

MEDIA GUIDE



SAILGP 2025 SEASON
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WELCOME TO THE 2025 SEASON



WELCOME TO THE ROLEX SAILGP 2025 SEASON CHAMPIONSHIP

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 an expanded calendar, 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. Our expanded calendar will introduce the 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 THE ROLEX SAILGP CHAMPIONSHIP?

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\$12.8 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.

Racing for a better sport and better planet, purpose is integral to SailGP's DNA, leading change in the sports and entertainment industry.



ITM NEW ZEALAND SAIL GRAND PRIX / AUCKLAND

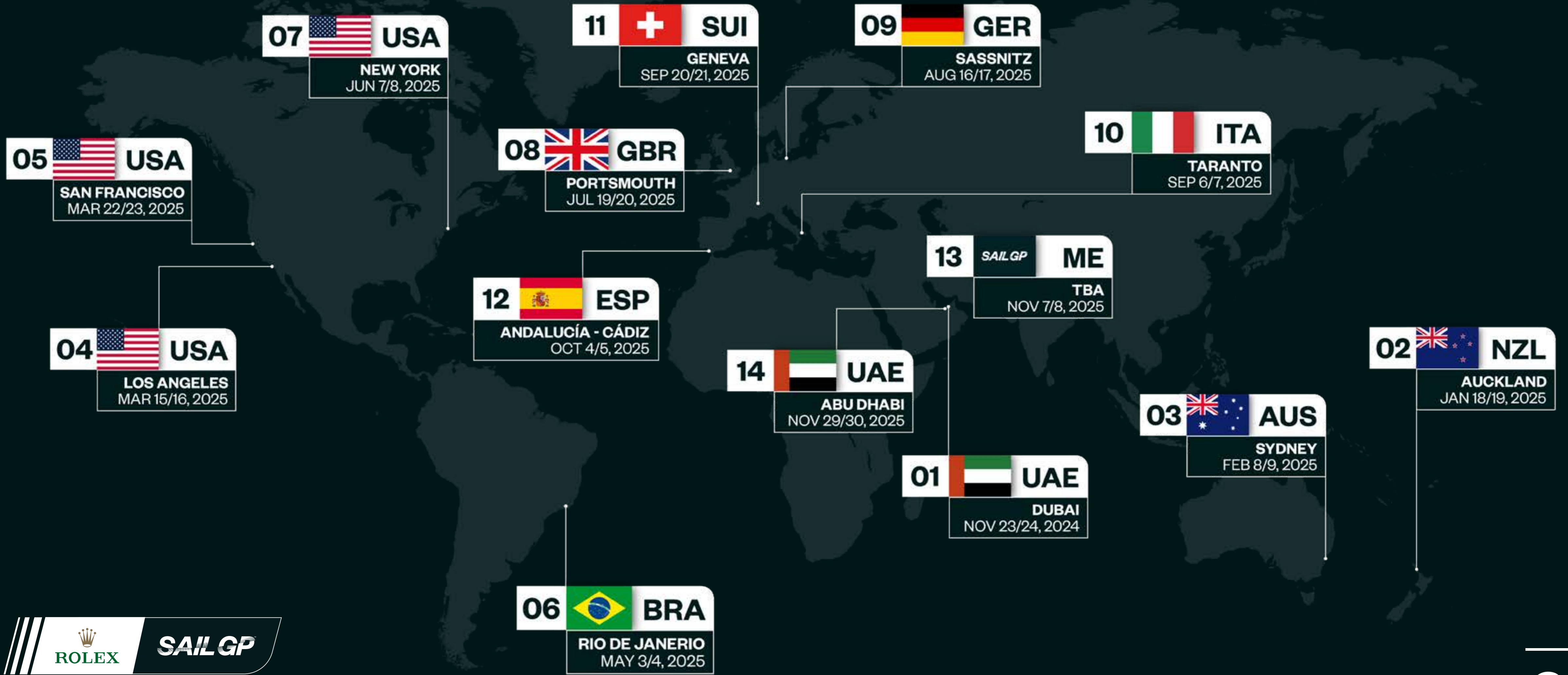
The City of Sails' long-awaited SailGP debut promises high-octane racing action in front of some of the world's most passionate fans this weekend on 18-19 January.

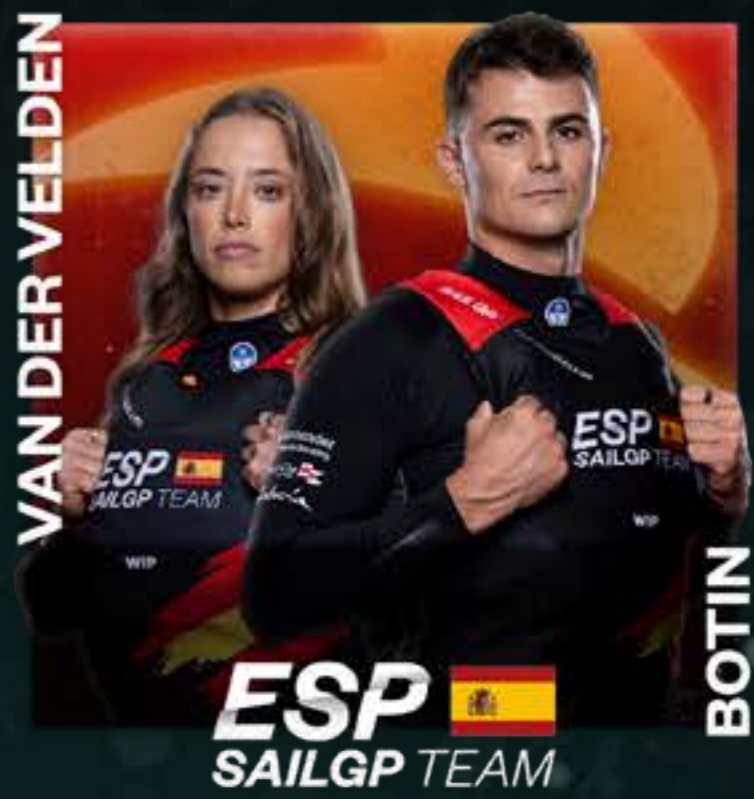
Coming off of a 2025 Season-opener win at the Emirates Dubai Sail Grand Prix, presented by P&O Marinas in late November, Peter Burling's home team The Black Foils sit on top of the leaderboard and are spearheading the charge against the F50 fleet on home waters.

With the perfectly positioned Waitematā Harbour racecourse just minutes from downtown Auckland, thousands of fans will join the choir of cheers when the world famous F50 fleet races for the first time in the iconic capital city of New Zealand.



2025 SEASON





WORLD'S BEST SAILORS



TEAM PROFILES

AUS
SAILGP TEAM

AUS

CREW

Tom Slingsby
CEO & Driver

Chris Draper
Wing Trimmer

Jason Waterhouse
Flight Controller

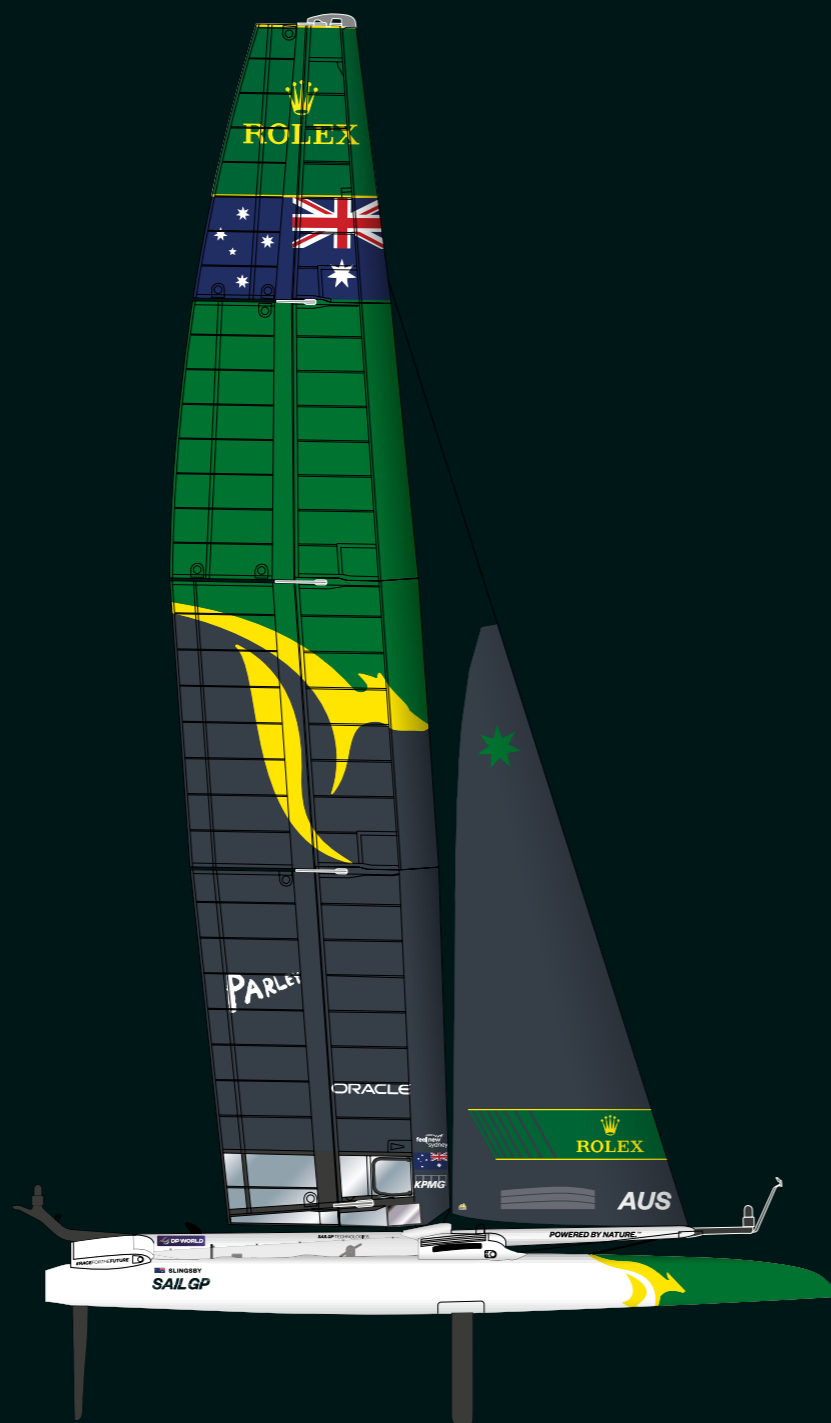
Kinley Fowler
Grinder

Sam Newton
Grinder

Jake Lilley
Reserve Sailor

Natasha Byrant
Strategist

Chris Nicholson
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

MUBADALA
BRA
SAILGP TEAM

BRA

CREW

Martine Grael
Driver

Leigh McMillan
Wing Trimmer

Andy Maloney
Flight Controller

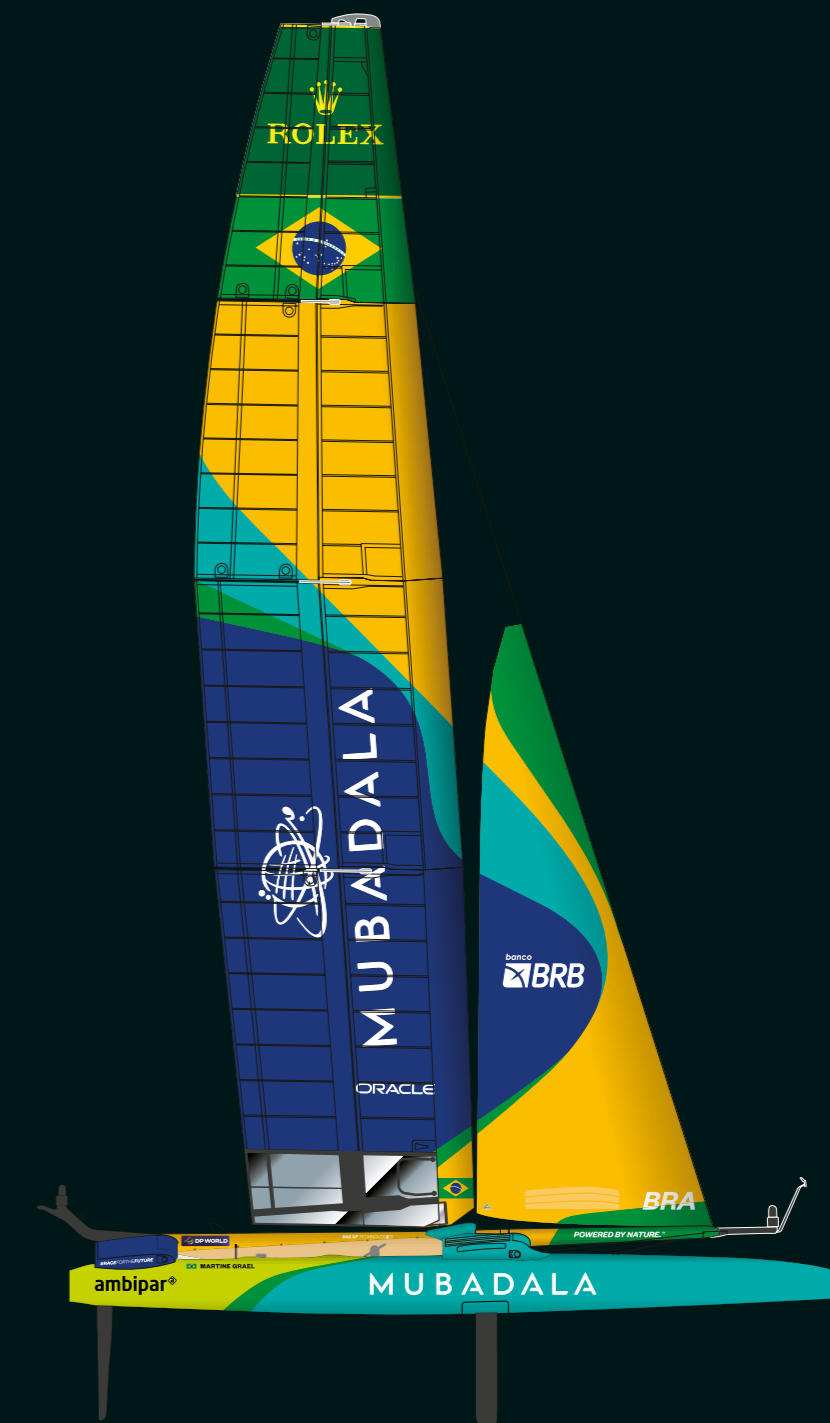
Marco Grael
Grinder

Mateus Isaac
Grinder

Kahena Kunze
Reserve

Richard Mason
Strategist

Emmett Lazich
Coach



TEAM BIO

The Mubadala Brazil SailGP Team will make its SailGP debut this season. 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 Grael, 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 Grael, 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

Jarrese Finch
Grinder

Tim Hornsby
Grinder

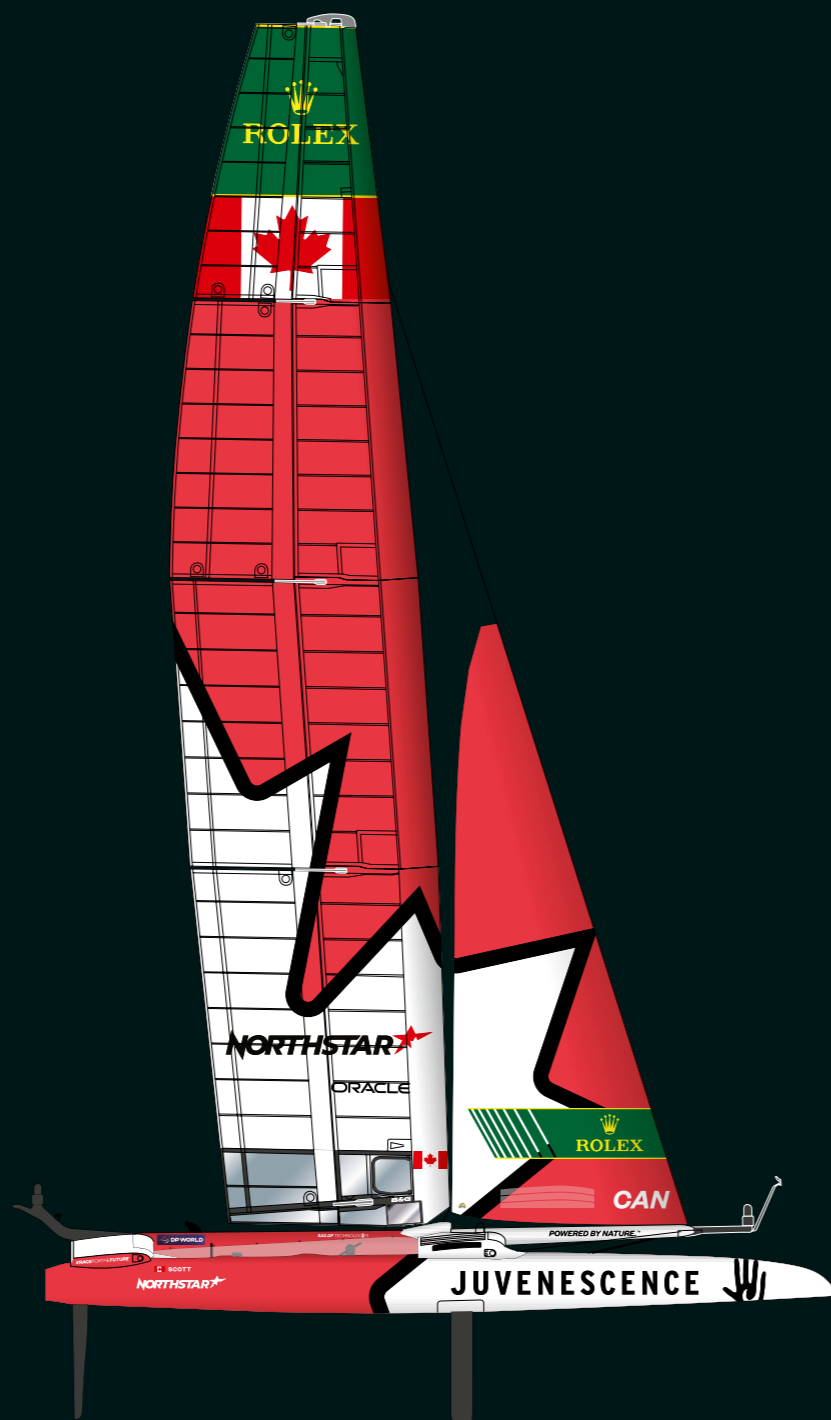
Tom Ramshaw
Grinder

Cooper Dressler
Grinder

Annie Haeger
Strategist

Georgia Lewin-Lafrance
Reserve Strategist

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, WCF 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
DEN +
SAILGP TEAM

DEN

CREW

Nicolai Sehested
Driver

Tom Johnson
Wing Trimmer

Rasmus Køstner
Flight Controller

Luke Payne
Grinder

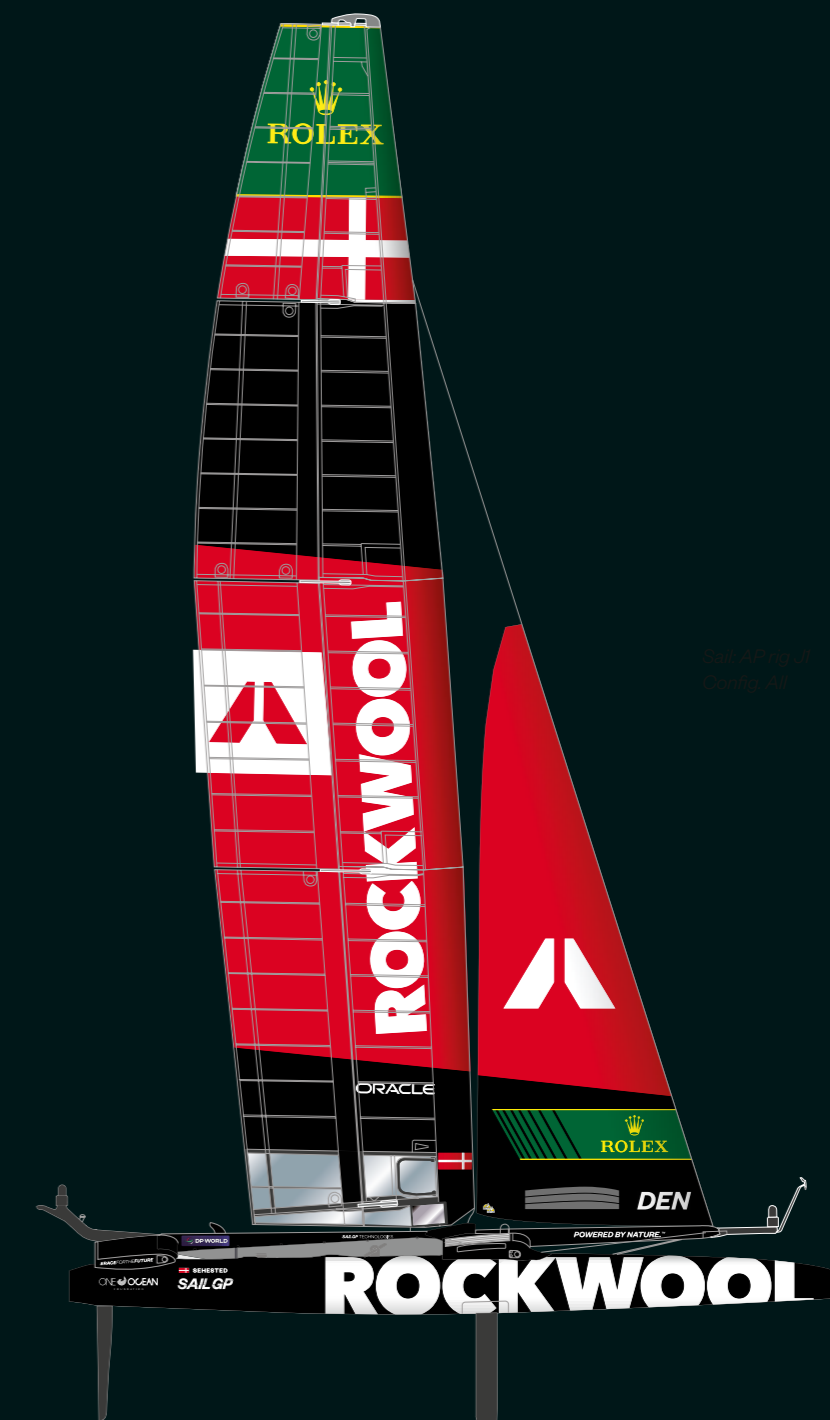
Julius Hallström
Grinder

Hans-Christian Rosendahl
Grinder

Ed Powys
Reserve

Katja Salskov-Iversen
Strategist

Francesco Bruni
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 
SAILGP TEAM

ESP

CREW

Diego Botin
Driver

Florian Trittel
Wing Trimmer

Joel Rodríguez
Flight Controller

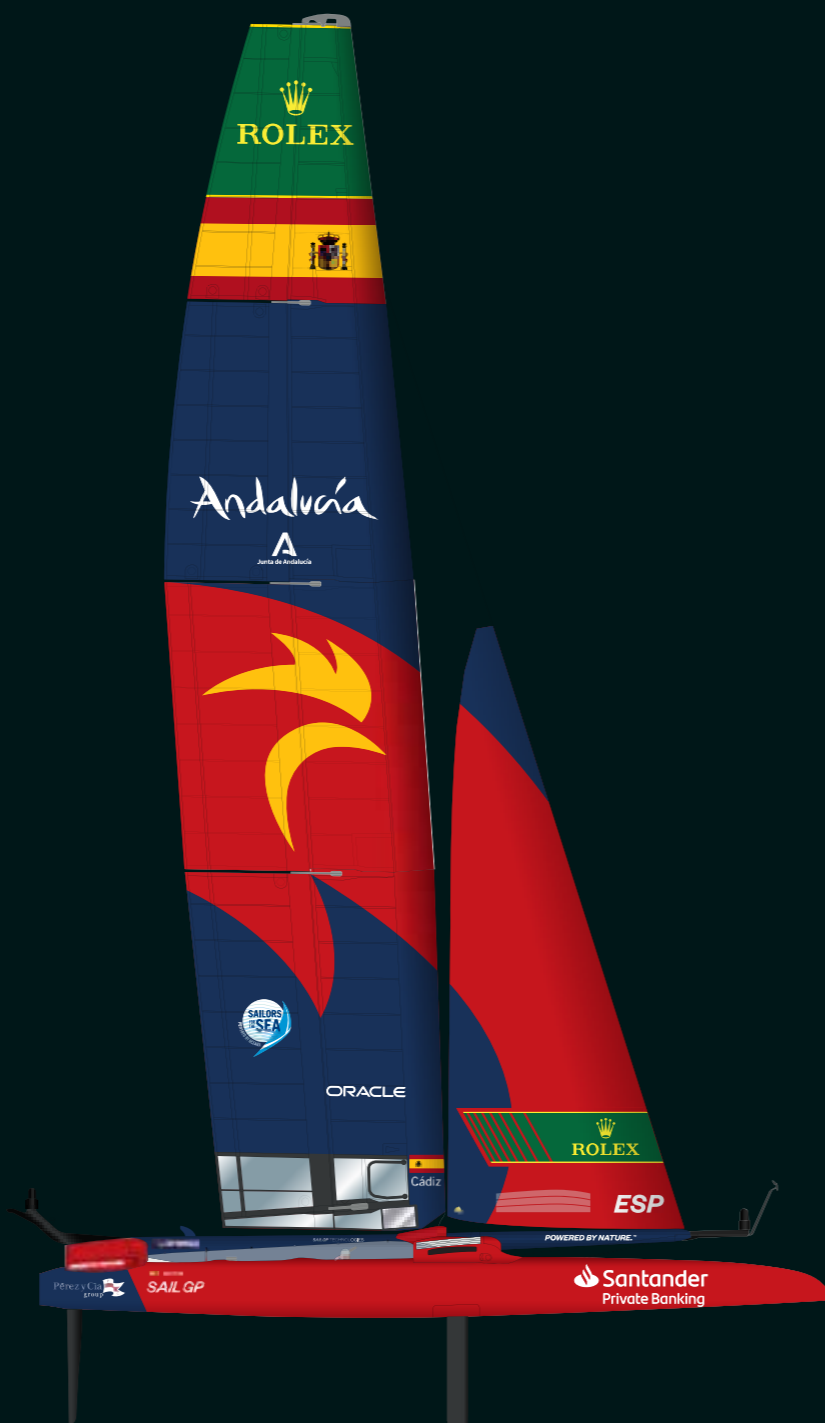
Joan Cardona
Tactician/Grinder

Bernardo Freitas
Grinder

Ben Cornish
Grinder

Nicole van der Velden
Strategist

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 
SAILGP TEAM

FRA

CREW

Quentin Delapierre
Driver

Jason Saunders
Flight Controller

Kevin Peponnet
Wing Trimmer

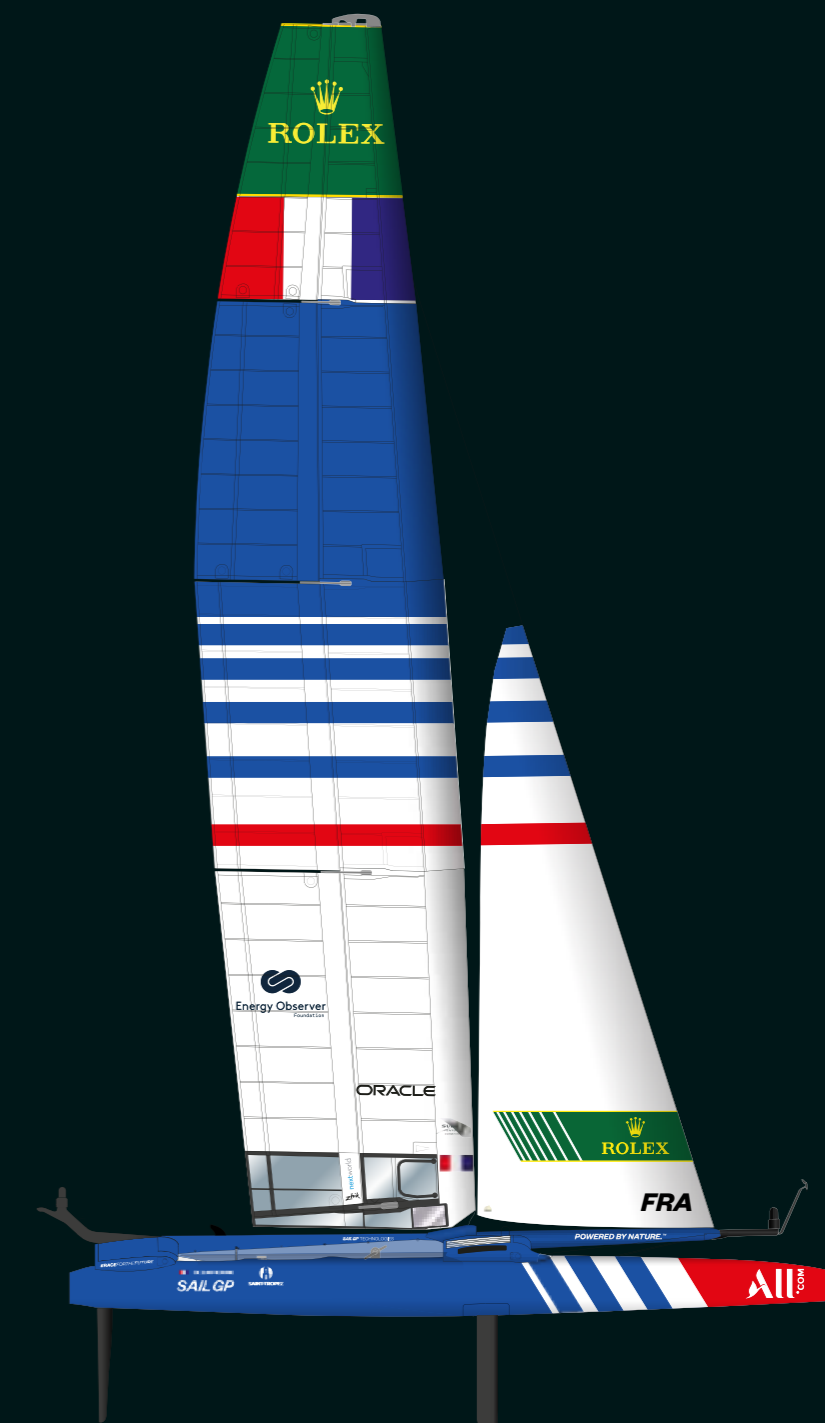
Matthieu Vandame
Grinder

Olivier Herlédant
Grinder

Timothe Lapauw
Grinder

Manon Audinet
Strategist

Thierry Douillard
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

Nick Robinson
Reserve

Hannah Mills
Strategist/Grinder

Kai Hockley
Development Sailor

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

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

Red Bull
ITA SAILGP TEAM

ITA

CREW

Ruggero Tita
Driver

Kyle Langford
Flight Controller

Andrea Tersei
Wing Trimmer

Enrico Voltolini
Grinder

Alex Sinclair
Grinder

Matteo Celon
Reserve

Guilia Fava
Strategist

Jimmy Spithill
Backup positions

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.

NZL
SAILGP TEAM

NZL

CREW

Peter Burling
Driver

Blair Tuke
Wing Trimmer

Leo Takahashi
Flight Controller

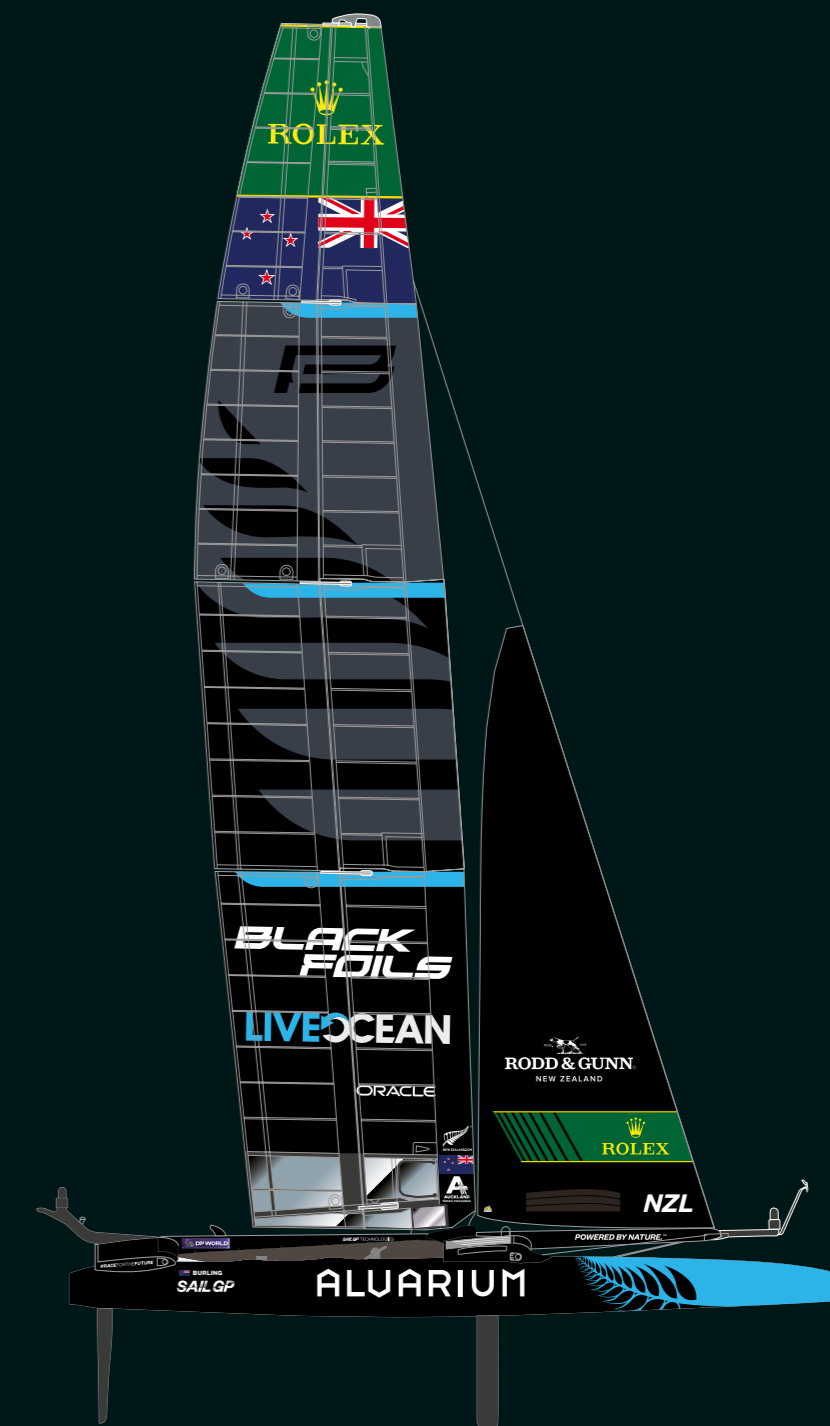
Sam Meech
Grinder

Louis Sinclair
Grinder

Marcus Hansen
Grinder

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 
SAILGP TEAM

SUI

CREW

Sébastien Schneider
Driver

Arnaud Psarofaghis
Wing Trimmer

Bryan Mettraux
Flight Controller

Stuart Dodson
Grinder

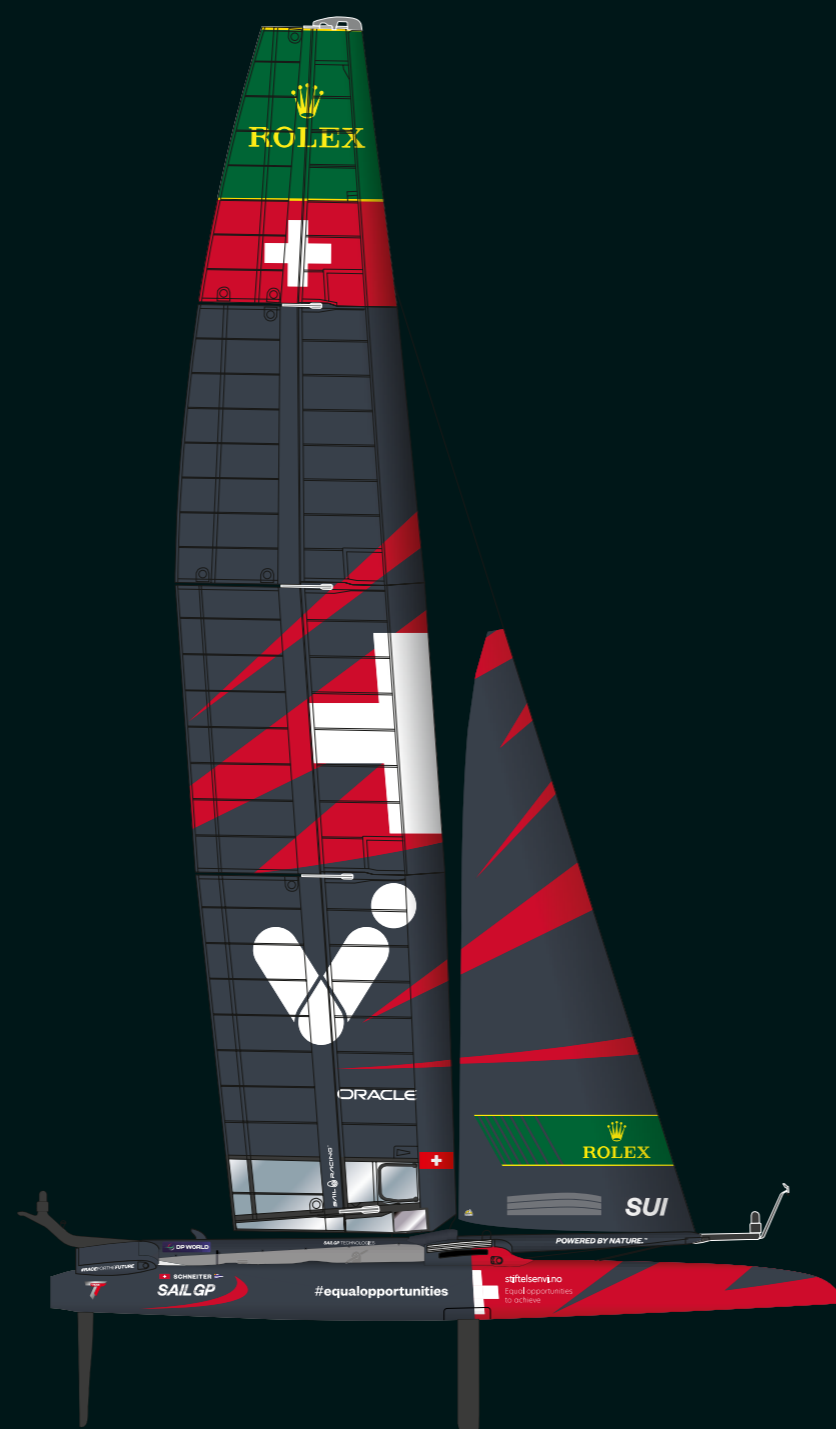
Matt Gortel
Grinder

Anno de Planta
Reserve

Maud Jayet
Strategist

Laurane Mettraux
Reserve 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 Gortel 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 
SAILGP TEAM

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}

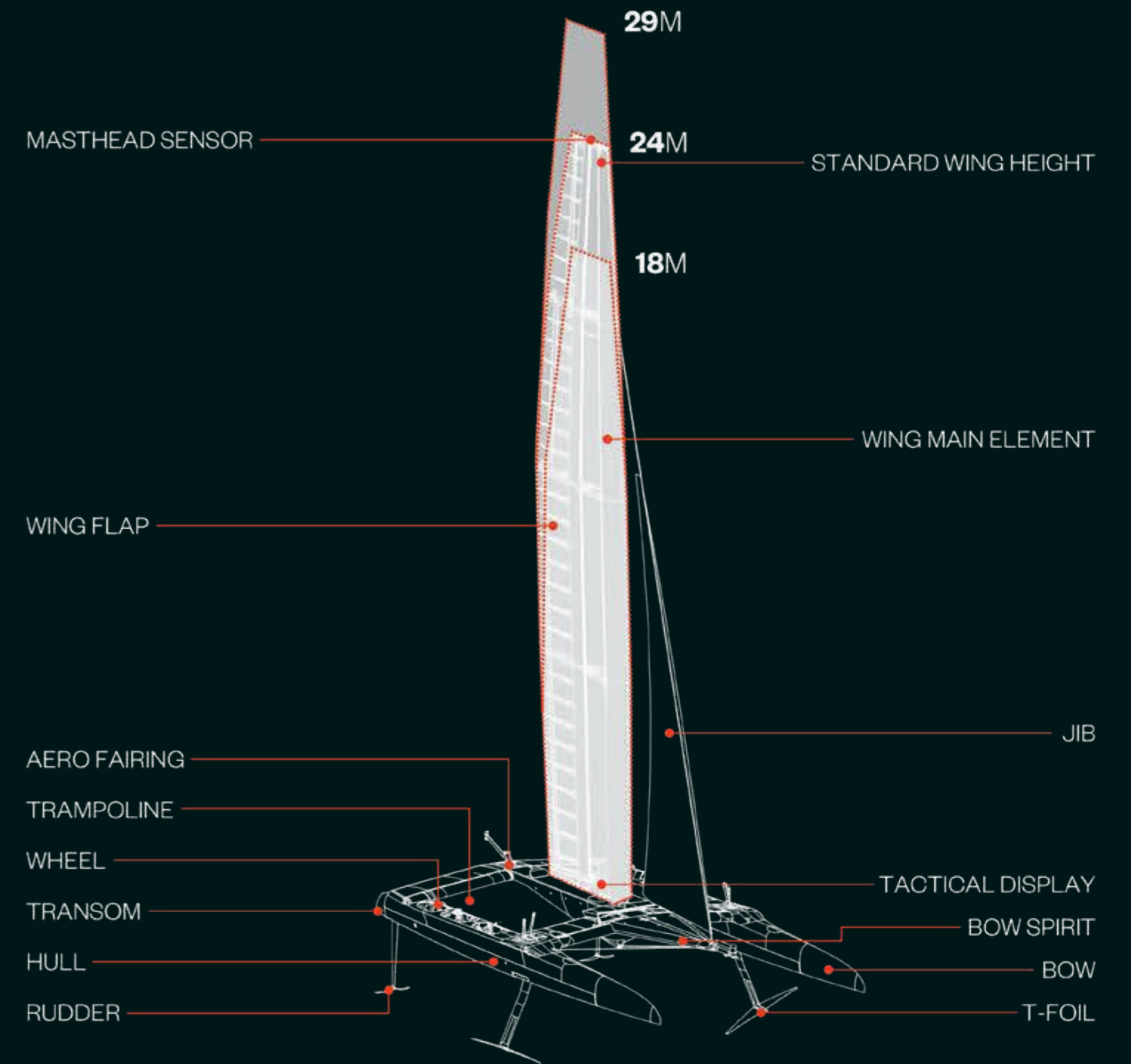
ESTIMATED TOP SPEED

100_{kph} **60**_{mph}

CREW



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



SEASON 4 RESULTS



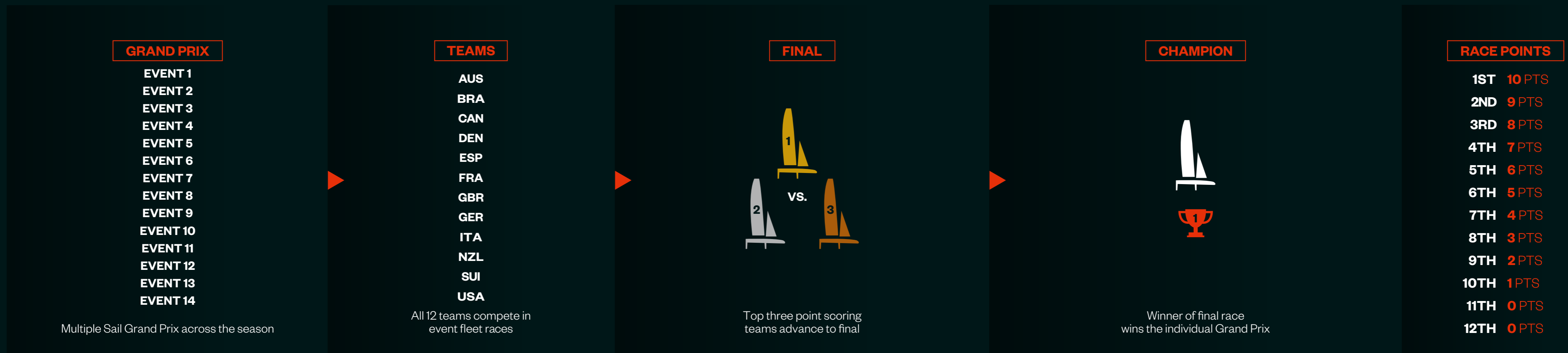
4		ROCKWOOL DENMARK	NICOLAI SEHESTED	★
5		EMIRATES GBR	GILES SCOTT	★
6		CANADA	PHIL ROBERTSON	★
7		FRANCE	QUENTIN DELAPIERRE	★
8		UNITED STATES	TAYLOR CANFIELD	★
9		GERMANY	ERIK HEIL	★
10		SWITZERLAND	NATHAN OUTERIDGE	★

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, INSHORE 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 prestigious season-long competition rewards teams for taking action to protect the planet and make sailing more inclusive.

The Impact League recognizes the aspirations for sustainability that each team innately brings to SailGP and provides a vehicle for them to own their impact. 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 spend every dollar they win in the Impact League with their Purpose Partners on additional impact projects!

Teams are scored across the season in two ways:

- The extent to which they meet operational baseline targets at every race event (what we call "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")

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

The **Emirates Great Britain SailGP Team** were named champions of the Season 4 Impact League – marking a new winner from previous seasons ie New Zealand Black Foils and ROCKWOOL Racing. The EGBR team had a hugely impactful season on and off the water – lifting the highly coveted trophy and securing prize funds for their purpose partner, the 1851 Trust's climate education programme Protect Our Future. Working together to empower 3 million young people to take climate action by the end of Season 5. Emirates GBR had just a handful of points lead over runners-up ROCKWOOL Denmark and Switzerland in third place.



SAILGP
IMPACT LEAGUE

IMPACT LEAGUE

Joining our all-star cast of expert judges, 2025 will feature:



DR ERICA EDWARDS-O'NEIL

SVP-Diversity, Equity & Social Responsibility, New York Road Runners.

Focus Area: Accelerating Inclusion



ANNIE HORN

Director of Social Responsibility & Sustainability, NBA.

Focus Area: Climate Action



DR SHIREEN RAHIMI

Underwater Storyteller, Marine Scientist, National Geographic Explorer, and the founder of Lightpalace Productions.

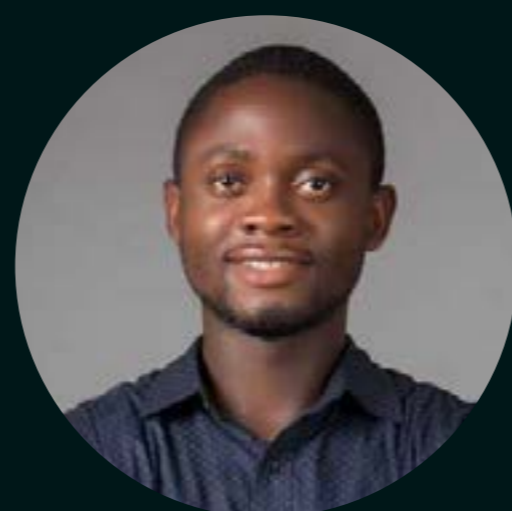
Focus Area: Climate Action



DANIEL CARCERES BARRTRA

Regional Repm Sustainale Ocean Alliance: Peru, and Taking Care of Our Ocean Alliance. (Youth Judge).

Focus Area: Climate Action



FORBI PERISE

Regional Representative, Sustainable Oceaal Alliance: Africa. Recipient of the Diana Award. (Youth Judge).

Focus Area: Race To Zero Waste



MORE TO COME!

SAILGP
IMPACT LEAGUE

SAILGP INSIGHTS

SAILGP INSIGHTS

Powered by ORACLE CLOUD

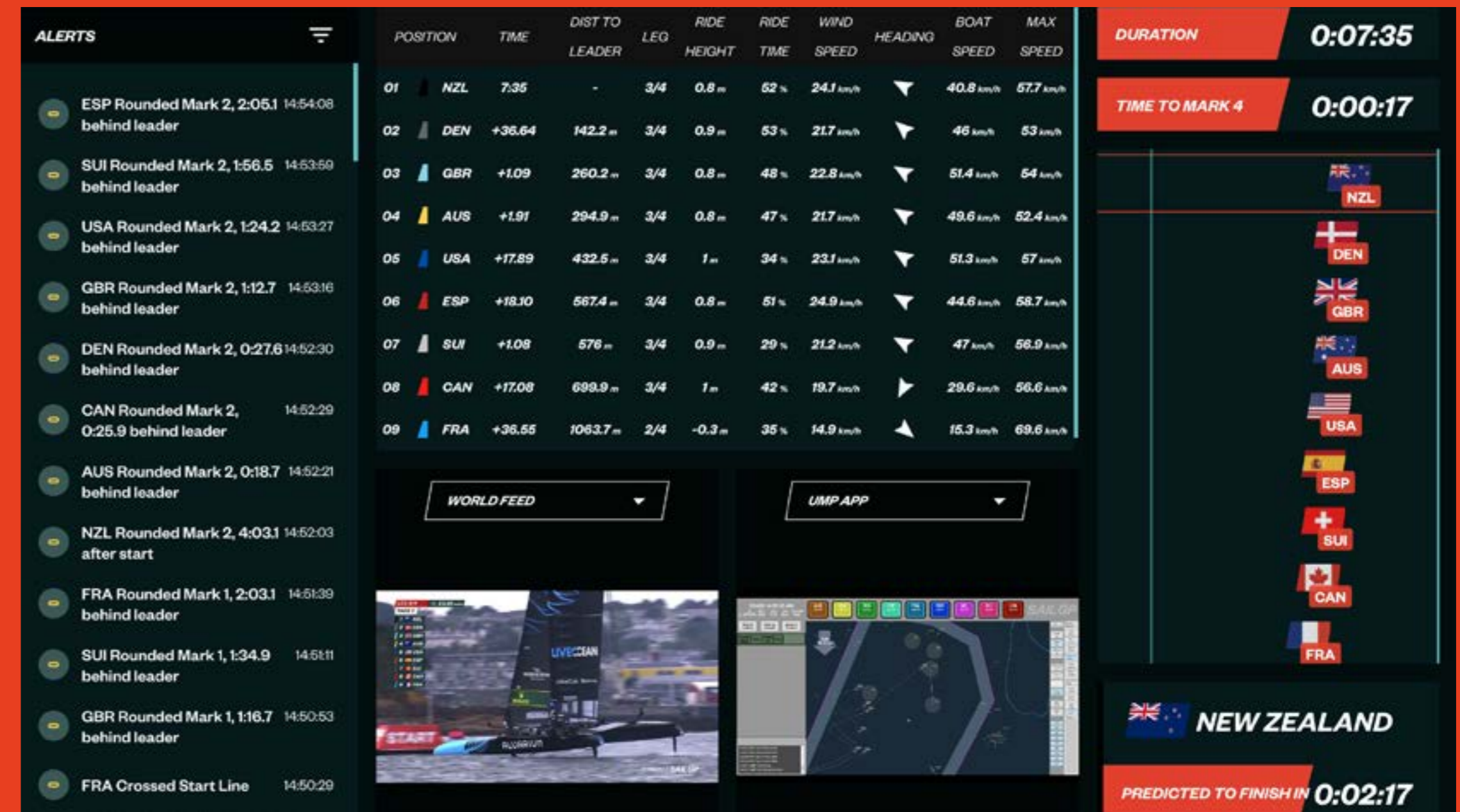
SailGP Insights perfectly complements SailGP's broadcast partners' coverage, enabling fans to access in-depth information about the world's most exciting racing on-water, while watching the live event feed.

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

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.

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