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Diversity delivers Innovation

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Airbus brings its innovation and high-tech know-how to ORACLE TEAM USA

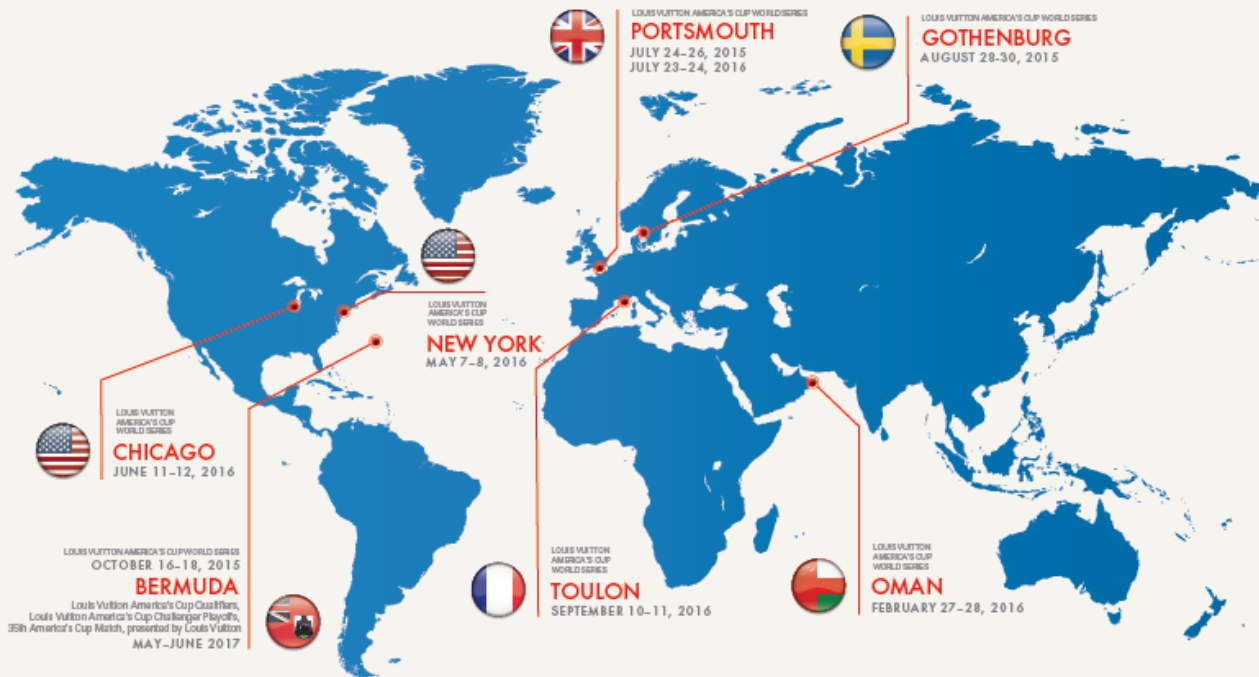


- The **AMERICAS' CUP** : the biggest sporting event in 2017
- ORACLE TEAM USA - **Winner of the 33rd and 34th America's Cup** Led by CEO Sir Russell Coutts and skipper James Spithill with some of the best international sailing, design, engineering and boat-building talents
- AIRBUS and ORACLE TEAM USA announced the **Official Innovation Partnership** in October 2014
- Airbus is also a technology partner to the Japanese Challenger Softbank Team Japan



THE 35TH AMERICA'S CUP

35TH AMERICA'S CUP GLOBAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS BETWEEN 2015-2017



- **Louis Vuitton America's Cup World Series** regattas started in 2015 - Upcoming 2016 events:
 - Chicago (USA) June 10-12
 - Portsmouth (UK) July 23-24
 - Toulon (FRA) September 10-11
 - Fukuoka (JP) November 18-20 (tbc)
- **America's Cup Qualifiers and Challenger Playoffs** in 2017 (May to June)
- **35th America's Cup Match** in 2017 (June 17-27)

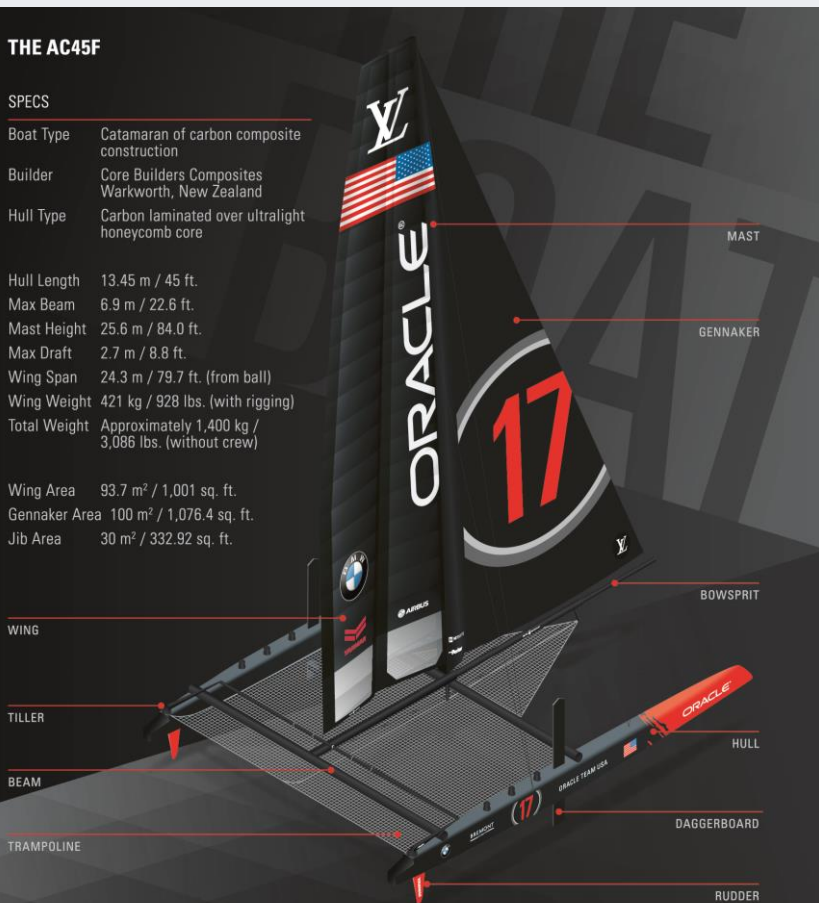
Synergies between sailing and flying are greater than ever

THE AC45F

SPECS

Boat Type	Catamaran of carbon composite construction
Builder	Core Builders Composites Warkworth, New Zealand
Hull Type	Carbon laminated over ultralight honeycomb core
Hull Length	13.45 m / 45 ft.
Max Beam	6.9 m / 22.6 ft.
Mast Height	25.6 m / 84.0 ft.
Max Draft	2.7 m / 8.8 ft.
Wing Span	24.3 m / 79.7 ft. (from ball)
Wing Weight	421 kg / 928 lbs. (with rigging)
Total Weight	Approximately 1,400 kg / 3,086 lbs. (without crew)

Wing Area	93.7 m ² / 1,001 sq. ft.
Gennaker Area	100 m ² / 1,076.4 sq. ft.
Jib Area	30 m ² / 332.92 sq. ft.



- Boat powered by a wing and flying above water surface on foils
- **20m tall / 83,5m² sail wing** (similar to the A320 wing) consist of 3 individually controlled flaps and a skeleton made of **carbon composite**
- **Use of aeronautical technology** increases boat performance
- **Similar challenges:** flight qualities, aerodynamics, light weight materials, systems, test in the air/at sea
- **Diversity delivers Innovation**

Who better to make a boat fly ?



- **Airbus delivers a step change to the sailing world** with technology, competences, methods and tools
- **Quest for lighter & stronger materials** e.g. 3D printed parts
- **High level of composite** used to build the AC45 / 53% for the A350 XWB

Airbus technology provides a competitive edge

Foil Design & Testing



Hydraulics



Yacht Aerodynamics



3D Printing



MEMS Pressure Sensors



- **Over 30 Airbus engineers:** aerodynamics, instrumentation and simulation, composites, structures, control systems and data analysis

Foil Design & Testing



A flying yacht

- At high speeds the **foils are like wings** that lift the boat out of the water, eliminating hull drag
- **The shape of the foil defines the speed** of the boat in foiling mode
- Foils support **high loads**:
 - Weight of the boat
 - Wave impact
 - Manoeuvring

Pushing the foil to the limit

- The shape and composition of the foil is **comparable to the A320 Sharklets**
- 2 component tests were done in the Airbus' Hamburg facility to validate the rigidity criteria against structural strength required
- Alternative design and manufacturing process proposed by Airbus

A320 Sharklets



Hydraulics

- Aircraft and foiling catamaran hydraulic systems architecture share common fields:
 - Hydraulic power supply: 5000psi pumps powered by 4 crew members - grinders (same pounds per square inch as A350 XWB)
 - 3 hydraulic circuits (as on the A320)
 - 17 actuators: elevator pitch, wing camber, jib control, foils (daggerboard) control
 - Control system: controller, CAN network, loggers, sensors, human interface, optic fiber, Wi-Fi antenna



Iron Shark versus Iron Bird

The Iron Shark, created in conjunction by Airbus & ORACLE TEAM USA engineers in Bermuda:

- Dedicated test bench acting as a pre-integration test, just like an Airbus Iron Bird
- Includes pumps, control software, valves and actuators performance and works with a human interface.
 - ✓ **Improved weight when compared to previous Cups**
 - ✓ **Improved reliability**
 - ✓ **Time saving**
 - ✓ **Improved energy consumption**



Yacht Aerodynamics

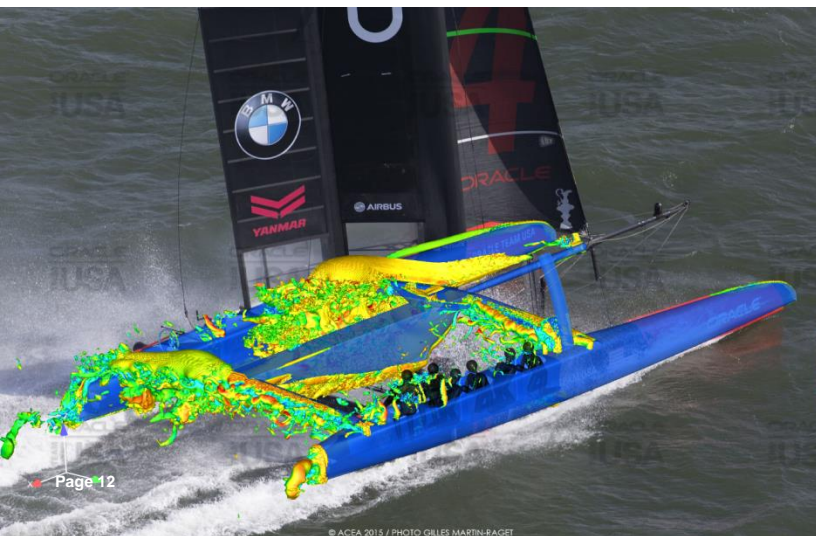
- **Airbus' expertise in Computational Fluid Dynamics - CFD** - is providing support to evaluate the yacht aerodynamics design options

A350: REDUCED DRAG = LOWER FUEL BURN & INCREASED RANGE
AC45: REDUCED DRAG = INCREASED PERFORMANCE

- The very accurate digital representations enable building a **more representative global sailing simulator** - equivalent to a flight simulator in the aeronautical industry

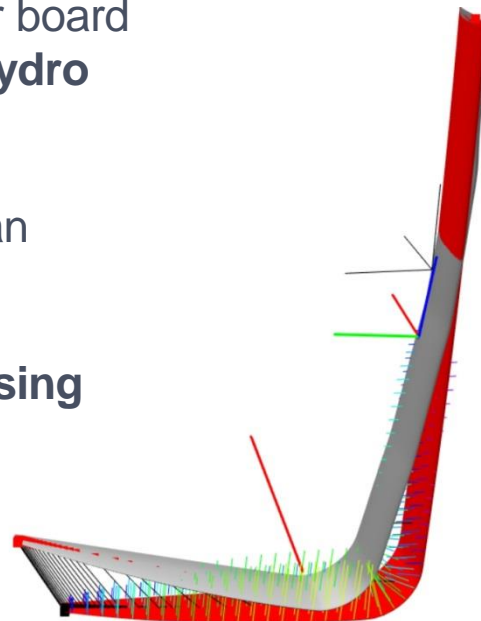
Platform Aerodynamics

- Airbus & ORACLE TEAM USA's virtual testing capabilities **improve modelling of the aerodynamic resistance of each component of the yacht:**
 - Hulls, cross beams, cockpits and even the crew
 - Simulations in various sailing configurations to evaluate the crew positioning and define design options



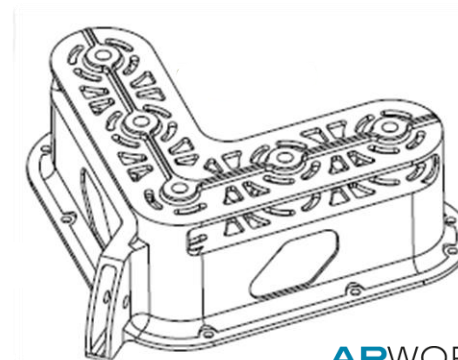
Foil Hydrodynamics

- Requirement for a **fast exploration tool** to validate dagger board design taking into account **yacht speed, cavitation and hydro elasticity**
- Airbus' **MARES** tool is used to evaluate the tail section of an aircraft in the development phase
- The tool allows **quick down selection of the most promising design concepts**



3D printing

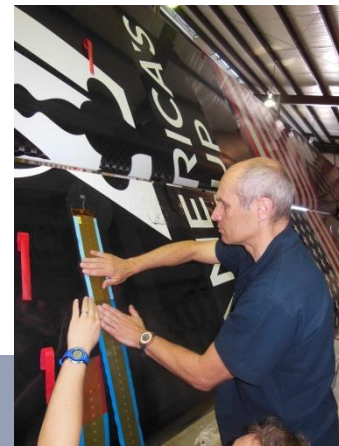
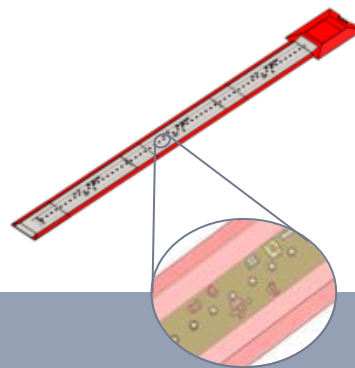
- Forward Organiser part created using **Additive Layer Manufacturing - ALM**
- Further parts are being printed
- Integration of **design optimisation**
- Objectives:
 - ✓ **Weight reduction: up to 57%**
 - ✓ **Reduction of production lead time**
 - ✓ **Reinforced strength**
 - ✓ **Increased complexity**



APWORKS
by Airbus Group

Airbus MEMS Technology

- Aerodynamic Pressure Sensors to **optimize performance, manoeuvres and wing settings**
- Introduction of non-intrusive, micro devices which are providing accurate wind profile determination all along the wing shape:
 - 8 strips of 100cm of MEMS (400 sensors) on the wing acting as digital barometric pressure sensors
 - Multiple potential applications: **Anemometer, Wind data post processing and anti-stall device**
- Providing the sailing team with **high value information on the behaviour of the flow** around the rigid sail in various sailing conditions



A winning partnership: Diversity delivers Innovation

- **Sharing best practices, ways of working and collaborative mindset**
 - Adaptability & agility of Airbus engineers to improving overall boat performance
 - Exchange of know-how and ways of working
- **Technical benefits for engineering**
 - Technological benefits for ORACLE TEAM USA
 - Return on experience for Airbus:
 - Improved working knowledge of tools
 - Explored new areas of R&T

