

THE RACE OF RACES



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1 America's Cup

With a rich heritage and tradition dating back to 1851, the America's Cup is often called the oldest trophy in sport. It dates back to a race around the Isle of Wight for the 100 Guinea Cup when a fleet of 14 British vessels were out-raced by the US-schooner America. America took the trophy back to the States and the Cup was later donated to the New York Yacht Club under a Deed of Gift, which stated that the trophy was to be "a perpetual challenge cup for friendly competition between nations". Thus was born the America's Cup, named after the winning schooner America, as opposed to the country.

2 Defender

The winner of the America's Cup Match is automatically the Defender of the next America's Cup. His victory grants him the honour of organising the next America's Cup competition.

3 Challenger

Challengers are the yacht clubs that throw down the gauntlet and attempt to win the America's Cup on the occasion of the next Match. One of them, the Challenger of Record, has a special role to fulfill. He acts as a sort of "representative" for all challengers, a task assumed by the first to throw down the gauntlet. Thus, in 2004, Larry Ellison of BMW Oracle Racing instructed a man to send a fax with the challenge to the

Société Nautique de Genève, Alinghi's yacht club at the moment that Alinghi crossed the finish line in the final race.

4 Round Robin

The term used for group stages of a tournament during the Louis Vuitton Cup in which each competitor or team competes against every other in their group. The leading competitors go through to a knock-out stage of the tournament, also a part of the Louis Vuitton Cup. The top four teams continue into the semi-final; the team with the most points (the winner of the preliminary round) has the right to choose his opponent.

5 Match Race

A race between two yachts. This is a duel between two racing yachts that relies on manoeuvrability, tactics, boat handling and crew work. The winner of the Match is the winner of the America's Cup.

6 Fleet Race

Sailing regattas are most commonly fleet races: all the yachts line up on the same start line and race each other to cross the finish line first.

7 Louis Vuitton Acts

Normally, the America's Cup is held every three to five years. In order not to leave fans "high and dry", the Louis Vuitton Acts (13 of them between 2004

America's Cup Navigator. Between April 16 and July 7, Valencia will host the 32nd America's Cup Match. The N Magazine presents ten easy steps to help you prepare yourself for this race of races.

and 2007) were introduced – an innovation that is beneficial for the popularity of the America's Cup, as it keeps up the suspense between Cups.

8 Penalty


A yacht that infringes another yacht's right of way by touching it or forcing it to give way must perform a penalty turn which requires a turn through at least 270 degrees of arc, one gybe on an upwind leg and one tack on a downwind leg, to exonerate itself. This turn often represents a loss of more than 30 seconds, enough for the outcome of the race to be altered.

9 Crew

The America's Cup Class racing yacht requires a crew of 17. The total weight of the crew (undressed) must not exceed 1575 kg. The foredeck crew is in charge of setting and dropping the sails – a task that sometimes forces one of them to climb the mast. Next in line are the four grinders whose main task is turning the grinding handles as fast as possible. On either side of them are the trimmers. They control the speed of the boat, fine-tuning the sails to the wind speed and direction. A little further behind is the afterguard, the crew think tank. It consists of a navigator, a tactician and a strategist. They are in constant touch and advise the fourth member, the helmsman, on the way to handle the helm. Behind them is the runner/

grinder who also attends to whatever else is required. Despite this large crew, manoeuvres can be executed within seconds.

10 Course

While a standard regatta course usually runs no longer than six nautical miles, the America's Cup can run up to 18.55 nautical miles and consists of up to three laps of a right-handed windward-leeward course between a windward mark at the top of the course and a leeward gate near the bottom of the course. The start and finish line are the same at the bottom of the course. 



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Valencia VIP

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Day 1: Welcome & Sightseeing

The first day is devoted to exploring the beautiful city of Valencia. You will be received at the airport by Nespresso hospitality hostesses and transported to the prestigious luxury Hotel Palau de la Mar. Located in one of the most attractive streets in the city centre, it combines stunning design with classical nobility, harkening to Valencia's seafaring spirit. The program continues with an exquisite VIP dinner and entertainment in one of the best restaurants of Valencia.

Day 2: The Race*

The second day is fully dedicated to sailing. Following breakfast at the hotel, receive a warm morning welcome at the 32nd America's Cup venue and enjoy coffee at the Nespresso Bar on the first floor of the Veles e Vents building. VIP guests will then be treated to a thorough briefing on the race including a tour of the harbour. The excitement heightens at mid-day, when you board an official America's Cup follow boat and enter the racing arena. From this exclusive vantage point, you will be able to experience the race with expert commentary. Below deck, a mouth-watering lunch buffet will satisfy nautically inspired appetites. Refreshments at the Foredeck Club or at the Alinghi Base harbour will wrap up the race, but not the VIP programme. A hotel siesta will be followed by dinner in town to indulge in the culinary delights of Valencia's finest cuisine.

Day 3: Entertainment & Departure

A last day to take in the flavours of the city. After breakfast, savour the impressions of this unforgettable VIP experience.

**Please note that the racing schedule depends on the wind conditions. In case of force majeure or other reasons, an alternative programme will be organised.*



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