

MEDIA GUIDE



ROLEX SAILGP CHAMPIONSHIP | 2025 SEASON



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WELCOME TO THE 2025 SEASON



WELCOME TO THE ROLEX SAILGP 2025 SEASON

The Rolex 2025 SailGP Championship will be the our biggest and most ambitious yet – building upon SailGP’s strong foundations and propelling the league further into the global spotlight. With new teams, new global partners and the addition of iconic, world-renowned venues, SailGP is charting a new course in the sports and entertainment space.

The 2025 Season promises a dynamic showcase of sport, teamwork, and innovation. With news destinations including Geneva, Sassnitz and Portsmouth, SailGP will introduce its adrenaline-fueled racing to more fans through new, carefully selected locations. This coming year, SailGP will take flight at iconic coastal venues known for their scenic beauty and enthusiastic fan bases and will engage even more with local communities – building a truly global sporting platform that draws fans from all walks of life.

The season will see the introduction of several new global partners to the league, reinforcing SailGP’s position as the future of sport. These partnerships include the long-term Rolex Title Partnership, DP World as SailGP’s official Smart Logistics Partner, and Emirates as the official Global Airline Partner. As SailGP continues to champion purpose-driven business growth, our partners are an essential part of our journey. Each new partnership will bring unique contributions to our events worldwide.

And finally, I’m excited to welcome to SailGP teams representing Brazil and Italy, two countries known for their success in sailing and their passion for top-level competition. These additions further our goal of global representation and encouraging even greater competition on the water. These teams – alongside top-level athletes returning to SailGP – will enhance our league with fresh talent, perspectives, and rivalries, which will bring an extra edge to the racing. The sport’s best athletes are all set to compete at the highest level for the largest prize pot in the sport.

I hope you enjoy the most exciting racing on water and I look forward to having you at our events.

— **SIR RUSSELL COUTTS**
CEO, SailGP



WHAT IS SAILGP?

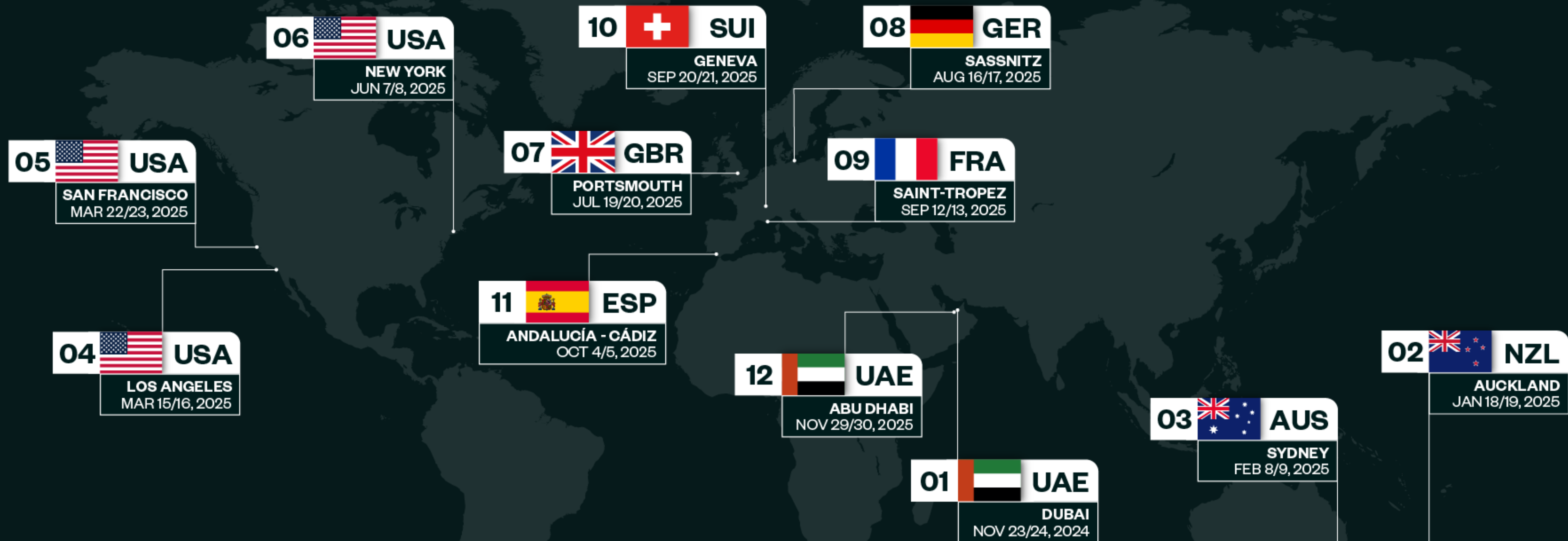
SailGP brings a new era of the best high-speed, high-tech racing – but on water. This is grand prix racing never before seen in sailing - an annual, global championship in iconic cities across the world.

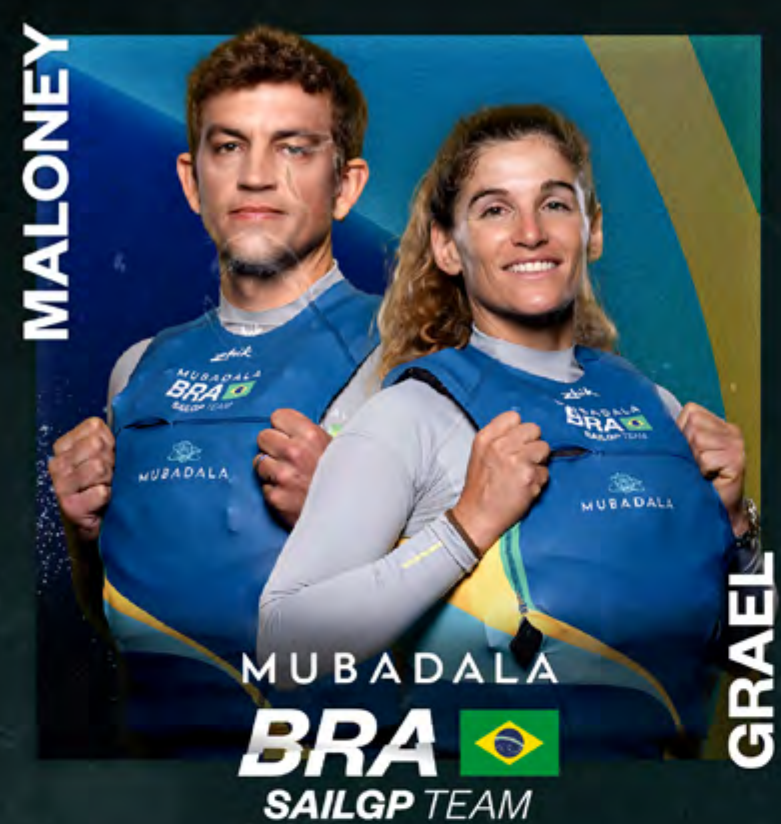
12 national teams battle it out in identical 50-foot foiling catamarans, racing faster than the wind at speeds over 100 km/h (60mph). The best athletes in the sport – male and female – compete, with national pride, personal glory, and a top prize of US\$12 million all on the line.

SailGP is where sport meets spectacle. It's close-to-shore stadium racing, with world-class, water's-edge excitement, and an apres-sail atmosphere like no other.

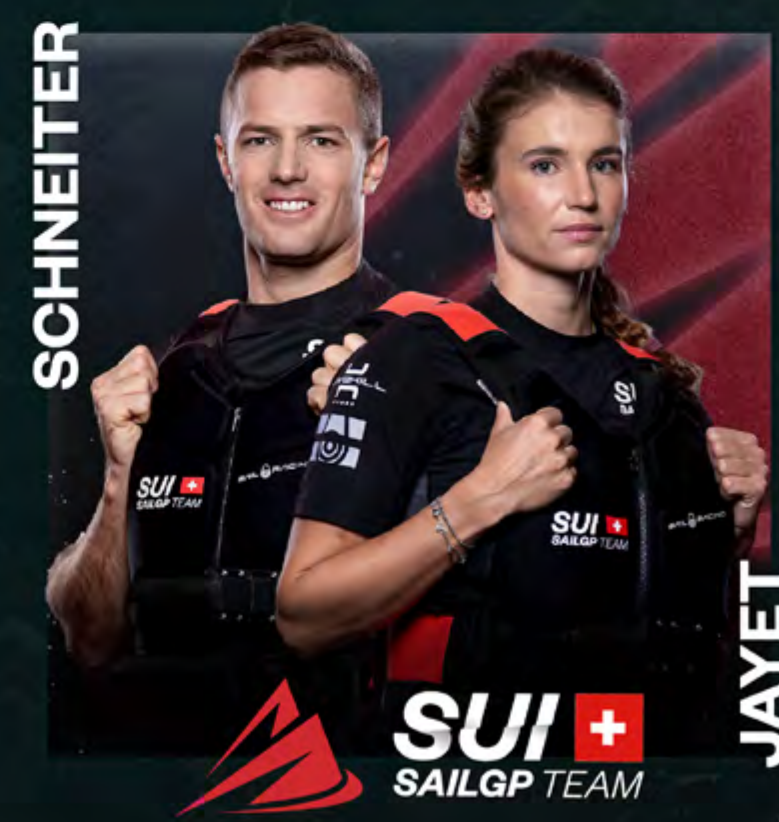


2025 SEASON





THE WORLD'S BEST SAILORS



TEAM PROFILES



AUS

CREW

Tom Slingsby
CEO & Driver

Chris Draper
Wing Trimmer

Jason Waterhouse
Flight Controller

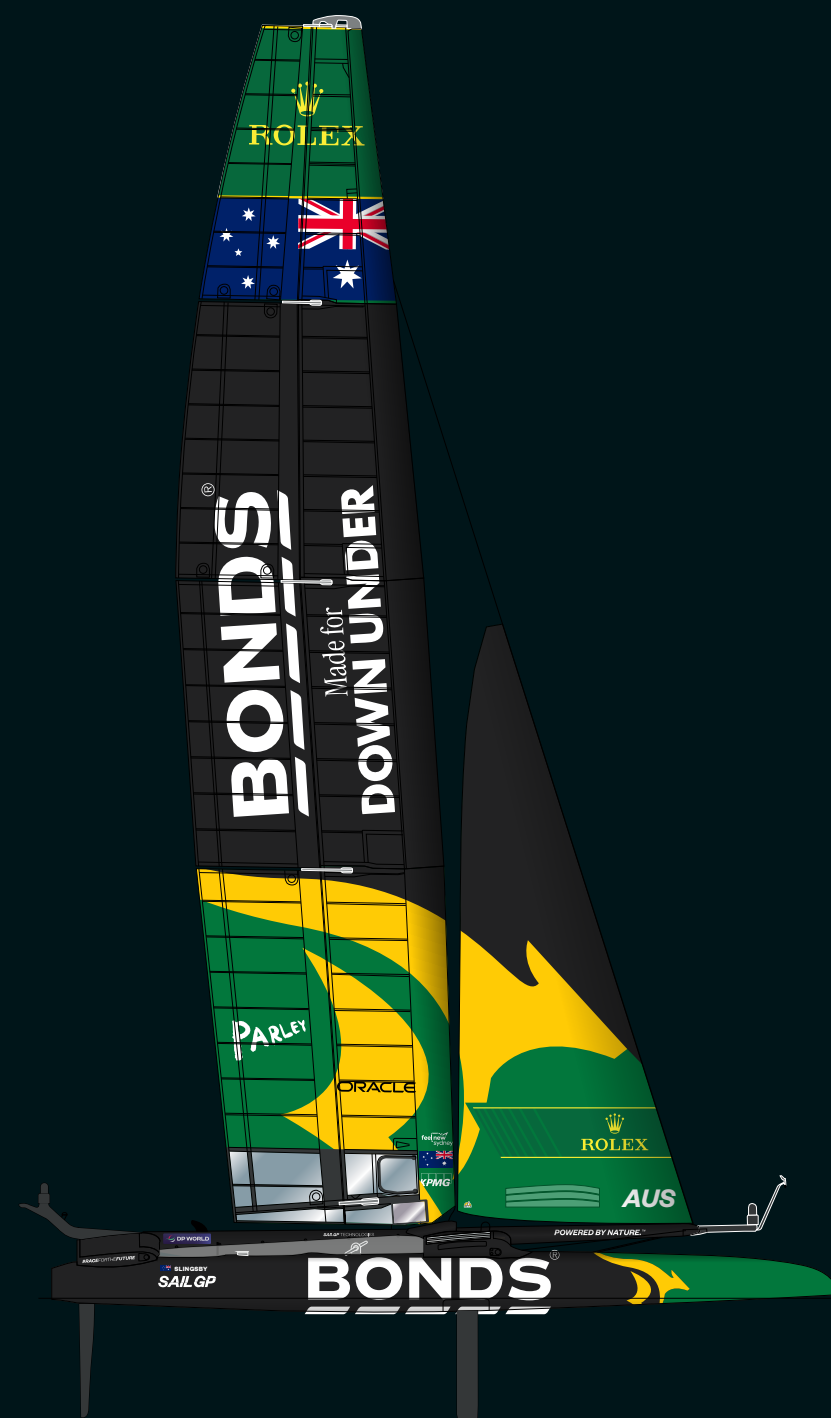
Kinley Fowler
Grinder

Sam Newton
Grinder

Rhys Mara
Reserve Sailor

Natasha Byrant
Strategist

Ben Durham
Coach



TEAM BIO

After a nail-biting conclusion to Season 4, where Australia took second place overall, the three-time SailGP Champions are primed for another title run in the 2025 Season. With a strong legacy behind them, the team has retained six out of their original seven sailors—no small feat in a competitive league where offseason poaching is common. This continuity, combined with a strategic crew change aimed at refining performance in light-air venues, positions Australia for continued success.

Reflecting on the team's history of dominance, Skipper Tom Slingsby acknowledges both their past success and the need to continuously evolve: "This season, we're aiming higher.

We're focused on refining our tactics, staying consistent, and making every race count. The talent in this league is exceptional, so we know we have to bring our best."

The game plan remains the same, with an added drive to reclaim the SailGP trophy. After three seasons of victory and a hard-fought second place in the 2024 Grand Final, Team Australia is determined to return to the top of the podium and prove, once again, that they have what it takes to lead the global racing circuit



BRA

CREW

Martine Graef
Driver

Leigh McMillan
Wing Trimmer

Andy Maloney
Flight Controller

Marco Graef
Grinder

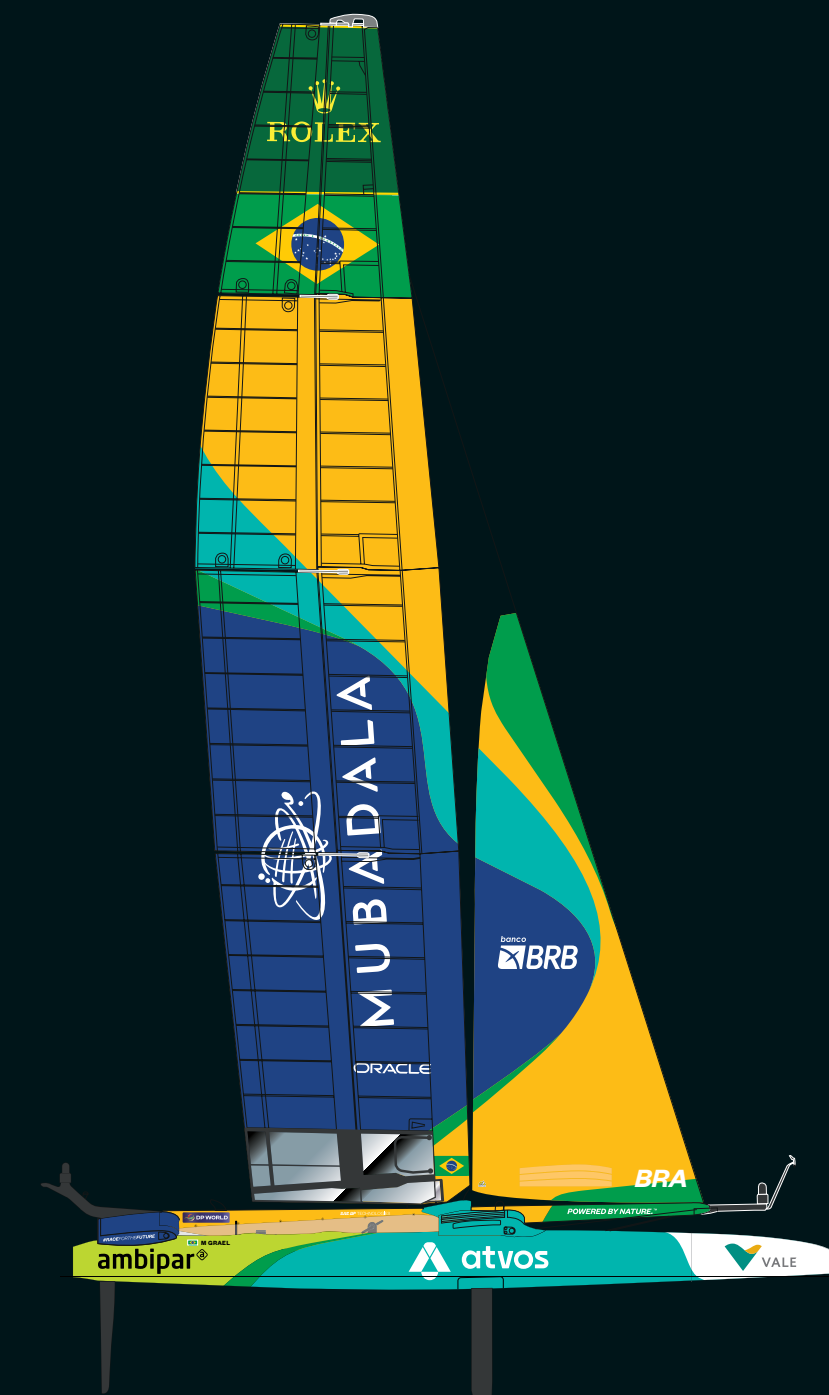
Mateus Isaac
Grinder

Kahena Kunze
Reserve

Paul Goodison
Strategist

Richard Mason
Strategist/Coach

Pietro Sibello
Coach



TEAM BIO

This is the Mubadala Brazil SailGP Team's first season in the league. Handpicked by three-time Olympian, world champion sailor and IMM CEO Alan Adler, the team mixes the determination and sailing tradition of Brazil with the experience of British and New Zealand teammates—all united by a shared passion for the sport and a quest for glory on the water.

Set to establish itself as a new force in the competition, the Brazilian team is led by two-time Olympic champion Martine Graef, the first female Driver to lead an F50 catamaran in SailGP history, marking an important benchmark for gender equity in the international league and underscoring Brazil's legacy in sailing. Alongside her, Andy Maloney—reigning

America's Cup champion and a SailGP star—brings vast experience and skill as the team's Flight Controller. Richard Mason, the team's Strategist, contributes his tactical skills, while Leigh McMillan, an experienced British sailor, takes on the position of Wing Trimmer for the Brazilian boat. Marco Graef,

Martine's brother, and Mateus Isaac will be the Grinders of the Mubadala Brazil Sail GP Team, strengthening the crew with their talent and experience. The team's final member is two-time Olympic gold medalist Kahena Kunze, who will serve in a reserve role. This team blends fresh energy with savvy experience, promising a strong debut for Brazil.

TEAM PROFILES

NORTHSTAR
SAILGP TEAM

CAN

CREW

Giles Scott
Driver

Paul Campbell-James
Wing Trimmer

Billy Gooderham
Flight Controller

Jaresse Finch
Grinder

Tom Ramshaw
Grinder

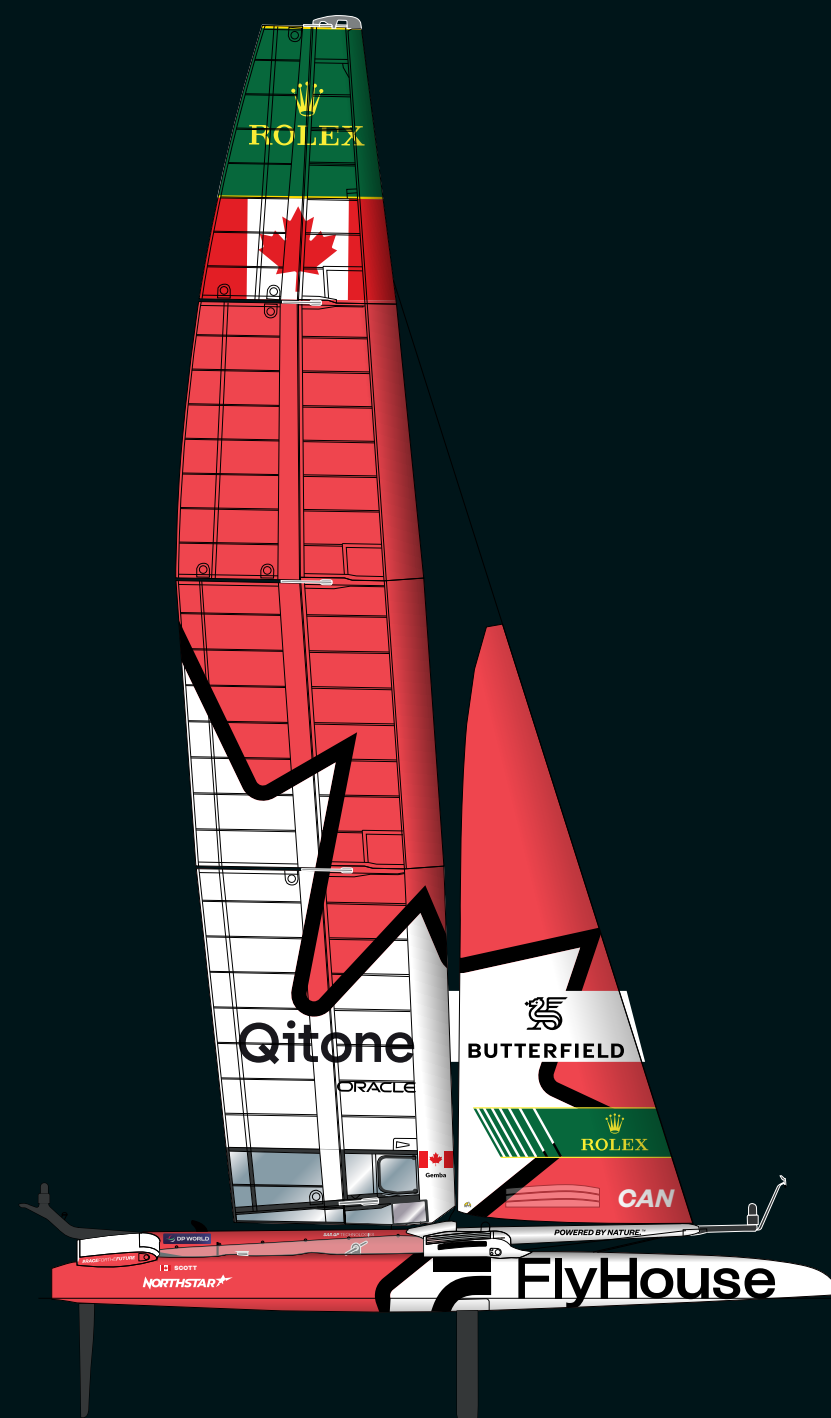
Tom Ramshaw
Grinder

Cooper Dressler
Grinder

Annie Haeger
Strategist

Bleddyn Mon
Reserve

Joe Glanfield
Coach



TEAM BIO

The NorthStar SailGP Team has an entrepreneurial spirit and is passionate about promoting healthy active living through sport, as well as creating opportunities for the next generation in foiling.

The NorthStar SailGP Team joined the league at the start of Season 3 in 2022. In September 2024, the team was acquired by Greg Bailey, MD, a Canadian biotech entrepreneur, with Phil Kennard joining as Team Principal and CEO and Double Olympic Gold medalist Giles Scott as Driver.

weCANfoil is the Race For The Future partner of the NorthStar SailGP Team. With 11 foiling hubs across Canada, WOF has introduced more than 1,500 youth to foiling and the Pathway to Pro program has enabled over 20 youth to train and work with the team over the past two seasons.

ROCKWOOL
RACING
SAILGP TEAM

DEN

CREW

Nicolai Sehested
Driver

Will Ryan
Wing Trimmer

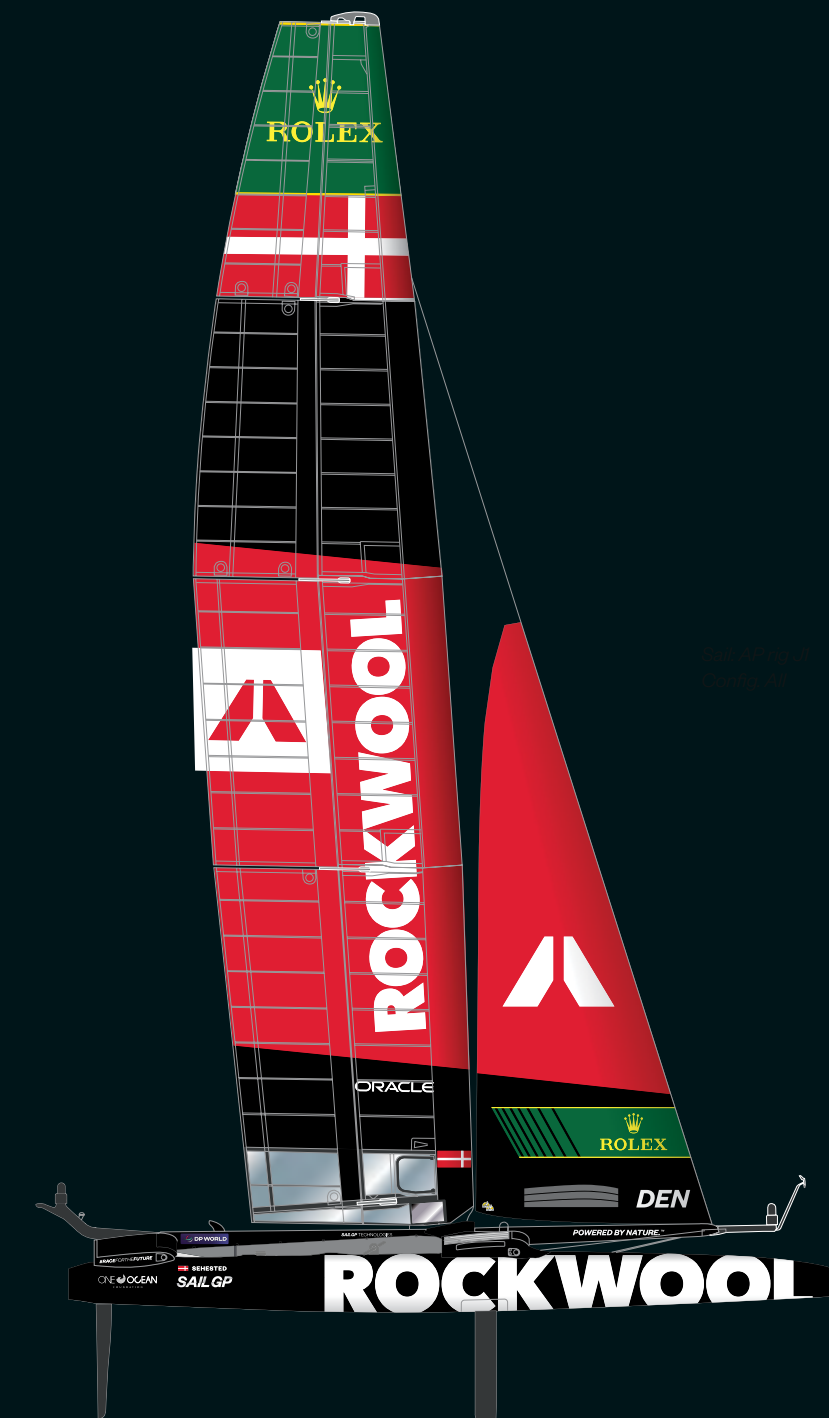
Rasmus Køstner
Flight Controller

Luke Payne
Grinder

Julius Hallström
Grinder

Anne Marie Rindom
Strategist

Ian Williams
Coach



TEAM BIO

ROCKWOOL Racing SailGP Team is an international team representing Denmark and ROCKWOOL on the world stage.

Led by Nicolai Sehested, and featuring Olympic champions, speed-record breakers and round-the-world adventurers, this homegrown and experienced crew is determined to make an impact in the 2025 Season.

With its methodical racing approach, Denmark has steadily climbed the SailGP ranks, progressing in every season since it joined the league – and was one of just two teams to improve in Season 4, alongside champions Spain.

With the support of ROCKWOOL and One Ocean Foundation, the team won Season 3's Impact League and took second place in Season 4.

TEAM PROFILES



ESP

CREW

Diego Botín
Driver

Florian Trittel
Wing Trimmer

Joel Rodríguez
Flight Controller

Joan Cardona
Tactician/Grinder

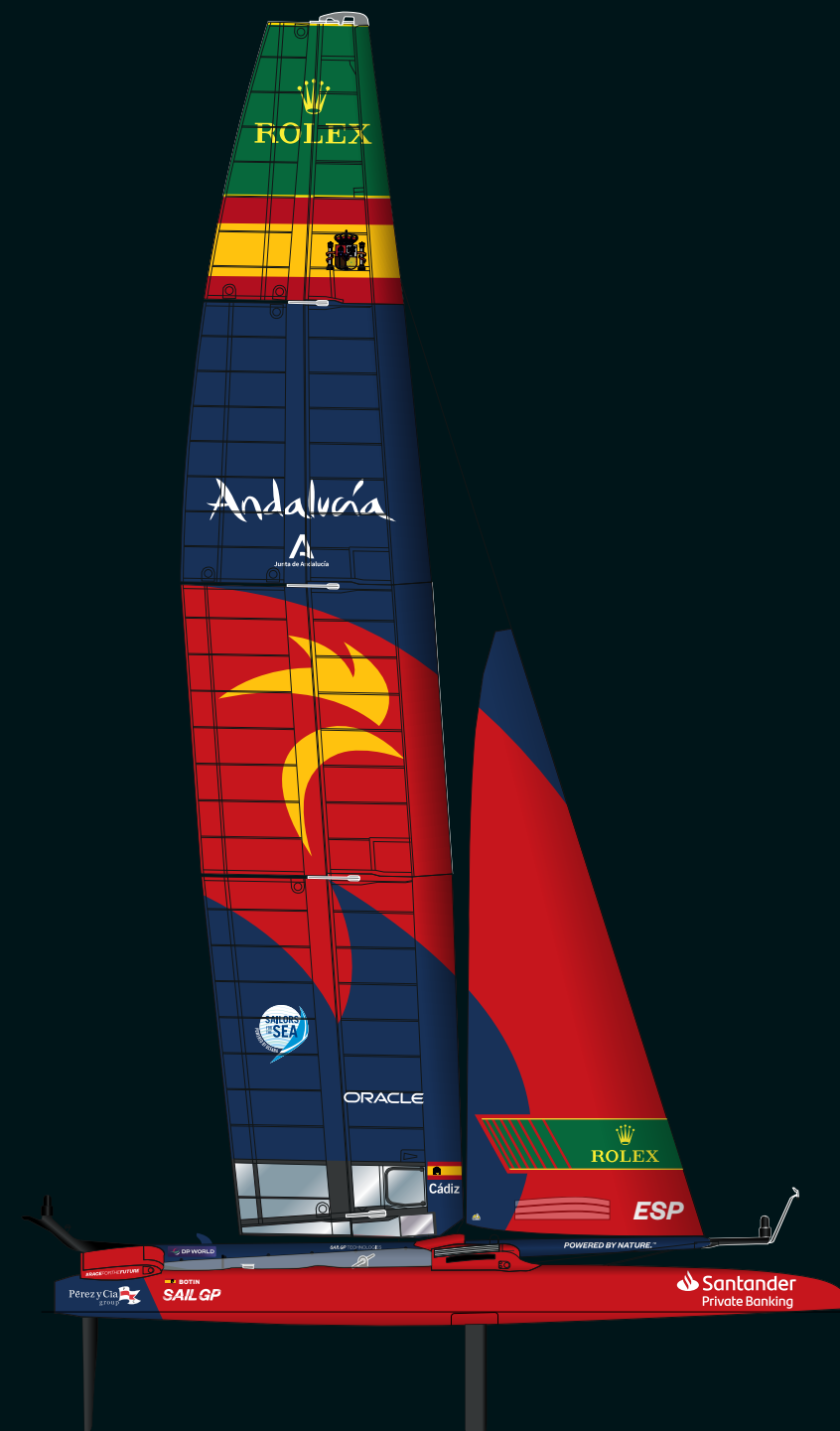
Bernardo Freitas
Grinder

Matthew Barber
Grinder

Nicole van der Velden
Strategist

Andres Barrios
Reserve Athelte/Pathways

Simone Salvà
Coach



TEAM BIO

After making history with a thrilling win in the Season 4 Grand Final in San Francisco, the Spain SailGP Team enters 2025 Season with tremendous momentum and a few adjustments to its roster. Building on their success, Los Gallos have made strategic changes, shuffling a few key members to different positions and welcoming a new grinder. Diego Botín continues to lead as driver, with Florian Trittel playing a crucial role as the team's wing trimmer.

Supporting the team is a strong lineup of dedicated athletes: Joel Rodríguez serves as flight controller, while Joan Cardona takes on the roles of tactician and grinder. Nicole Van der Velden contributes as the strategist. Bernardo Freitas, an experienced grinder, enhances the team's adaptability and cohesion on the water.



FRA

CREW

Quentin Delapierre
Driver

Jason Saunders
Flight Controller

Kevin Peponnet
Wing Trimmer

Matthieu Vandame
Grinder

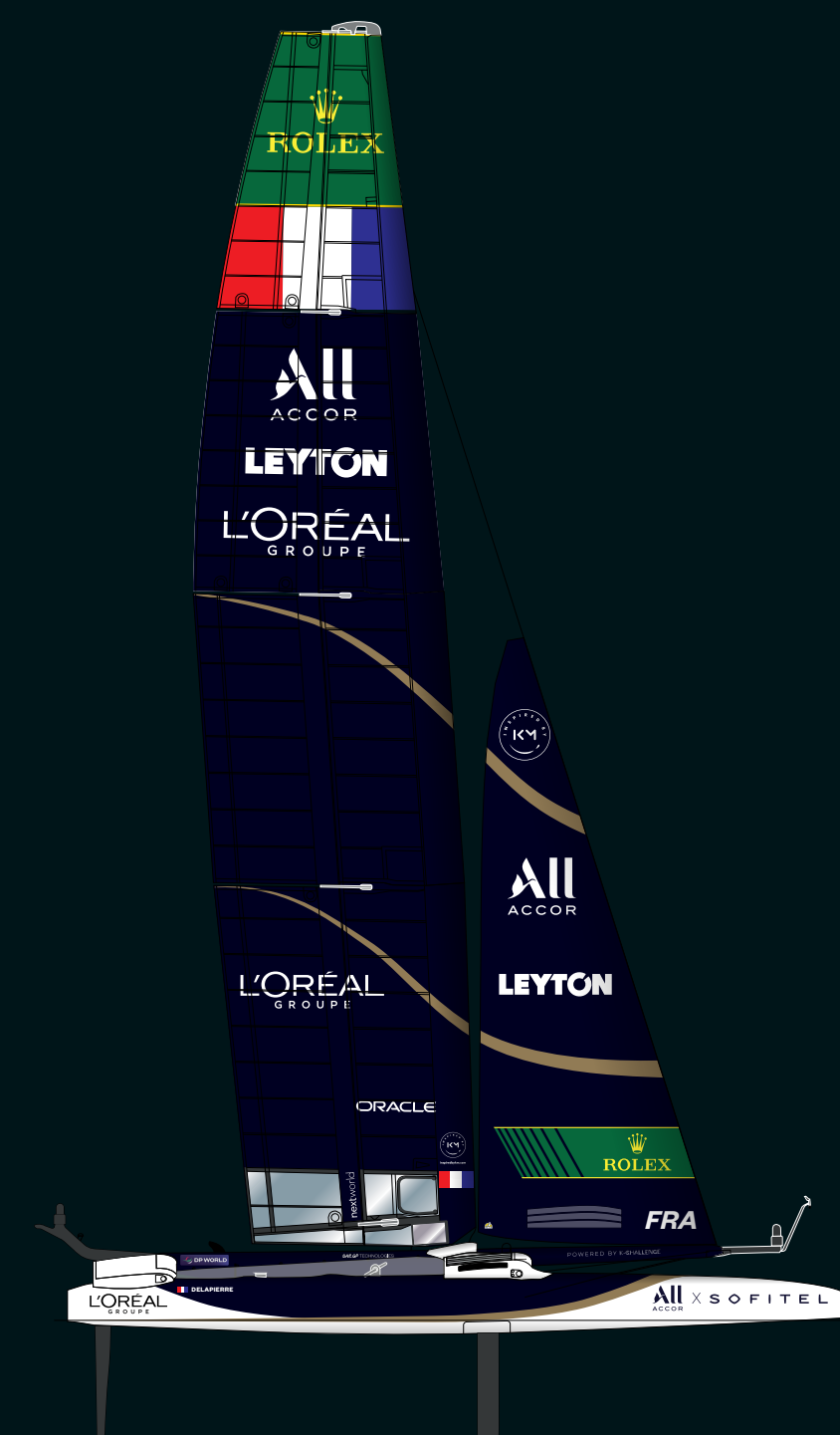
Devan Lebihan
Grinder

Manon Audinet
Strategist

Camille Lecointre
Strategist

Thierry Douillard
Coach

Mourniac Philippe
Head Coach



TEAM BIO

One of the six original SailGP Teams, France is spearheaded by driver Quentin Delapierre who assembled a stellar crew line-up when he took over as Driver in Season 2.

The France SailGP Team, known as Les Bleus, is known for executing stellar starts and excelling in wild and windy conditions. The team holds the SailGP racing speed record of 99.94 km/h in Saint Tropez, Season 4.

The team races for France, honoring her proud racing past, and shaping the future through "le bien-vivre" and practical problem-solving. Allez Les Bleus!

TEAM PROFILES

Emirates
GBR 
SAILGP TEAM

GBR

CREW

Dylan Fletcher
Driver

Iain Jensen
Wing Trimmer

Luke Parkinson
Flight Controller

Neil Hunter
Grinder

Nick Hutton
Grinder

Ben Cornish
Reserve

Hannah Mills
Strategist/Grinder

Ellie Aldridge
Reserve Strategist

Robert Wilson
Coach



TEAM BIO

The Emirates Great Britain SailGP Team was a formidable force both on and off the water last season, with the team winning three events and the Impact League. The British team, whose CEO is the most successful Olympic sailor of all time Sir Ben Ainslie, aims to build on that success in the 2025 Season. Driving the Team's F50 race boat is Olympic gold medallist, former Moth World Champion and America's Cup Helm, Dylan Fletcher. The crew alongside Fletcher features sailing's top talent, including Olympic gold medallists Hannah Mills and Iain Jensen and America's Cup athletes Neil Hunter, Nick Hutton, Luke Parkinson and Ben Cornish. Kai Hockley, an

18-year-old from Tottenham, London, completes the squad as a development sailor. Emirates GBR's victory in the Impact League last season was testament to the team's dedication to climate education, sustainability and inclusivity with its partners the 1851 Trust, Low Carbon and Athena Pathway.

 **GER** 
SAILGP TEAM


GER

CREW

Erik Heil
Driver

Stuart Bithell
Wing Trimmer

James Wierzbowski
Flight Controller

Jonathan Knottnerus-Meyer
Grinder

Felix van der Hövel
Grinder

Will Tiller
Grinder

Anna Barth
Strategist

Lennart Briesenick
Coach

Jacopo Plazzi
Coach



TEAM BIO

At the start of the fourth SailGP season off Chicago on June 16 and 17, a German SailGP team will also be present. Inspired by entrepreneur and investor Thomas Riedel and four-time Formula 1 World Champion and co-investor Sebastian Vettel, skipper Erik Heil will drive the high-speed races on F50 catamarans. These will take place on iconic SailGP venues around the world. At a panel talk during SPOBIS 2023 in Düsseldorf, the team introduced themselves and presented their ambitious goals for the upcoming season.

A willingness to work hard, an interest in the latest technology, a passion for high-performance sports and the the purpose-driven global championship SailGP have brought Riedel, Vettel and Heil into one boat for the

joint campaign. All three are attracted by the high-tech competition of SailGP. All three appreciate the concept of the racing series.

Initially in parallel and then side by side, Riedel and Heil had worked on the now upcoming premiere for the SailGP Team Germany. Thomas Riedel is a global player with Riedel Communications and other companies. 1,000 employees develop and distribute intercom systems and media networks for signal transmission of video, audio and data.

In addition to successful sailors, Riedel also brought Sebastian Vettel on board as a trusted partner and knowledgeable technology expert.

TEAM PROFILES



ITA

CREW

Ruggero Tita
Driver

Andrea Tesei
Flight Controller

Kyle Langford
Wing Trimmer

Enrico Voltolini
Grinder

Brad Farrand
Grinder

Alex Sinclair
Grinder

Julia Gross
Strategist

Philippe Presti
Coach



TEAM BIO

Red Bull Italy SailGP Team is Italy's long-awaited entry into SailGP, the pinnacle of high-performance sail racing. Led by CEO & Founder Jimmy Spithill, a SailGP favorite and America's Cup champion, and driven by Italy's double Olympic gold medalist Ruggero Tita, the team brings world-class experience and rising talent to the SailGP circuit.

Joining forces with Red Bull, one of the world's most recognizable sports brands, the team is set to inspire fans across Italy and beyond as they compete in SailGP's groundbreaking format of fast-paced, F50 catamaran racing. Learn more about the team here.

**BLACK
FOILS**
SAILGP TEAM

NZL

CREW

Peter Burling
Driver

Blair Tuke
Wing Trimmer

Leo Takahashi
Flight Controller

Sam Meech
Grinder

Louis Sinclair
Grinder

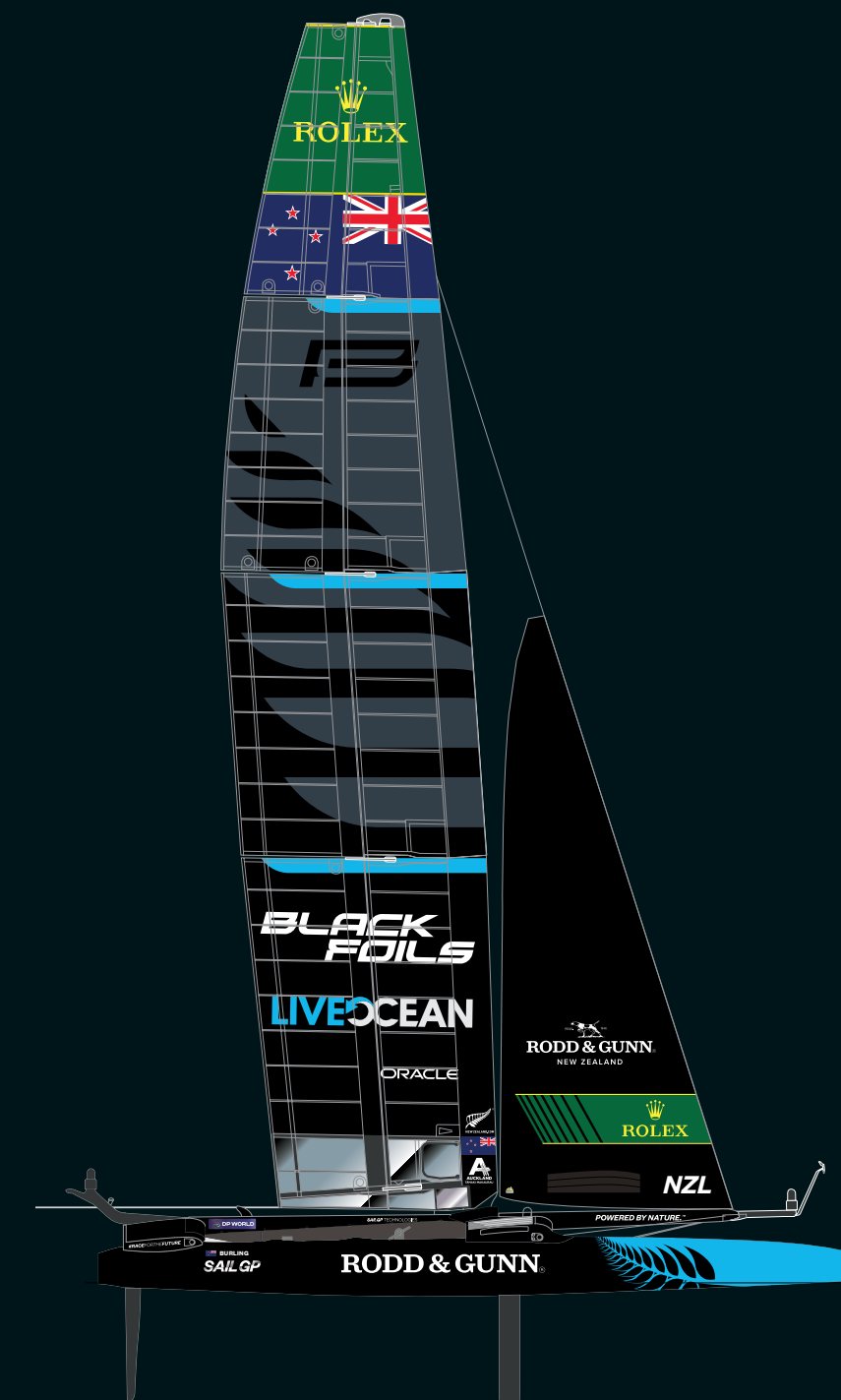
Marcus Hansen
Grinder

Jo Aleh
Reserve

Finn Henry
Reserve

Liv Mackay
Strategist

David Slyfield
Coach



TEAM BIO

The New Zealand SailGP Team is led by one of the sport's best-known duos - driver Peter Burling, and his co-CEO Blair Tuke, wing trimmer for the team. Partners on the water since 2008, Burling and Tuke have made history together with two America's Cup wins (2017, 2021) and three Olympic Games in the 49er, which included a gold in Rio in 2016 and two silver medals (London 2012, Tokyo 2020).

After a challenging debut season, New Zealand found their form in Season 3, climbing the leaderboard to finish second overall after a gut wrenching loss to Australia in the season grand final race. The Kiwis won more fleet races (16) than any other team in Season 3, claiming three event wins across the season. "For us Season 2 was a tricky season, a season of learning. We enjoyed

being the new kids on the block, but that's over now," Burling said.

The New Zealand SailGP Team brings to SailGP an impressive range of skills, with extensive experience in foiling high-tech boats; as well as world class high performance sailing campaigns across 49er, Nacra, and Finn Olympic classes and round the world editions.

The team also includes strategists, Liv Mackay and three-time Olympian Jo Aleh.

Out to win on and for the ocean, the New Zealand SailGP Team races for purpose with its charity partner Live Ocean, founded by Burling and Tuke. New Zealand won the inaugural Impact League in Season 2, claiming a second-place finish in Season 3.

TEAM PROFILES



SUI

CREW

Sébastien Schneider
Driver

Arnaud Psarofaghis
Wing Trimmer

Bryan Mettraux
Flight Controller

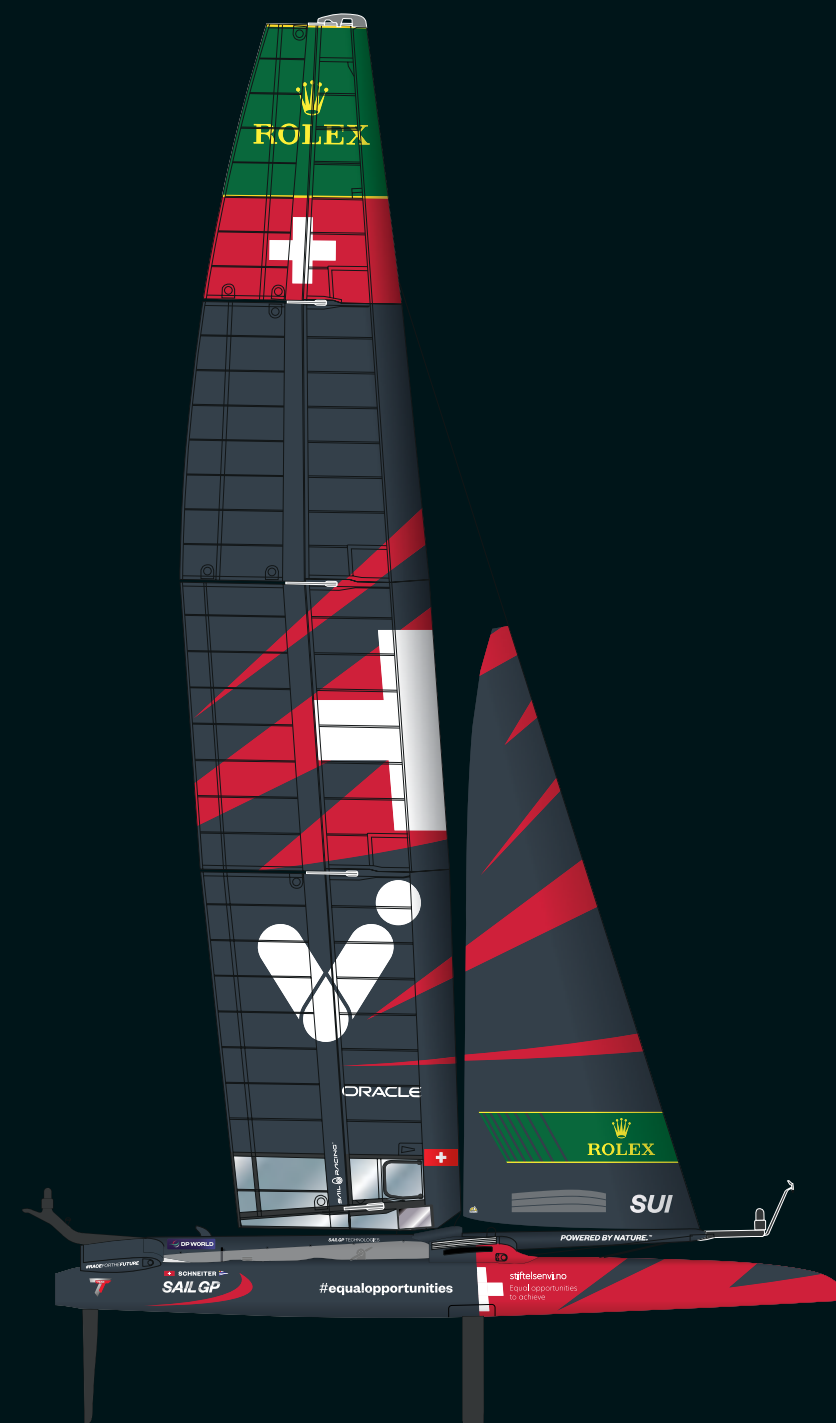
Stewart Dodson
Grinder

Matt Gortel
Grinder

Anno de Planta
Grinder

Maud Jayet
Strategist

Javi Torres
Coach



TEAM BIO

Switzerland heads into its third season with a refreshed line-up and new mindset, bringing together a crew of seasoned Olympians, America's Cup veterans and past SailGP winners. Sébastien Schneider retains his role as driver and racing alongside him are some of Switzerland's top sailors; new Wing Trimmer and Flight Controller, Arnaud Psarofaghis and Bryan Mettraux, respectively, and two-time Olympian, Maud Jayet, who will serve as the team's Strategist). Olympic gold medalist Matt Gotrel and Season 4 winner Stewart Dodson complete the line-up as grinders with reserve athletes Arno de Planta (SUI pathway) and Strategist Laurane Mettraux supporting a deep and motivated crew



USA

CREW

Taylor Canfield
Driver

Jeremy Wilmot
Wing Trimmer

Hans Henkel
Flight Controller

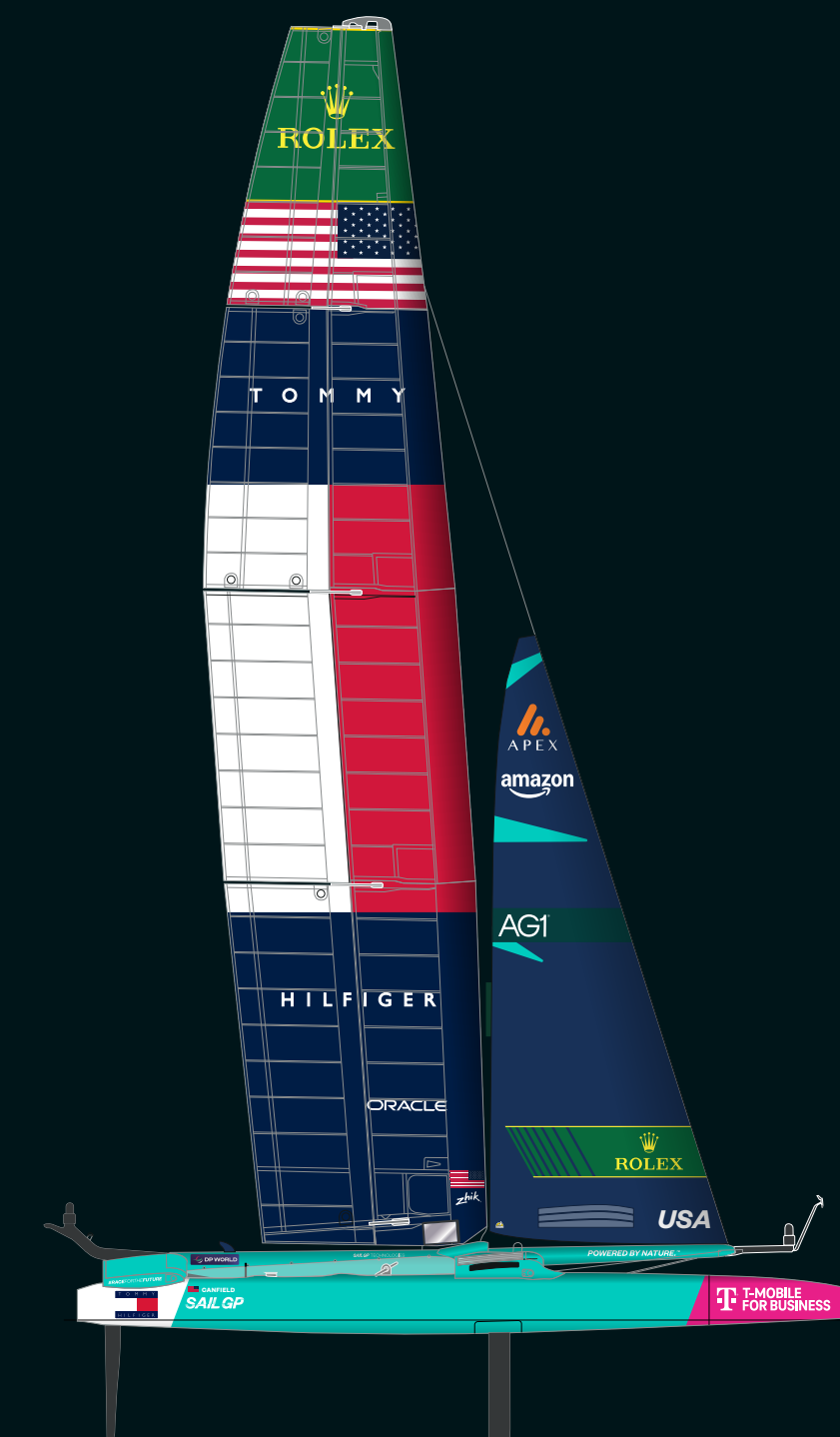
Anna Weis
Grinder

Peter Kinney
Grinder

Mac Agnese
Grinder

Mike Buckley
Strategist

Evan Aras
Coach



TEAM BIO

Energized by prestigious new owners and investors across U.S. professional sports, entertainment and technology, the U.S. SailGP Team is led by co-owners Ryan and Margaret McKillen and two-time world champion Mike Buckley. Seven-time world champion Taylor Canfield is the driver, and the U.S. team has an All-American roster of talented athletes including Wing Trimmer Jeremy Wilmot and Strategist Anna Weis. Coming in midway through last season put this team in catch-up mode. But with a full off-season of physical training and simulator time, the American squad has high expectations for the 2025 season.

F50 CATAMARAN

The F50 wingsailed catamaran is a revolutionary concept in sail racing, the culmination of 10 years of development in high-performance, foiling, multihull racing. It was created as a one-design class to provide each of SailGP's 12 national teams with identical cutting-edge technology, putting the race results directly upon the skill of the global championship's world-class athletes.

The F50 shares its DNA with the revolutionary catamarans used for the 35th America's Cup in 2017, but it has evolved considerably since. Powered by a modular wingsail with three sizes and flying above the water on hydrofoils, the F50 marks a huge step forward in the evolution of the sport. The France SailGP Team led by Quentin Delapierre holds the current F50 speed record of 99.94km/h, set at its home event, the Range Rover France Sail Grand Prix in Saint-Tropez in Season 3.

STRICT ONE-DESIGN DEVELOPMENT CLASS RULE

OVERALL LENGTH

15_m 49.2_{ft}

BEAM (WIDTH)

8.8_m 29_{ft}

STANDARD WING HEIGHT

24_m 78.7_{ft}

SAILING WEIGHT

2,400_{kg} 2.4_{tons}

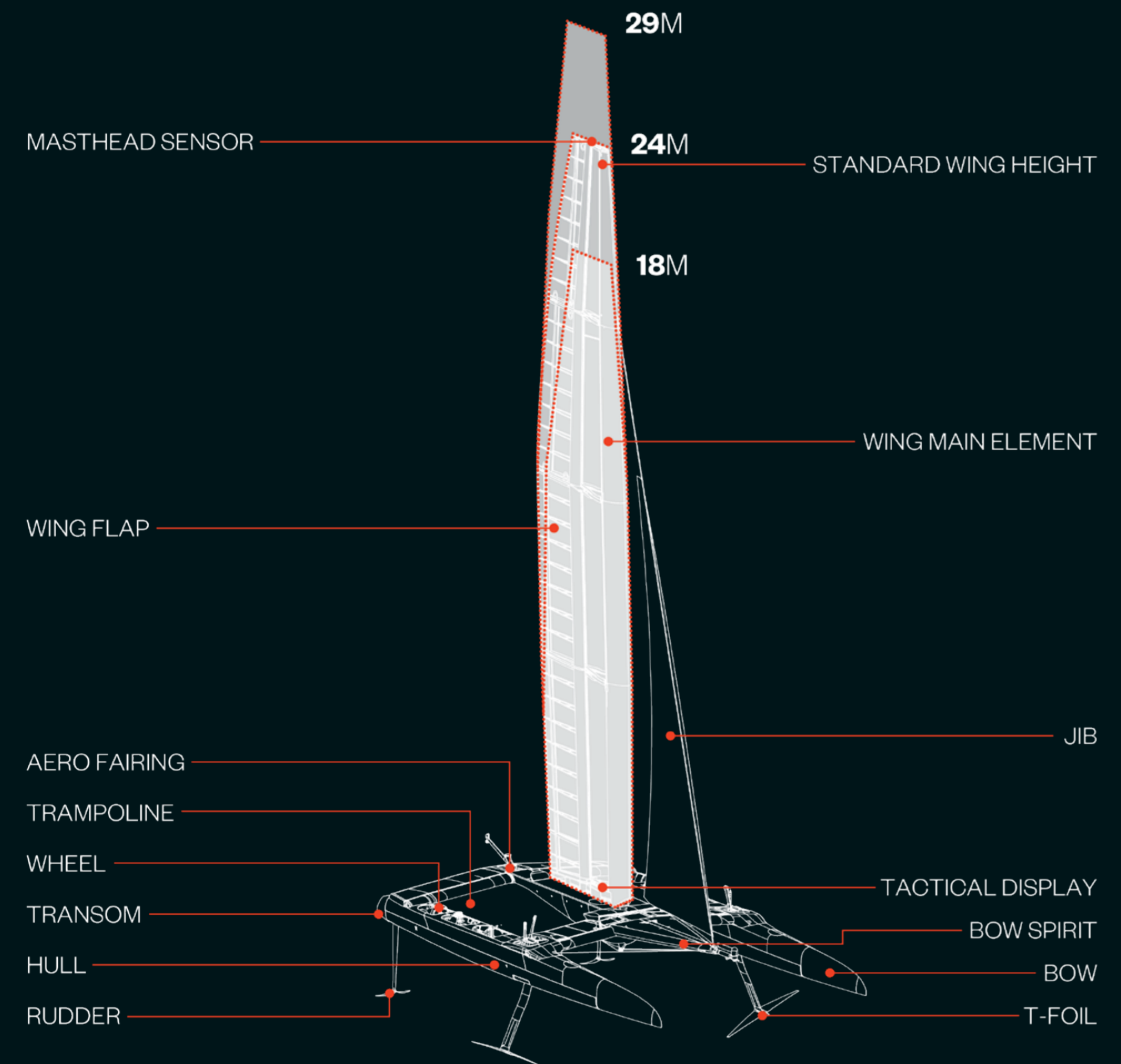
ESTIMATED TOP SPEED

100_{kph} 60_{mph}

CREW



1x HELM
1x FLIGHT CONTROLLER
1x WING TRIMMER
2X GRINDERS
1x STRATEGIST



RACE FORMAT & SCORING

NEW IN 2025 - POINTS SCORING:

With 12 national teams on the startline in January 2025, SailGP has confirmed a new scoring system, in which points will only be awarded to teams who finish 1-10 in both qualifying fleet races and the overall event results.

EVENT SCORING



SEASON SCORING

SAILGP UTILIZES SHORT-FORMAT, CLOSE-TO-SHORE STADIUM RACING TO MAXIMIZE IMPACT AND EXCITEMENT



IMPACT LEAGUE

Introducing the Impact League, SailGP's podium for the planet.

Running parallel to the Rolex SailGP Championship, the industry-pioneering competition rewards teams for taking action to protect the planet and make sailing more inclusive.

Teams go head-to-head, collaborating with their not-for-profit Purpose Partners to demonstrate the power of sport to address some of the most pressing challenges of our time.

Teams are scored across the season in two ways:

- Meeting operational baseline targets at every race event ("Business As Usual") Submitting up to four high-impact projects across the season, which are evaluated by a panel of expert guest judges (what we call "Focus Areas")
- Four high-impact projects across the season, evaluated by a panel of expert guest judges ("Focus Areas")

The four Focus Area challenges for 2025 are:

- **The Race to Zero Waste**, addressing waste and circular economy challenges
- **Accelerating Inclusion**, advancing diversity and equity in sailing
- **Climate Action**, tackling climate mitigation and adaptation
- **Breaking Boundaries**, driving gender equity on and off the water

Mubadala Brazil SailGP Team have secured the top spot for the first Focus Area of 2025 with 4,200 kg beach clean up of Pombeba Island in Guanabara Bay, Rio de Janeiro.

Emirates Great Britain SailGP Team have won the second key Focus Area by extending Kai Hockley's role into a professional full-time position for 2026 and have provided 350+ on-water training hours, including F50 training. They also formalized and expanded their Young Development Sailor programme for inner-city youth.

SAILGP
IMPACT LEAGUE

SAILGP INSIGHTS

SAILGP INSIGHTS

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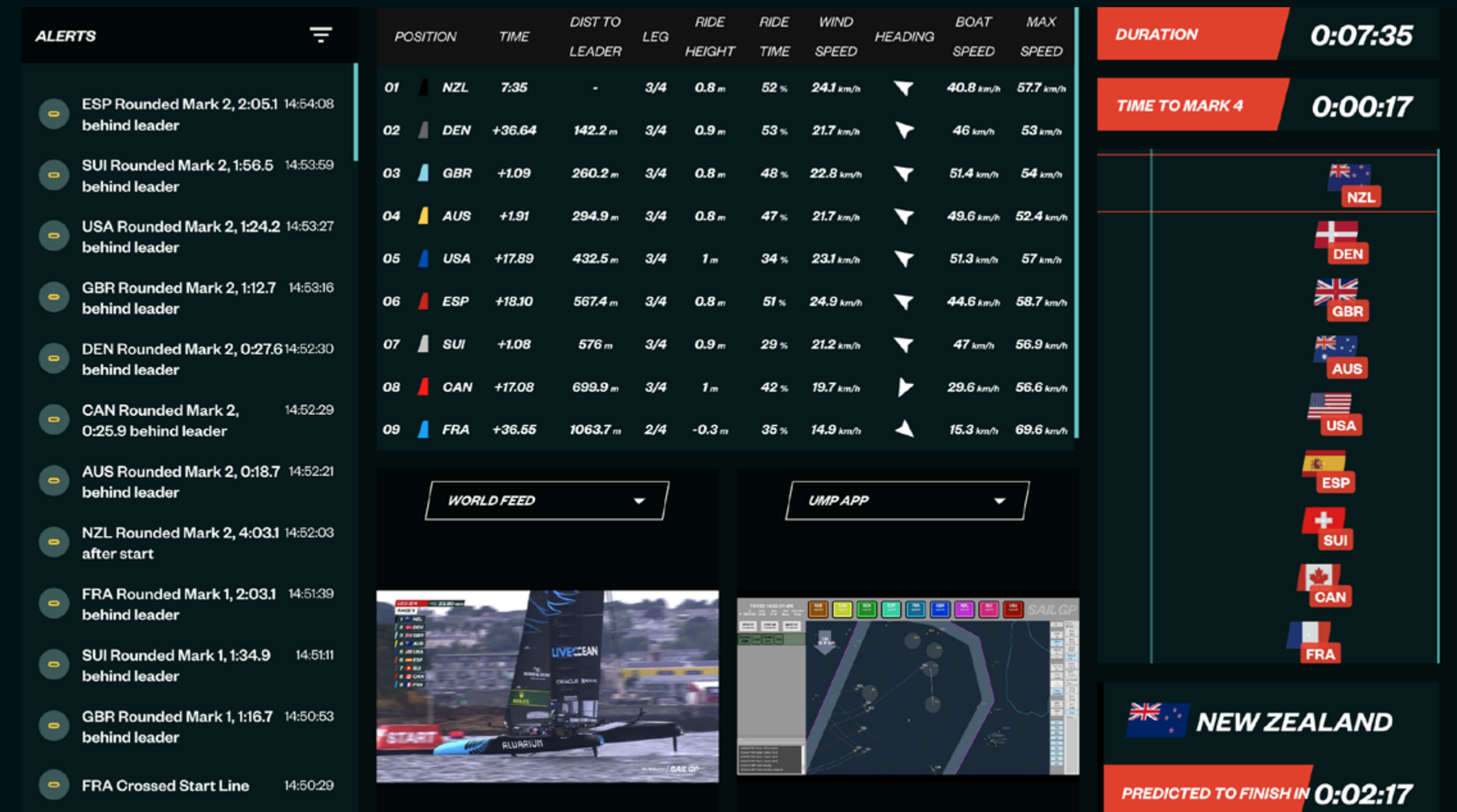
SailGP Insights perfectly complements SailGP's broadcast partners' coverage, enabling fans to access in-depth information about the world's most exciting racing on-water, while watching the live event feed.

Every second of every race of each SailGP event will be tracked by SailGP Insights, and fans can follow all ten teams on the dashboard to discover and understand key in-race statistics and incidents, with all the data pulled from the boats in real-time.

SailGP Insights is powered by Oracle Cloud Infrastructure (OCI), delivering real-time data to fans worldwide – as well as the ten teams themselves and SailGP's broadcast partners.

With over 35,000 data points coming out of an F50, there will truly be something for everyone on SailGP Insights, from the typical race information on a boat's position, time and current leg, to more in depth technical data to enable fans to get true insights on what it takes to compete at the highest level and the complexities of the hydrofoiling F50.

Additionally, information on ride height and ride time – key indicators of how well the F50s are being sailed by SailGP's world-class athletes – will also be available, as well as the current boat speed in real-time and the maximum speed of each boat during a specific race. The direction of each boat and the live wind speed are also shown on the dashboard. Away from the specific boat data, fans will also be provided with alerts of key race incidents. From Season 3, SailGP Insights will also display wingsail data, rudder differential data and foil pitch movement.



Warren Jones, Chief Technology Officer at SailGP, explains: "With the power of Oracle Cloud Infrastructure and particularly Oracle Stream Analytics, SailGP can stream millions of real-time data requests from each F50 and create insights that give a perspective of the data a SailGP team would be using."

SailGP Insights powered by Oracle Cloud can be accessed at [SailGPInsights.com](https://sailgpinsights.com)

TERMINOLOGY

AFT

Towards the rear of the boat.

BOUNDARY

The edge of the official race course. Sailing across the boundary will result in a penalty.

BOW

Front of the hulls.

CAMBER

The asymmetry between the two acting surfaces of an aerofoil which determines the amount of lift produced.

CAPSIZE

When a boat is turned over on its side or upside down.

CATAMARAN

A boat that has two parallel hulls of equal size which gives a boat more stability.

DIALING DOWN

Dialing down usually happens when two boats come together on the race course – the idea is to force the opponent downwind, driving them away from where they want to be.

DIALING UP

Dialing up is mostly a starting tactic. One boat forces their competitor uncomfortably far up wind, which de-powers the boat and leaves them at a disadvantage.

FLEET RACING

All teams compete on the same race course at the same time.

FLY TIME

The amount of time a boat spends foiling, with 100 percent being the holy grail around the race course. If this is achieved, the boat's hull never touches the water.

FOILS

Right angled carbon fiber daggerboard which lifts the boat out of the water as speed builds, reducing drag of the hulls and helping the boat to achieve high speeds.

HULL

The main body of the boat, joined by cross-beams and a 'trampoline' platform.

HUNTING

When two boats are converging, but instead of holding course the starboard tack boat changes course directly towards the port tack boat forcing them to take action to avoid collision. This aggressive tactic is predominantly a match racing strategy.

JIBE

A maneuver to change course when a boat is sailing away from the wind (downwind). A boat turns its stern through the wind so that the wind direction changes from one side of the boat to the other.

LAYLINE

The angle required in order for the boat to successfully reach and go around a course mark.

ONE AND IN

Refers to the fact that a boat only has to make one more maneuver (tack/jibe) in order to make the next mark.

PITCH POLE

When a boat capsizes stern over bow. It is usually the result of being extremely overpowered.

PRESSURE

Areas on the race course where there is more wind.

PRE-START

A crucial part of the race where boats use the racing rules and tactics to jockey for position and attempt to win the start, giving them an immediate advantage in the race.

RUDDER

Used to steer the boat. The F50 rudders have T-foils that raise the back end of the boat. This ensures that the boat flies parallel to the water's surface, increasing stability.

SAILING HIGHER

Heading farther up towards the wind direction so shortening the distance between the boat and the mark.

SPEED BUILD

When a boat sails more off the wind than it should in order to build speed. Something that is critical to make sure the boat gets up on the foils.

TACK

A maneuver to change course. As a sailing boat can't proceed directly into the wind, the bow of the boat is turned through the wind so that the wind changes from one side of the boat to the other. A boat on port tack (where the wind is blowing from the left hand side of the boat) must avoid a boat on starboard tack.

TRANSOM

The rear of the hulls.

WINGWASH

The boat that is sailing closer to the wind creates a shadow over the other boats, disturbing the quality of the wind and slowing the other boats down.

WINGSAIL

A rigid, aerodynamic structure similar to an aircraft wing, fixed vertically to the boat to provide thrust.

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Russell Coutts
Chief Executive Officer

In partnership with Oracle Founder Larry Ellison, Sir Russell Coutts founded SailGP in 2018, the world's most exciting racing on water, taking the position of Chief Executive Officer to lead and establish the global championship.

Taking an interest in sailing from a young age, Russells extensive sailing career has spanned all areas of the sport. He has won the America's Cup five times, including three times as skipper (1995, 2000, 2003) and twice as CEO (2010, 2013). His three undefeated campaigns (14-0) make him the most successful America's Cup helmsman in the 167-year history of the event.

Coutts is also an Olympic champion (1984), 12-time world champion and two-time World Sailor of the Year. He became a Member of the Order of the British Empire in 1985, Commander of the Order of the British Empire in 1995 and a Knight Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2009.

He is the founder of the Russell Coutts Sailing Foundation aimed at introducing youth to the joys of the sport and to help each participant grow in character and personal confidence. The Foundation's training programs incorporate the coaching of sailing skills, as well as providing opportunities for non-competitive fun events on the water and social events off the water, for both the sailors and their families.



Andrew Thompson
Managing Director

Andrew Thompson is a key business leader behind the global championship SailGP, the world's most exciting racing on water. Thompson oversees the overall commercial, events and marketing strategy as well as the business operations and the league's twelve international teams. He has been instrumental in building one of the world's fastest growing sport and entertainment properties with technology and sustainability at its core.

He joined SailGP at its inception in 2018 as Chief Financial Officer, working for five-time America's Cup winner Sir Russell Coutts and owner Larry Ellison, founder of Oracle. Over the last five years, Thompson has led the business planning and the running of the day-to-day operations of SailGP. He was promoted to Chief Commercial Officer in 2019 and in 2023, he was named SailGP's first Managing Director.

Prior to SailGP, in early 2016 Andrew took on the position of Chief Financial Officer of the America's Cup Event Authority, where he played an integral part of the management team to deliver within budget a successful 35th America's Cup in a commercially sustainable way.

Thompson also held the title of Finance Director for the Perform Group (now known as DAZN), where he helped establish the business in North America for just under three years and in 2012, he was a senior member of the finance team that planned and delivered the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games within budget.

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Leah Davis
Chief Marketing Officer

Leah Davis joined the SailGP ranks in 2023 as the league's Chief Marketing Officer and is responsible for driving the league's global marketing strategy, focusing on brand development, fan engagement, and communications & PR, working closely with each of the SailGP teams in twelve international markets.

Prior to SailGP, Davis led the brand transformation and marketing strategy for Team GB through the London 2012 and Rio 2016 Olympic cycles which resulted in a 98% brand awareness in the UK. She also established a successful consulting business in 2020 with a number of high-profile retained sporting clients. Davis has also previously led the Media and Communication for Laureus World Sports Awards (+32% global audience and x7 social engagement YoY).

Davis holds a degree in Business, Masters in Marketing Strategy and recently completed a Sustainable Business Strategy course at Harvard Business School, driven from a key in how sustainability can deliver both purpose and profit in today's world.

She has also been recognised for her contribution to the marketing industry with a number of nominations, most notably, Marketing Leader of the Year (Marketing Society), Marketer of the Year (The Drum) & Campaign Power 100.



Fiona Morgan
Chief Purpose Officer

Holding the first ever Chief Purpose Officer title in global sport and entertainment, Fiona joined SailGP in 2020, to establish the world-recognised, and award-winning, Impact League - sport's first Podium for the Planet.

A dynamic, industry-leading Boardroom NED and advisor, with unstoppable energy to drive impactful change alongside business growth. Fiona has over 20 years' experience impact to shape some of the world's most high-profile sports brands and organisations - from London 2012, Westfield, SAP, Omnicom and IMG, through to athletes such as Lewis Hamilton, David Beckham and Chris Evert. She is the pioneer behind recent initiatives across Sky's corporate and social purpose team, with campaigns such as Sky Cycling/Team Sky and Sky Ocean Rescue - reaching over 50 million people across Europe.

A passionate advocate for using sport as a platform for good - and igniting this passion in others - Fiona is a proud ambassador for Meaningful Business, a non-exec board member at Manchester Originals Hundred team, a member of the British Paralympic Association Social Impact Committee and a founding member of Sports Pro New Era female sports mentoring program.

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Julien di Biase
Chief Operating Officer

As the Chief Operating Officer of SailGP, the world's most exciting racing on water, Julien di Biase is responsible for overseeing and managing the operations and logistics of one of the world's fastest growing sport and entertainment properties. This ranges from managing global timelines to working with major partners in order to deliver fourteen world-class events throughout the season.

His responsibilities include managing budgets, recruitment of top event professionals, creating and delivering winning projects from scratch, and including sustainable business practices for participants, host cities, commercial partners, media partners and local communities across the globe. di Biase thrives in a fast-paced, dynamic environment and as a high-level project manager, he builds and runs successful programs, by creating and maintaining strong relationships to deliver beyond the event itself.

Prior to SailGP, di Biase was the Event Director for America's Cup, and was responsible for strategic planning and operational delivery of the 34th America's Cup. During his time there, working sustainably was paramount and he led on the 34th America's Cup being a catalyst for "Endeavour", a community STEM program still active today, the creation of Joint Agency Command & Control processes (incident management) and new infrastructure for the island's long term use.

He executed multiple roles over the course of his seven years at BMW Oracle Racing where he began as their team sailing manager and quickly became their Head of Logistics & Facilities, overseeing the setup of new facilities in San Francisco and relocation of the design, build and sailing from Spain to the USA.



Ben Johnson
Chief Revenue Officer

Ben Johnson, SailGP's Chief Revenue Officer, joined SailGP in 2021 as SVP, Strategy and Commercial Development, driving commercial growth and revenue across the business including a focus on strategic partnerships sales, media and marketing, and league expansion from the New York City SailGP office.

Prior to SailGP, Johnson worked at Drone Racing League (DRL) where he served as the SVP, Head of International focused on global expansion. During his tenure at DRL he led the Marketing and Revenue teams, growing the league to more than 40 global events (including NYC, Singapore, Saudi Arabia, Munich, Las Vegas and Miami), 20+ global broadcast and streaming partners (NBC, ESPN, Fox, Sky, BeIN etc.) and more than 600m global viewers.

He also managed strategic investments from Sky, ProSieben, MGM and Allianz, and commercial brand deals valued at more than \$160m with Allianz, Lockheed Martin, T-Mobile, BMW, Amazon, USAF, and DraftKings. Johnson also previously served as the Senior Director, Global Brand Marketing at Tough Mudder where he led global marketing and brand campaigns which were key in helping grow the series to more than 80 global events and more than \$100m in annual revenue.

Johnson has agency experience as well having worked at Weber Shandwick and Edelman after graduating from the University of Colorado at Boulder with a Bachelor of Arts in Communications and Media Studies.

OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM



Melissa Lawton
Chief Content Officer

Melissa Lawton is Chief Content Officer at SailGP and heads the league's global production strategy to create a breakthrough grand prix racing product in SailGP. From broadcast production to social media content creation and non-live content creation including SailGP's docu-series *Racing on the Edge*, Lawton has played an integral role in bringing the world's most exciting race on water closer to fans than ever before.

Prior to SailGP, Lawton was the Head of Production at Meta for just over four years. She was also previously Head of Live Content for Red Bull TV for five years. Her career has included long-term production roles at events such as the Beijing and Sydney Olympics, FIFA World Cup in Korea/Japan, and the Commonwealth Games in India.

A trailblazer for women in sports broadcasting, Lawton has had to forge her own path throughout her career, gravitating naturally towards companies like SailGP that are unafraid of disrupting the status quo and thinking about the industry in a different way.

Lawton also believes in developing a content strategy that is both sustainable and responsible to act as a blueprint for other leagues and organisations to follow. Lawton is on the board of Great Britain Basketball and the Women's National Football Conference in the US. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, and a Master of Arts in International Relations and Affairs from the University of New South Wales.



Charlie Dewhurst
Chief Commercial Officer

Charlie Dewhurst is the Chief Commercial Officer at SailGP, where he has been driving transformative growth and industry-shaping partnerships since joining the global sailing championship in January 2020. With a focus on developing an innovative and insight-led approach, Charlie has been instrumental in establishing groundbreaking partnerships that fuel SailGP's expansion.

Before joining SailGP, Charlie built a strong foundation in commercial and business strategy across the sports industry. He began his career as a strategy consultant at Accenture before moving to Portas Consulting, where he advised top-tier sports organizations on optimizing commercial outcomes and shaping strategic initiatives. His expertise culminated in his role with the ICC, where he played a pivotal role in developing the strategy for the 2019 Cricket World Cup.

Charlie's academic achievements include an MPhil from Cambridge University and a top-ranked finish in the 2016 ESA Diploma program. His commitment to leadership and excellence in the field is recognized across the industry, and he actively engages in initiatives aimed at elevating SailGP's profile as a top-tier rights holder. His aspirations for SailGP center around continued commercial growth, producing iconic events, and positioning the championship as a leader in sustainability, technology, and sport.

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