YANMAR IS OFFICIAL TECHNICAL PARTNER OF ORACLE TEAM USA

Yanmar Co., Ltd. has become the Official Technical Partner of the 33rd America's Cup Champions, ORACLE TEAM USA. With ORACLE TEAM USA defending the 34th America's Cup September 7-22 in San Francisco, California, Yanmar is providing engines and drive systems for the team's two chase boats.

By becoming ORACLE TEAM USA's Official Technical Partner, Yanmar has been entrusted with the enormous confidence placed in the speed, power and reliability of its engines by the team members who risk life and limb in this perilous race. Yanmar has a wealth of experience in providing the world's marine and racing community with technologically sophisticated marine engines, drive systems, and products and service of unparalleled performance and quality. The company has earned an enviable worldwide reputation for the endurance and reliability of its engines.

Yanmar will pursue the highest levels of technological excellence towards assisting the crew of ORACLE TEAM USA in their pursuit of victory in the 34th America's Cup. The chase boats, each powered by twin Yanmar 8LV-370Z 370 mhp diesel engines and Yanmar ZT370 1.65 drives, are not just limited to towing before and after the race. With the AC72 racing catamarans set to reach speeds in excess of 40 knots (74.1 km/h), the chase boats are also responsible for the important job of tracking the -more-
progress of the race, ready to provide immediate support for any eventuality.

As one of the race team's partners, the Yanmar logo will be displayed on the rudders and wheel of the actual AC72 race boat as well as on the rudder and tiller of the AC45 America's Cup World Series boats. In addition, crew members will call the chase boats by their new names: Chase Boat YANMAR1 and Chase Boat YANMAR2.

"We are very excited to partner with Yanmar for this 34th America's Cup campaign," said ORACLE TEAM USA CEO Russell Coutts. "Yanmar is recognized worldwide for their tremendous expertise in marine engines and technology. It is their precision engineering that will power our chase boats, allowing us to perform the many critical functions required both throughout training and on race day. Yanmar provides a vital component to our program, and it is fantastic to have them onboard."

ORACLE TEAM USA, headed by team CEO Russell Coutts and team skipper James Spithill, is comprised of the best of international sailing, design and construction technology along with a comprehensive support structure towards the defense of the 34th America's Cup. ORACLE TEAM USA's official homepage is http://oracle-team-usa.americascup.com/.

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