Racing Championships. We are proud to be hosting the World Championships in the USA for the first time since 2003. It will also be the first time that a World Championship will be hosted in the Seattle area, a favorite spot of many travelers known for its beautiful lakes and mountains.

We look forward to putting on an awesome event and in the coming months will keep you updated on the progress that has been made.

Make sure you check out our new website wwsrc2017.com. This will always be updated with the latest information so make sure to check in there for any info you need about the Worlds.

Venue Info

Seattle – visitseattle.org

Nestled in the heart of the Puget Sound area, next to one of Seattle's marquee sites, the University of Washington, we will be racing on the pristine waters of Lake Washington.

Seafair – seafair.com

Race 4 will be held at the iconic Seafair event. The World Water Ski Racing Championship will be a signature event of the 2017 Seafair Weekend. This weekend includes H1 Hydroplane racing, F1 Racing and the Blue Angels.



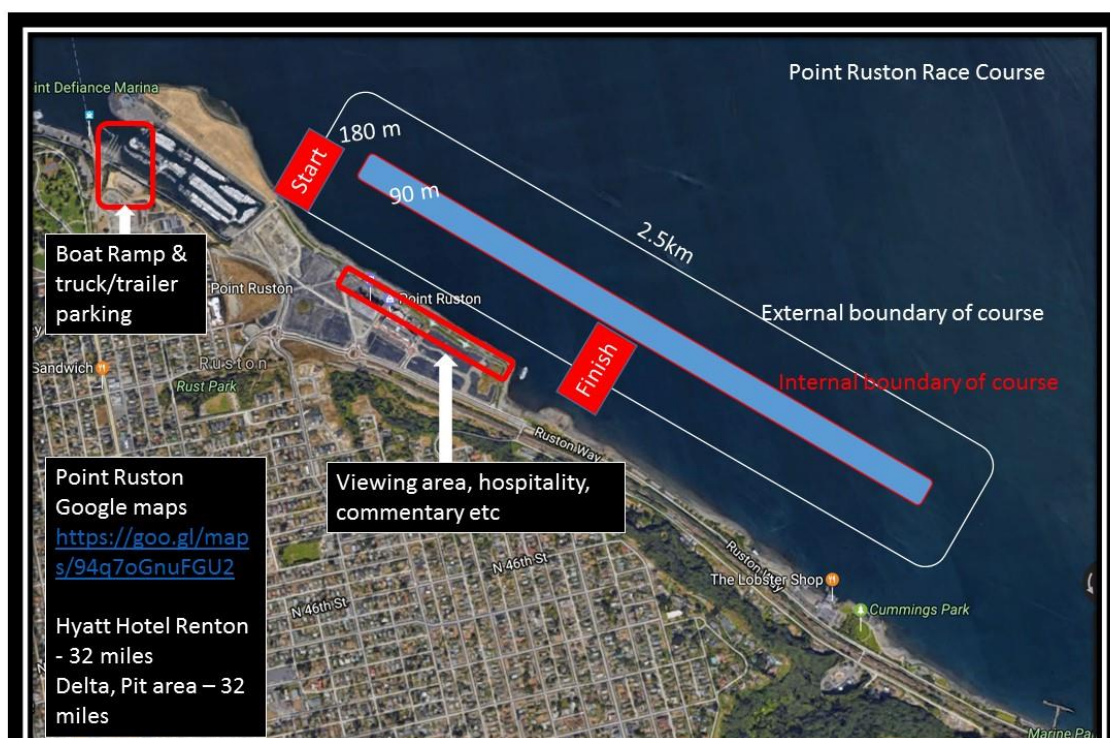


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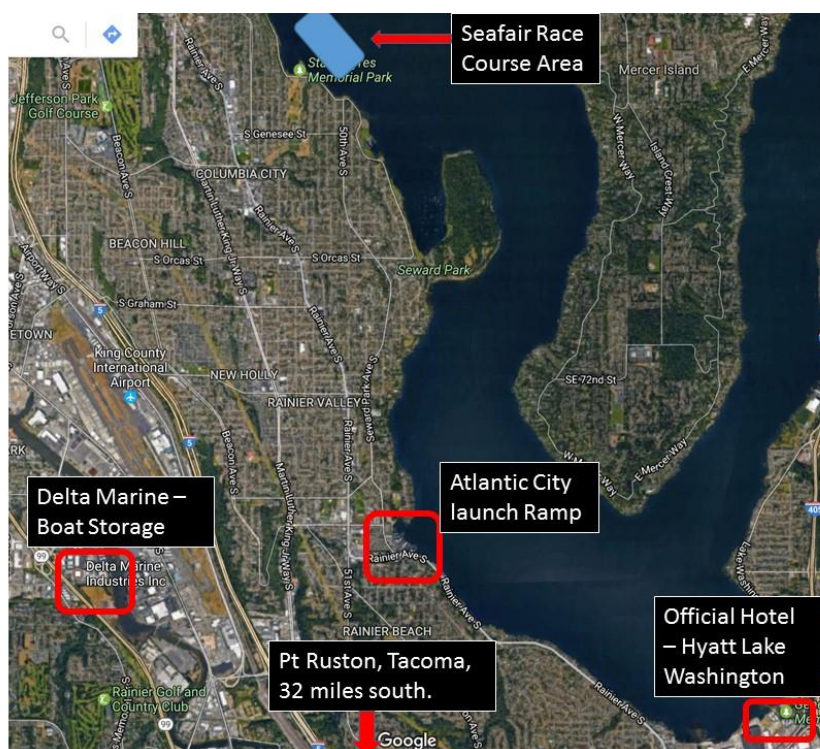
Tacoma – traveltacoma.com

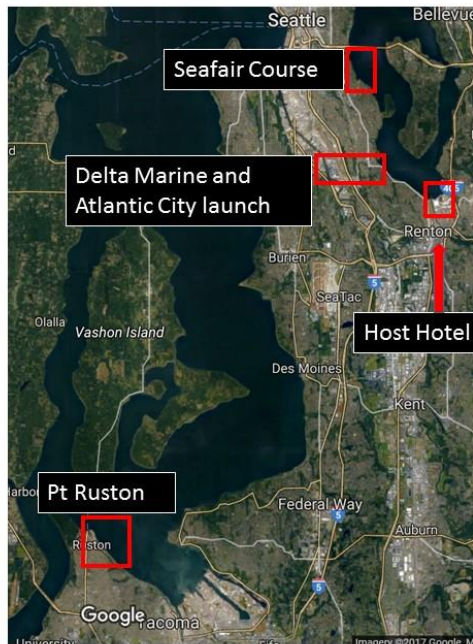
34 miles south of Seattle is the city of Tacoma and the first and last races will be held on the Puget Sound at Point Ruston. This is a great new vibrant area of Tacoma with lots of waterfront viewing. pointruston.com

The launch area in Pt Ruston will be the Pt Defiance boat ramp with plenty of room for boats & trailers and tons of spectator area. Two different race courses will be set up to run along a spectacular viewing area along Point Defiance.



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Accommodations

Seattle (Renton)

The host hotel has now been getting regular bookings. Please note that the discounted rate will increase to \$219/night from April 1st.

From March 6th the hotel will have a dedicated toll free reservation number. But please try to book through the link below.

<https://aws.passkey.com/go/WorldWaterski2017>

Our Host hotel will be the Hyatt Regency on beautiful Lake Washington. This is a brand new hotel built on the waterfront with tons of amenities both at the hotel as well as nearby at The Landing with restaurants, shopping and more.

Discount rates have been negotiated - \$199/night per 2 occupants. This rate includes a standard guestroom with Single (one King bed) or Double (two Queen beds) occupancy. Additional occupants are \$25.00 each (rooms allow up to 4 adults). Children 17 and under are not considered additional occupants and the additional \$25.00 does not apply. There are some suites available as well but not at the \$199 rate.

The following credit card types are generally accepted for reservations on Hyatt.com and GoldPassport.com :

American Express, Carte Blanche, Diners Club, Discover Card, Japan Credit Bureau, MasterCard, Visa and Union Pay.



Please mention Waterski Racing World Championships.

<https://lakewashington.regency.hyatt.com/content/dam/PropertyWebsites/regency/sear/Documents/All/Hyatt-Regency-Lake-Washington-at-Seattles-Southport-Fact-Sheet-101116.pdf>

Health and wellness are foremost as the hotel's onsite recreational services include; an indoor pool and Jacuzzi, an indoor spa, and indoor/outdoor exercise facilities with direct access to Gene Coulon Park. Stroll or play in the neighboring 57-acre Gene Coulon Memorial Beach Park. The park offers walking trails, tennis and volleyball courts, boat launches, fishing docks and a bird sanctuary. Retail therapy awaits at The Landing, a mere one-tenth of a mile from Southport. The Landing features 800,000 square feet of retail and over 20 restaurants, entertainment venues, and a movie theater.

We are partnering with Visit Seattle and Tacoma Travel and on our website there will also be a link to Visit Seattle and Tacoma Travel which will have all info about hotels that are available during the time of the Worlds and also all other events and specials that will be available.

There will be more options for hotels and these will be updated on the website as they become available.



Tacoma

In case you'd like to stay at a hotel in Tacoma during the races down there please see below. However, it is only about a 35 minute drive so we don't anticipate anyone needing to stay there unless it's a personal preference.

marriott.com/hotels/hotel-rooms/seatd-courtyard-tacoma-downtown

www.laquintatacoma.com

silvercloud.com/tacoma

Visa

[The Visa Waiver Program](#) (VWP) enables most citizens or nationals of participating countries* to travel to the United States for tourism or business for stays of 90 days or less without first obtaining a visa, when they meet all requirements explained below. Travelers must have a valid [Electronic System for Travel Authorization \(ESTA\)](#) approval prior to travel. If you prefer to have a visa in your passport, you may still apply for a visitor (B) visa

Please ensure that you apply for an ESTA prior to any travel to the USA.

Schedule (Preliminary)

Date	Schedule
Wed 26th July 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Officials arriving▪ Registration – Host Hotel
Thurs 27th July 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Registration – Host Hotel▪ Team Captains Meeting▪ Scrutineering – Delta Marine
Fri 28th July 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Registration – Host Hotel▪ Scrutineering – Delta Marine▪ Official Practice Day▪ Opening Ceremony
Sat 29th July 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Race Day 1 – Pt Ruston, Tacoma▪ Presentation
Sun 30th July 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Lay Day 1▪ Team Captains Meeting
Mon 31st July 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Race Day 2 – Pt Ruston, Tacoma▪ Presentation
Tues 1st Aug 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Lay Day 2▪ Competitors Meeting▪ Team Captains Meeting

Wed 2nd Aug 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Race Day 3 – Pt Ruston, Tacoma ▪ Presentation
Thurs 3rd Aug 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lay Day 3 ▪ Team Captains Meeting ▪ Racing Council Meeting
Fri 4th Aug 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Race Day 4 – Seafair, Lake Washington
Sat 5th Aug 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Race Day 4 – Seafair, Lake Washington
Sun 6th Aug 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Closing Ceremony and Final Presentation/Party

Judges and Jury

Below are the judges and jury who have been selected:

Chief Judge	Vera Van den Bossche	Belgium
Assistant Chief Judge	Mario Regimmbale	Canada
Event Judges	Edwina Best	Australia
	Georgie Pearse	Australia
	Lyneen Shell	NZ
	Derek Blackmore	GB
	Juan Peleja	Spain
	Gust Lacroix	Belgium
	Jon Cole	USA
	Gary Heinbuch	USA
	Louis Simard	Canada
Reserve Judges	Peter van Gastel	Belgium
	Piero Mairardi	Italy
	Pauline Proctor	Australia

	Julie Dever	Australia
Assistant Judges	Steve Cox	GB
	Doug Binnie	Australia
	Chris Carter	NZ
Chief Calculator	Kerri Nutley	Australia
Asst. Calculator	Bonnie Ruston	USA
Scrutineers	Andrew Donehue	Australia
	Steve Cox	GB
Racing Council		
Chairman	Dusty Schulz	Pan Am
Members:	Meryl Lee (Sec General)	A&O
	Andrew Donehue	A&O
	Greg Dutton	A&O
	Mike Waterman	E&A
	Jules Leysen	E&A
	Vera Van den Bossche	E&A
	Kelly Ireland	Pan Am
	Louis Simard	Pan Am
Athletes Rep	Cameron King	Pan Am

Boat Transportation and Storage

We have been working with Fracht International and they will be able to provide you with a quote and assist competitors with any information needed to ship boats to Seattle. We recommend that you talk to them as they are very familiar with this process and will ensure that it is trouble free and your boats arrive safely in Seattle.

Fracht form is included with this bulletin and if you use this and contact Fracht directly, they will begin to provide quote and get the ball rolling.

<http://wwsrc2017.com/content/freight-and-shipping/>

Delta Marine

Containers and boats will be able to be stored at Delta Marine throughout the whole event. Delta Marine is located within 15 minutes of the host hotel and about 20 minutes from the Seattle area race course. There will be 24/7 security at Delta insuring a safe and secure environment for your equipment.

Delta will also be able to provide teams with areas to work on boats and can provide a variety of equipment if needed.

Fracht International will be able to arrange for your containers / boats to be delivered to Delta Marine.

deltamarine.com

Delta Marine is 33 miles from Point Ruston in Tacoma, approximately a 35 minute drive.

At Point Ruston there will be a carpark area with space for boats and trucks. This will be right next to the main boat ramp that will be used for the races at Point Ruston. Marquees will be available for hire and details for that will be available shortly. This area will have security but the expectation is that all boats will return to Delta Marine after the races.



Rental Cars

We are working with several rental car companies in the area to provide rates for trucks and vans as needed to transport boats as well as team members. We will update the website directly so please check back.

Registration

Registration will only be accepted from the Team Manager. Please provide preliminary entry information as soon as possible. We do understand that the numbers may be preliminary until actual selections are completed.

Please note that closing date for entries will be May 31st 2017.

<http://wwsrc2017.com/registration>

Sponsorship

Become a sponsor of the World Champs. There are plenty of opportunities to become involved with this great event. Onsite activations, social media branding, digital media campaigns and custom programs are available.

Please contact us to receive more info about this and also see how we can cater to your individual needs.

Insurance

Competitors Insurance has been arranged and this will be provided through the National Water Ski Racing Association (NWSRA) and USA Waterski. This will be a complimentary event membership to participants of foreign federations. You must provide complete paperwork and sign a waiver, but will not be charged a membership fee for competing in the world championships.

Below outlines the insurance coverage details.

www.usawaterski.org/graphics/downloads/InsuranceResources/SanctionedEvents/InsuranceProgramHighlights.pdf



Doping Control

In accordance with the IWWF Anti-Doping Rules, Doping controls will be conducted during the competition. By entering this competition, all athletes agree to be subject to doping control.

Information about the IWWF Anti-Doping program, the current IWWF AD Rules and links to the list of banned substances can be accessed on iwwfed.com in the "Athletes" drop down menu on the homepage, under the Anti-Doping tab.

<http://iwwfed.com/athletes/anti-doping/>

Please keep checking into www.wwsrc2017.com for updates.