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36TH AMERICA'S CUP

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IMAGE: 36TH AMERICA'S CUP

THE AMERICA'S CUP Preliminaries

The PRADA Cup Challenger Selection Series was nothing short of crazy to say the least. INEOS Team UK came back from the bottom to dominate in the Round Robins, heading straight to the finals. Luna Rossa and American Magic battled it out in the semi-finals, with Luna Rossa shutting American Magic out. Luna Rossa beat INEOS in the finals, moving forward to the 36th America's Cup Match.

AC75 CLASS

The AC75 Class rules were written by Defender Emirates Team New Zealand and Challenger of Record Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli Team Italy. The rules set the guidelines for constructing and developing the AC75 yachts, and were released on March 29, 2018. Each team is allowed to construct two AC75 yachts, one for development and another for competition.

AC75 yachts are monohulls of carbon fiber construction. Each team was supplied with one-design masts and foil canting systems. Foil wings are able to be customized, and hull shapes were developed by each fleet within the parameters set by the AC75 rule. Each boat has a set of "soft-wing", dual mainsails, running on twin tracks on the aft side of the mast, acting as a wing sail. Teams are also allowed use of jib sails and Code-0's. Each yacht is allowed a crew of 11 members, with a team of grinders trimming sails as well as charging the battery for the foil canting system. Foil canting systems were manufactured by Emirates Team New Zealand, and the foil arms were manufactured by Luna Rossa's contracted boat builder, Persico Group.

AC75 Vessel Particulars

LOA: 75'
BREADTH: 16'
MAST HEIGHT: 87'
CREW: 11
MAINSAIL AREA: 1560 sq. ft.
JIB SAIL AREA: 970 sq. ft.

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CHALLENGER



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VS.

DEFENDER



Photo: Emirates Team New Zealand

CIRCOLO DELLA VELA SICILIA

LUNA ROSSA PRADA PIRELLI TEAM ITALY

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Founded by Patrizio Bertelli and German Frers, Team Luna Rossa was originally formed in 1997 to challenge in the 2000 America's Cup competition. The team represented the Punta Ala Yacht Club of Italy, and successfully won the Louis Vuitton Cup for the challenger to the Cup position. The team fell to Team New Zealand in the final competition, but did not give up there. The team challenged, unsuccessfully, again in 2003, 2007, and 2013. The team withdrew their challenge for the 2017 Cup after changes to the AC50 yacht class rule. Now representing yacht club Circolo Della Vela Sicilia of Italy, team Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli is the Challenger of Record for the 36th America's Cup. The team is directed by Max Sirena, with the boat being co-skipped by America's Cup champion James Spithill and Francesco Bruni.



LUNA ROSSA 2

Team: Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli Team USA

Construction:

Builder: Persico Group

Lead Designer: Martin Fischer, Horacio Carabelli

Launched: October 20, 2020

Co-Skipper/Helmsman: James Spithill

Co-Skipper/Helmsman: Francesco Bruni

Top Speed: 47.92 Knots



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ROYAL NEW ZEALAND YACHT SQUADRON

EMIRATES TEAM NEW ZEALAND

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Emirates Team New Zealand, then known as Team New Zealand, was formed in 1993 and led by Sir Peter Blake. The team challenged for the 1995 America's Cup, representing the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron. Team New Zealand went on to win the cup onboard their IACC yacht *Black Magic*. New Zealand successfully defended the Cup in Auckland against team Luna Rossa in 2000, but shortly after the Cup, Russell Coutts and several other key New Zealand leadership jumped ship for newly-formed Swiss team Alinghi. Team New Zealand fell to team Alinghi in the 2003 America's Cup. The team challenged again in 2007, now under the name Emirates Team New Zealand, but was unable to defeat Team Alinghi. In 2013, Emirates Team New Zealand won the Louis Vuitton Cup for the challenger's spot in the America's Cup, and dominated Oracle Team USA early in the Cup competition with a lead of 8-1. Oracle Team USA made adjustments and came back to win and defend the cup with a score of 9-8. Emirates Team New Zealand rebuilt their team yet again prior to the 2017 Cup. With the boat being helmed by Olympic medalist Peter Burling, ETNZ defeated Oracle Team USA for the Cup at Bermuda. With Challenger of Record Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli, Emirates Team New Zealand announced the class rules for the new AC75 yachts on March 29, 2018. They constructed their first AC75 yacht, *Te Aihe*, in early 2019, and their competition yacht, *Te Rehutai*, in 2020. *Te Rehutai* will be helmed by Peter Burling in the America's Cup.



Photo: Studio Borlenghi

TE REHUTAI

Team: Emirates Team New Zealand
 Construction: 2019
 Builder: Emirates Team New Zealand
 Lead Designer: Guillaume Verdier
 Launched: November 18, 2020
 Skipper/Helmsman: Peter Burling
 Top Speed: 49.1 Knots

36TH AC MATCH RACE DAY 1 – MARCH 10, 2021

RACE 1

The first Race of the 36th America's cup got off to a quick start, with Emirates Team New Zealand crossing the start line just forward of Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli. Luna Rossa followed behind ETNZ, attempting to force a luff, but proving unsuccessful. This put Luna Rossa further behind, allowing ETNZ to take a larger lead for all three laps of the race. ETNZ took victory in the first race, crossing the finish line 31 seconds before Luna Rossa.



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RACE 2

Luna Rossa got a good position in the pre-start, covering Emirates Team New Zealand as they crossed the starting line. Luna Rossa was not able to immediately shake the Kiwis, and ETNZ hung on for the time being. The gap between the two boats slowly expanded, but did not grow out of control. This race made it obvious that both boats were equally matched and that one team would not completely run over the other for the fight for the Cup. Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli took race 2, with ETNZ following 7 seconds behind.

SCOREBOARD

Race 1

Emirates Team New Zealand	1
Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli	

Race 2

Emirates Team New Zealand	
Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli	1

Overall

Emirates Team New Zealand	1
Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli	1



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36TH AC MATCH RACE DAY 2 – MARCH 12, 2021



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RACE 3

Winds were lighter on day 2, and many believed that this would give the Italian boat a slight advantage over the Kiwis. Indeed, Luna Rossa won the start and covered ETNZ in several short tacks on the first leg. ETNZ began making up ground, but the gap between the two boats varied throughout the race. Luna Rossa pushed ahead to win the third race of the series, 37 seconds ahead of ETNZ.



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RACE 4

ETNZ made up for the previous race, getting a good start to race 4. They covered the Italians on the first leg, forcing Luna Rossa to slow down in their dirty air. ETNZ found patches of good air to be able to give them more of a speed advantage, widening the gap between the two teams. Luna Rossa's tacks and gybes seemed to be a bit more sloppy than usual, contributing to their lower speed in this race. ETNZ won race 4, crossing the line 1:03 seconds ahead of Luna Rossa.



Photo: Studio Borlenghi

SCOREBOARD	
Race 3	
Emirates Team New Zealand	1
Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli	2
Race 4	
Emirates Team New Zealand	1
Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli	2
Overall	
Emirates Team New Zealand	2
Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli	2

36TH AC MATCH RACE DAY 3 – MARCH 13, 2021

RACE 5

Race 5 got off to a slower start, and the start was delayed due to low winds. After they picked up slightly to a steadier speed, the teams took to the course and prepared to race. Luna Rossa got off to a quick start, getting a clear lead over Emirates Team New Zealand. ETNZ was struggling to stay on their foils at the starting line and fell behind quickly. The Kiwis gained quite a bit of ground in the last two legs, but were unable to catch up, coming in the finish line 23 seconds behind Luna Rossa.



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RACE 6

The tables turned for Race 2 of Day 3, with ETNZ finding a way to perfect their start with the Italians trailing behind. ETNZ took off out of the gate, putting almost 800 meters between the two boats in the first leg. The Kiwis won the race, coming in 1 minute and 41 seconds ahead of Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli.

SCOREBOARD

Race 5

Emirates Team New Zealand	
Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli	1

Race 6

Emirates Team New Zealand	1
Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli	

Overall

Emirates Team New Zealand	3
Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli	3



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36TH AC MATCH RACE DAY 4 – MARCH 14, 2021

RACES 7 & 8

Racing on Day 4 was postponed due to light winds. Boat crews took the time to relax and take a look at different parts of the boats that could be changed and improved to help make them faster yet. Racing was cancelled for the day and races 7 & 8 were postponed until the next day.



Peter Burling (Left) and Blair Tuke rest on *Te Rehutai* while waiting for the races to start.
Photo: Studio Borlenghi



Luna Rossa co-skipper Francesco Bruni. Photo: Studio Borlenghi



Luna Rossa Team Director Max Sirena waiting for the races to start. Photo: Studio Borlenghi

SCOREBOARD

Race 7 - Postponed

Emirates Team New Zealand	--
Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli	--

Race 8 – Postponed

Emirates Team New Zealand	--
Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli	--

Overall

Emirates Team New Zealand	3
Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli	3

36TH AC MATCH RACE DAY 5 – MARCH 15, 2021

RACE 7

Things got a bit more interesting in Race 7. The race started off almost identically to Race 1, with the Italians attempting a luff, but failing. Luna Rossa took the lead, beating the Kiwis to the first gate. Emirates Team New Zealand caught up and passed Luna Rossa on Leg 2, covering them for a few short tacks before pressing down the gas. On the final leg, ETNZ took off without looking behind them, winning the race by 58 seconds. This was the first race of the 36th America's Cup that the winner of the start lost the race, and also witnessed the first passing of the two boats. ETNZ's smaller jib paid off in the end.



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RACE 8

Race 8 built on the intensity of Race 7, but in a slightly different way. Luna Rossa took the start, retaining their larger jib sail for the second race. Soon after leaving the gate, the boats were back together, fighting for the lead. The Italians forced ETNZ to tack off to the right side of the course, and Luna Rossa taking the left. Luna Rossa crossed the gate first, followed by the Kiwis at their heels. Just as they were about to take the lead, ETNZ caught a spot of bad air and fell off of their foils. Luna Rossa quickly put a large distance between the boats, passing through the lower gate and made it most of the way back up the course by the time ETNZ made it back onto their foils. ETNZ, behind by almost 2 km, got very lucky. Luna Rossa splashed down after passing through the third gate, with little room inside the boundary to go to get back on the foils. ETNZ took advantage of their situation, making up their lost ground and putting the Italians back just as far by the end of Leg 5. Luna Rossa had to sail outside the boundary just to get back on the foils, but it was no use. The tides of the race turned to the Kiwi's favor. ETNZ finished the race 3 minutes and 55 seconds ahead of the Italians in possibly the most dramatic race of the 36th America's Cup.

SCOREBOARD

Race 7

Emirates Team New Zealand	1
Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli	

Race 8

Emirates Team New Zealand	1
Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli	

Overall

Emirates Team New Zealand	5
Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli	3

36TH AC MATCH RACE DAY 6 – MARCH 16, 2021



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RACE 9

There was a lot at stake on Day 6. For the Italians, they could come back to prevent the Kiwis from winning the cup, and hopefully live to see another day. For the Kiwis, they could win it all and end the match. The teams were set pretty evenly for most of the first leg, with Luna Rossa in the lead and Emirates Team New Zealand close behind. This became the first true match race of the 36th AC. In leg 5, New Zealand took advantage of a breeze shift, and took the lead at Gate 5. ETNZ took the final leg and ran away with it, winning by 29 seconds. The cup was fully within grasp, but Race 10 was postponed due to shifting winds.



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SCOREBOARD

Race 9	
Emirates Team New Zealand	1
Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli	
Race 10 - Postponed	
Emirates Team New Zealand	--
Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli	--
Overall	
Emirates Team New Zealand	6
Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli	3

36TH AC MATCH RACE DAY 7 – MARCH 17, 2021

RACE 10

Race 10 was delayed in order to allow the sea breeze to settle in to its place, and got started after a 30-minute delay. Luna Rossa took an early lead, but soon Emirates Team New Zealand took over, taking advantage of the right-handed breeze. When the pair's tracks converged in the first leg, ETNZ forced Luna Rossa to tack behind them, giving themselves the advantage of taking the right hand of the course again. The Kiwis were much more consistent sailing during race 10, and were able to maintain higher speeds. ETNZ sped down the final leg with the Italians trailing behind, taking the race by 46 seconds and securing the Cup for New Zealand once again.



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SCOREBOARD

Race 10

Emirates Team New Zealand	1
Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli	

Overall

Emirates Team New Zealand	7
Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli	4



Team New Zealand celebrates after winning the Cup. Photo: Studio Borlenghi

36TH AMERICA'S CUP CHAMPIONS

EMIRATES TEAM NEW ZEALAND

After taking victory in Race 10, Emirates Team New Zealand won the America's Cup once again, keeping it in Auckland, New Zealand. Congratulations to skipper Peter Burling and Team New Zealand for winning the Cup!



ETNZ Skipper Peter Burling raises the America's Cup in victory.
Photo: Studio Borlenghi



Te Rehutai, winner of the 36th America's Cup. Photo: Studio Borlenghi



Emirates Team New Zealand celebrates their America's Cup Victory. Photo: Studio Borlenghi

37th AMERICA'S CUP

Shortly after the conclusion of the 36th America's Cup, INEOS Team UK announced their challenge for the 37th America's Cup on March 20, 2021, becoming Challenger of Record. Emirates Team New Zealand, alongside Challenger of Record INEOS Team UK, will prepare the details for the next America's Cup series. It has been agreed to utilize the AC75 yachts for another Cup cycle.



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