



# Newsletter

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2015 has been dominated by our involvement with the Volvo Ocean Race stopover in Auckland. Here are a few insights into the project and the role that TNL GAC Pindar played in making this a success.

Our day-to-day work continued throughout this period as well with a number of boats being shipped in and out of New Zealand in the first quarter of the year.

## Volvo Ocean Race, Auckland stopover

GAC Pindar was awarded the logistics contract for the 2014-15 Volvo Ocean Race. The project is managed by GAC Pindar in Southampton and supported on the ground by a travelling team that go to each stopover to work alongside the local representative.

As the logistics provider, our responsibility covered the following:

- Customs formalities for all seafreight and airfreight containers and individual shipments.
- Ensure all containers and freight are delivered to the venue and back to storage at the specified time.
- Provide material handling equipment, labour and cranes for the stakeholders such as the pavilions and Volvo Logistics team.

The size of the project was a challenge and the time frames were tight.

- 106 containers arrived in Auckland, 102 from Abu Dhabi and 4 from Rotterdam
- 19 airfreight containers and 2 cars arrived from Sanya
- Additional "Just in Time" sea and airfreight shipments of spare parts and crew equipment arrived throughout the event
- 108 containers shipped out, 104 to Newport, USA and 4 to Rotterdam

Key "Bump In" dates:

- First vessel arrived on 12th February
- First containers into Race Village on 14th February
- Second vessel arrived on 19th February
- Race Village opened as scheduled on 27th February

Key "Bump Out" dates

- Due to Cyclone Pam the breakdown of the Race Village was brought forward by 48 hours to Friday, 13th March
- First containers delivered to the port in the evening of Monday, 16th March
- Final container delivered to wharf at 2am on Friday, 20th March



A 40ft container placed at venue



Volvo Pavilion takes shape

## An amazing fact

Due to the time pressure, two identically race villages are leapfrogging each other. While the race village was being built in Auckland, the second race village was in transit from Sanya to Itajai, Brazil. The Auckland race village is now being built in Newport, USA.

## "Home" away from home

GAC has invested in an office container that is the "Logistics Central" during the various stopovers.

Equipped with desks it is an ideal place for the GAC team to manage the operations of the event. With another area with sofas it also allows the team to sit with the stakeholders and clients to discuss their needs.

It is plugged into the local power supply and has WiFi connection, thus serving as a home for the dedicated GAC team and allows them to offer an on site service up to 24/7.



The GAC Office arrives in Auckland

The travelling team is made up of both GAC logistics professionals as well as experts in the Volvo Ocean Race itself (past shore managers) and those with expertise in sailing events. Together with the local representative, it is a team that is able to resolve all issues that comes their way.

## Boat shipments continue

Although there was focus on the Volvo Ocean Race, TNL GAC Pindar continued to handle boats to and from varying destinations.

On the import side we recently made use of the Float on / Float off service from Florida for importing an 82ft motor launch.

The smaller boats from the USA are still generally carried on the Roll on / Roll off service and TNL GAC Pindar usually undertakes a number of these jobs.

For the Superyacht industry, we handled two Superyacht tenders early this year. We shipped a replacement tender for a yacht in the Marshall Islands, followed by the shipment of the old one to Oakland, California.

We also handled another tender for the forth time in a year when we organised its shipping from Singapore back to Newcastle, NSW.

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SY Provezza being loaded in Auckland

In regards to larger boats we handled a 58ft motor launch which was loaded in Tauranga and bound for Vancouver, BC, as well as a sailing yacht, also loaded in Tauranga, to return to the UK.

It is heartening to see the growth in the yacht race market and in the past few months, we have shipped some new TP52 masts to Spain and have also had the pleasure to take care of the logistics of a new TP52 yacht built in Auckland and shipped to Spain.

SY "Provezza", built by Cookson Boats, was officially launched in Auckland on 5th March. It was packed up with keel and mast removed. The boat was placed on its cradle for shipping to Valencia. The mast which was built locally by Southern Spars was shipped together. Along with its own 40ft container, the team will be embarking on what is hoped to be a successful TP52 season in the Mediterranean.

## Understanding your needs

Our team is at your disposal to ease your stress and smooth the way for all your boat or yacht deliveries.

Shipping your precious craft can be a daunting and complex process. We understand the practicalities involved and the emotional investment you have made. The variables are many, from vessel size to port of origin and the final destination. We have what it takes to ensure a smooth delivery of your yacht.

Our specialist team and carefully vetted agents around the world understand your needs and draw on the GAC Group's global experience and resources to make every shipment as hassle-free as possible.

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