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THE AMERICA'S CUP

The first America's Cup race was held in 1851, when the yacht *America*, representing the New York Yacht Club, defeated the Royal Yacht Squadron in the race around the Isle of Wight in Great Britain for the 100 Pound Cup. The syndicate that owned *America* gave the trophy to the New York Yacht Club, with the famous "Deed of the Gift", outlining the competition we now know as the America's Cup. The America's Cup is still the oldest international competition in the World.

The first challenge for the cup from English yachtsman James Ashbury in 1871, racing against the entire fleet of the New York Yacht Club. This led to great dispute about whether or not the methods of competition were fair. All competitions following would be match races. Following challenges were sporadic, and the competitors constructed innovative vessels to defend or attempt to win the Cup. No challenger was ever successful, and the Cup remained in the hands of the New York Yacht Club. Sir Thomas Lipton of Ireland made his first challenge in 1899, followed by four more unsuccessful trials between then and 1930. During Lipton's final challenge, the J-Class yacht rules were introduced for the Cup.

After World War II, the expensive J-Class boats lost their popularity, and Cup officials adopted the 12-Metre rule beginning with the 1958 Cup. New York Yacht Club would keep its grasp on the Cup, but not for much longer. In 1970 multiple yacht clubs submitted challenges, and a Challenger Selection Series was held to narrow them down to one. The Challenger Selection Series was renamed the Louis Vuitton Cup in 1983. It was also during the 1983 America's Cup series that the Cup would be departing New York. Dennis Conner, representing the New York Yacht Club aboard *Liberty*, fell to the Australian skipper John Bertrand on *Australia II*. *Australia II* featured a new design innovation, the winged keel, which was kept a secret until the end of the Cup series. In the final leg of the last race, with the teams tied 3-3, *Australia II* pulled ahead of *Liberty*, becoming the first challenger to claim victory over the New York Yacht Club in the 132-year fight for the America's Cup. In 1987, Dennis Conner, now representing San Diego Yacht Club, won his way through the Louis Vuitton Cup to challenge for the Cup against the Australians. Conner, at the helm of *Stars and Stripes 87*, came out on top, bringing the Cup back to the United States.

Shortly after the Cup returned to the U.S., a team from New Zealand submitted for a "Deed of the Gift" challenge, taking the American team to court. The teams both raced different yachts, the Kiwis sailing a 90' monohull and the Americans on a smaller winged-catamaran. Conner won the cup both in the courts and on the water.

America's Cup officials approved class rules for beginning in the 1992 Cup series, giving birth to the International America's Cup Class design rule. Conner lost the right to defend in the Defender Selection Series to Bill Koch's America 3 syndicate. Koch and his team held off the Italian Il Moro de Venezia Challenge. In 1995, the Kiwis finally had their moment. Led by Sir Peter Blake and helmed by Russell Coutts, *Black Magic* successfully won the cup for New Zealand. The Kiwis held off Italian team Luna Rossa Challenge in 2000, keeping the Cup in the South Pacific. After this successful cup challenge, Russell Coutts and several other team members jumped ship at Team New Zealand, joining the newly-formed Swiss Team Alinghi, formed by Ernesto Bertarelli. Alinghi took the Cup in 2003, bringing it to Europe for the first time. Since Switzerland does not border a large body of water, the Cup was held at Valencia, Spain. Team New Zealand, now sponsored by Emirates airlines, was unable to defeat Alinghi for the Cup in 2007.

Another "Deed of the Gift" challenge came in 2010, when Larry Ellison's BMW Oracle Racing challenged Alinghi. Alinghi chose a large catamaran as their defender, while Oracle constructed a massive winged-trimaran, taking victory in Valencia and taking the Cup back to its old home. Oracle Racing chose the AC72 catamaran as the class rule for the 34th America's Cup, with races being held on San Francisco Bay. Emirates Team New Zealand beat Artemis Racing Sweden and Luna Rossa Challenge Italy in the Louis Vuitton Cup to challenge for the Cup. ETNZ took an early lead, only allowing Oracle one win. At 8-1, New Zealand only needed one more race to win the Cup. After making crew changes and adjustments to their boat, Oracle began winning races, and came back to top the Kiwis with a final score of 9-8, making this the closest match in America's Cup history. The 35th America's Cup was held at Bermuda, outside of the defender's home country. Six challengers submitted for the Cup, racing AC50 catamarans, slightly-modified scaled down versions of the AC72. Emirates Team New Zealand developed a new boat with "cyclors" to power the boat over conventional grinders. This innovation was made public so late that other teams were not able to compete. The Kiwis won the right to challenge in the Louis Vuitton Cup, and dominated Oracle Team USA in the America's Cup, winning 7-1.

The Cup returned to Auckland for the 2021 Cup series, where a new class of America's Cup yacht, the AC75 foiling monohull, was introduced. Challenger of Record Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli beat teams American Magic Team USA and INEOS Team UK in the Prada Cup Challenger Selection Series, challenging Emirates Team New Zealand in the 36th America's Cup.



IMAGE: 36th AMERICA'S CUP

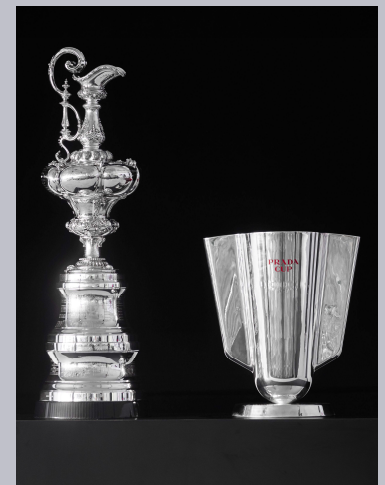


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AC75 CLASS

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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NEW YORK YACHT CLUB AMERICAN MAGIC TEAM USA

AMERICAN MAGIC TEAM USA

The American Magic syndicate was formed in 2017 as a partnership between Bella Mente Racing, Quantum Racing, and the New York Yacht Club. The team's name is a nod to the yachts *America*, the yacht that won the first America's Cup race, and *Magic*, the first defender of the Cup. Team principals Hap Fauth and Doug DeVos have extensive champion sailing experience, being joined by Roger Penske. The team set up their home base at Bristol, Rhode Island, where many previous defenders of the Cup were constructed. They launched their first test boat, AM38, nicknamed "The Mule", in late 2017, and their first AC75, *Defiant*, in Fall 2018. After extensive testing and design, American Magic's second AC75, *Patriot*, was completed in the Fall of 2019. *Patriot* departed Bristol in October onboard a jet for New Zealand. She was christened at American Magic's base in Auckland on October 16, 2020, meeting water for the first time. During the Prada Cup races, *Patriot* was skippered by Team Director Terry Hutchinson, and helmed by Dean Barker.



American Magic training on *Patriot*, November 2020. Photo: Will Ricketson

DEFIANT

Team: American Magic USA
Construction: 2020
Builder: AM USA, Bristol, Rhode Island, USA
Lead Designer: Marcelino Botin
Launched: September 14, 2019
Skipper: Terry Hutchinson
Helmsman: Dean Barker



Defiant. Photo: Will Ricketson

PATRIOT

Team: American Magic USA
Construction: Nov. 2019-Sep. 2020
Builder: AM USA, Bristol, Rhode Island, USA
Lead Designer: Marcelino Botin
Launched: October 16, 2020
Skipper: Terry Hutchinson
Helmsman: Dean Barker
Top Speed: 53.31 Knots



Patriot during the Prada Cup. Photo: Studio Borlenghi



Photo: American Magic



Photo: Studio Borlenghi

ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON

INEOS TEAM UNITED KINGDOM

INEOS TEAM UK

Ben Ainslie Racing, known as INEOS Team UK, was formed in 2014 to challenge for the America's Cup. Ben Ainslie Racing challenged for the Cup previously in 2017 as Team Land Rover BAR representing the Royal Yacht Squadron of England. After an unsuccessful campaign, the team joined forces with Sir Jim Ratcliffe and INEOS, becoming INEOS Team UK in 2018. INEOS Team UK aimed at bringing the America's Cup back to Britain for the first time since the first America's Cup in 1851. The team constructed their first AC75 in 2019, launching *Britannia* on October 4. After many hours of training and testing, the team developed the design for their second AC75, *Britannia II*, launching her at Auckland on October 17, 2020. *Britannia II* is skippered and helmed by Sir Ben Ainslie, team principle, being assisted by tactician Giles Scott.

INEOS | TEAM UK



Britannia II during the Prada Cup finals. Photo: Studio Borlenghi



Photo: Studio Borlenghi

BRITANNIA

Team: INEOS TEAM UK
Construction: 2019
Builder: Carrington Boats
Lead Designer: Nick Holroyd
Launched: October 4, 2019
Skipper/Helmsman: Sir Ben Ainslie
Tactician: Giles Scott



Britannia I. Photo: Christopher Ison

BRITANNIA II

Team: INEOS TEAM UK
Construction: 2020
Builder: Carrington Boats
Lead Designer: Nick Holroyd
Launched: October 17, 2020
Skipper/Helmsman: Sir Ben Ainslie
Tactician: Giles Scott
Top Speed: 50.25 Knots



Photo: Cameron Gregory



Photo: Studio Borlenghi



Britannia II and Luna Rossa 2. Photo: Studio Borlenghi

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-skippered by America's Cup champion James Spithill and Francesco Bruni.



Team Director Max Sirena observes from the chase boat. Photo: Studio Borlenghi



Photo: Studio Borlenghi



LUNA ROSSA 1

Team: Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli Team USA

Construction:

Builder: Persico Group

Lead Designer: Martin Fischer, Horacio Carabelli

Launched: October 2, 2019

Co-Skipper/Helmsman: James Spithill

Co-Skipper/Helmsman: Francesco Bruni

Luna Rossa's first boat being launched. Photo: Carlo Borlenghi

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



Photo: Studio Borlenghi



Photo: Studio Borlenghi



Photo: Studio Borlenghi

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: James Sommerset



Te Aihe. Photo: James Sommerset

TE AIHE

Team: Emirates Team New Zealand
Construction: 2019
Builder: Emirates Team New Zealand
Lead Designer: Guillaume Verdier
Launched: September 6, 2019
Skipper/Helmsman: Peter Burling

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



Photo: Harry KH



Photo: James Sommerset



Te Rehutai training on the Hauraki Gulf. Photo: Emirates Team New Zealand

PRADA WORLD SERIES AUCKLAND DEC. 17-19 2020

PRADA AMERICA'S CUP WORLD SERIES

The America's Cup World Series Auckland Races offered the 36th America's Cup contenders their first opportunity in a competition setting onboard the AC75 yachts. After the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020, all of the America's Cup World Series events had been cancelled, excluding the races in Auckland in December. Emirates Team New Zealand got off to a great start, with 5 wins and a single loss over the three-day event. American Magic came in a strong second with 4 wins and 2 losses, with Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli following in third with a split 3-3 and INEOS in last place with 6 losses. The World Series event gave the teams an opportunity to see how they performed against other yachts for the first time, and teams made adjustments as necessary in preparation for the Prada Cup.



ETNZ and Luna Rossa during the ACWS. Photo: Studio Borlenghi



ETNZ and American Magic battle it out on the water. Photo: Studio Borlenghi



American Magic leads Luna Rossa in the ACWS. Photo: American Magic

PRADA CHRISTMAS RACE DEC. 20 2020

PRADA CHRISTMAS RACE

Wind conditions for the Christmas Race were quite lacking. Race 1 was started, but terminated due to going over the time limit. In Race 1, ETNZ was able to get moving and quickly put some distance between themselves and INEOS Team UK. INEOS was unable to get their boat to any significant speed. Winds diminished throughout the race, and it was terminated after both boats were forced to sail in displacement mode. The three remaining races for the day were cancelled.



ETNZ and INEOS at the beginning of the Christmas Race. Photo: Studio Borlenghi



American Magic practicing on the day of the Christmas Cup. Photo: Studio Borlenghi

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PRADA CUP ROUND ROBINS JAN. 14-23 2021

PRADA CUP ROUND ROBINS

How the tables have turned! INEOS Team UK made adjustments and came into the Prada Cup Round Robins very strong. They went from not winning a single race during the America's Cup World Series to going undefeated during the Prada Cup Round Robins, polar opposite of where they were at before. Just as in the ACWS, Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli split the Round Robins 3-3, and surprisingly, American Magic came in last place this time around, not winning anything. INEOS beat both teams three times each, and Luna Rossa beat American Magic once, and AM did not finish the other two races against Luna Rossa. INEOS Team UK was able to move on to the Prada Cup finals, sitting out the semi-finals while Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli and American Magic beat it out for the other spot in the Prada Cup finals.



Luna Rossa and American Magic during the Round Robins. Photo: Studio Borlenghi



INEOS Team UK advances to the Prada Cup Finals. Photo: Studio Borlenghi



Luna Rossa and INEOS on the race course. Photo: Studio Borlenghi

CRASH & REBIRTH

During Prada Cup Round Robins Day 2 on January 17, 2021, tragedy struck American Magic Team USA. After rounding a mark, a heavy gust of wind suddenly hit the boat. Wind gauges marked a spike from about 15 knots to over 25. The crew was unable to release the leeward backstay, and they were unable to release the mainsheet, forcing the boat to fly up in the air and crash down on her side. *Patriot* suffered extensive damage to her hull, as the force of her hitting the water broke a large hole in her side. Chase boats immediately came to the rescue to make sure the crew that were stuck under the sail during the capsize made it out, and attempt to save the boat. Crews from Emirates Team New Zealand, INEOS Team UK, and Luna Rossa all came to assist in the salvage operation. *Patriot's* headsail was wrapped around the hull to slow the water, and she was rafted to chase boats to escort her back to the dock. Once she made it back to the dock, she was hauled out and taken into American Magic's shed to survey the damage and begin a plan to repair her. Over the next week and a half, with the assistance of the other three competitors, American Magic repaired the damage portion of her hull, replaced her electrical systems, and got *Patriot* ready to race once again. She returned to the water for sea trials and testing ten days later, displaying a large band-aid decal over the spot where the hole in the hull was located. The band aid decal read "Thank You", and displayed the national flags of Italy, New Zealand, and United Kingdom as a display of gratitude for their assistance.



Luna Rossa and American Magic race prior to the capsizing. Photo: Studio Borlenghi



Patriot catching the gust of wind. Photo: Studio Borlenghi



Chase boats assist *Patriot* after the capsizing. Photo: Studio Borlenghi



Patriot at the American Magic base after the capsizing. The hole in the hull is visible at center. Photo: Studio Borlenghi



"Thank you" band-aid on *Patriot*. Photo: American Magic

PRADA CUP SEMIFINALS JAN. 28-29 2021

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Prada Cup Semifinals got underway a few days after American Magic returned *Patriot* to the water. This proved to be at their disadvantage, as they were having issues with the foil hydraulics and other systems during the semifinals races, and did not have time prior to get all of the bugs worked out after rebuilding the boat. Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli went on a four-race win-streak against American Magic, moving on to the Prada Cup finals against INEOS Team UK.



Luna Rossa leading American Magic in the semifinals. Photo: Studio Borlenghi



Photo: Studio Borlenghi



Photo: Studio Borlenghi



Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli, champions of the Prada Cup semifinals. Photo: Studio Borlenghi

PRADA CUP FINALS FEB. 12-20 2021

PRADA CUP FINALS

The Prada Cup finals did not quite go as many expected, but to the delight of Luna Rossa fans, the tides turned in their favor. INEOS Team UK had pulled out most of their new tricks prior to the Prada Cup Round Robins, leaving very few options to try to improve their performance by the time of the Prada Cup Finals. Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli took the first five races, with INEOS winning race 6. On Race Day 5, Luna Rossa closed the deal, taking the last two races to make it to the 7 victories required to win. This is the second Cup in a row that the British team has been defeated in the Challenger Selection Series finals, and also is Luna Rossa's first time to the America's Cup finals since 2000.



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Luna Rossa with INEOS in pursuit. Photo: Studio Borlenghi



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Luna Rossa Prada Pirelli, champions of the Prada Cup. Photo: Studio Borlenghi

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CHALLENGER



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VS.

DEFENDER



Photo: Emirates Team New Zealand



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