Mastervolt teams up with America's Cup Race management to supply support vessel electrical systems

Mastervolt is proud to announce a new agreement with the America’s Cup Race Management (ACRM) for the 34th America’s Cup race in 2013. Dave Powys, Head of Boat Procurement & Fleet Management for ACRM and Mastervolt’s Commercial Manager for APAC & ME, Erik Van Wilsum, finalised the agreement involving the electrical design and equipment supply for the America’s Cup support vessels being built in Holland, Portugal, China and Malaysia.

These support vessels will be deployed for different tasks during the World Series Events, the Louis Vuitton Cup and the America’s Cup AC34 Finals, including supplying live, on the water television broadcast during racing. With the new high performance and high speed multihulls being used in America’s Cup racing, this is a big challenge to keep up with all the action. Extreme Ribs in Holland has been tasked with building two new special, lightweight, high performance 40ft catamaran support vessels that will be fitted with a gyro-mounted television camera for this purpose, and Mastervolt will be working with them and the ACRM to ensure the electrical power requirements are fulfilled.

The project is being coordinated between Dave Powys and Erik Van Wilsum through the Mastervolt Head Office in Amsterdam, since the 26 support vessels are being built in different regions of the world and need to operate in both North America and Europe each having different voltages which makes the design more challenging. Dave Powys of the ACRM commented; “The main reason for the cooperation is the high quality and reliability of the Mastervolt products combined with the worldwide service network.” Both companies are looking forward to the end result and high performance support vessels in 2013.