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# Yanmar joins 36th America's Cup as Official Marine Supplier

America's Cup Event Limited Challenger of Record 36 Yanmar Co., Ltd



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Cowes, UK (August 31st, 2018) -The America's Cup is the oldest trophy in international sport and the pinnacle of yachting. From inception, the America's Cup has strongly embraced technical innovation.

The Yanmar partnership was announced today at the America's Cup Overture in Cowes (UK), the first event on the road to the America's Cup Presented by Prada which will take place in Auckland in 2021. Racing will commence in autumn 2019 when the first America's Cup World Series events will take place in the Mediterranean. Over the next twelve months the best teams, from the most prestigious yacht clubs, will be designing and building their AC75 yachts in preparation for the America's Cup World Series that will continue in 2020 with more racing in North America and Asia. The focus will then be on Auckland with the Christmas Race and the all-important Challenger Selection Series, the Prada Cup in January-February 2021. The Prada Cup will determine which Challenger will line up against the Defender, Emirates Team New Zealand for the 36th America's Cup Match in March 2021.

Yanmar's marine diesel engines will be used on the America's Cup Race Management boats, essential for their role in the successful delivery of the America's Cup on the water.

"We are delighted to welcome Yanmar to the 36th America's Cup Presented by Prada. As the Official Marine Supplier, Yanmar will be on the race course throughout all the events of the America's Cup and I am

confident that we can trust in Yanmar to assist us in delivering an exceptional on water operations programme around the world," said Laurent Esquier, CEO of the Challenger of Record - 36th America's Cup.

Working together with the America's Cup, Yanmar aims to showcase their comprehensive range of marine industry products.

"We are proud to have been selected as Official Marine Supplier to the America's Cup Presented by Prada. The America's Cup is an event like no other, at the highest level of yachting. That we have been selected to take our place alongside the world's best marine engineering, design, hydrodynamics and boatbuilding expertise is a testament to the engineering skill and knowledge that we've accumulated over the last century and more of operation. We will fulfil our responsibility as the Official Marine Supplier for the success of the America's Cup," said Takehito Yamaoka, President of Yanmar.

#### NOTES TO THE EDITOR

#### Yanmar Co., Ltd

With beginnings in Osaka, Japan, in 1912, Yanmar was the first to succeed in making a compact diesel engine of a practical size in 1933. Then, with industrial diesel engines as the cornerstone of its enterprise, Yanmar has continued to expand its product range, services, and expertise to deliver total solutions as an industrial equipment manufacturer. As a provider of small and large engines, agricultural machinery and facilities, construction equipment, energy systems, marine equipment, machine tools, and components, Yanmar's global business operations span seven domains.

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#### America's Cup 36

The America's Cup is the oldest trophy in sport and is recognised as the pinnacle of sailing. Leading up to the America's Cup Match, are the America's Cup World Series events in 2019-2020, the Christmas Race and the Challenger Selections Series - the Prada Cup in early 2021 to determine the team which will challenge the Defender, Emirates Team New Zealand in the America's Cup Match Presented by Prada in March 2021 in Auckland.

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