

ALLA BASE

Centinaia di metri in barca

Lo dicono in tanti, le barche della Classe Coppa America sono le F1 del mare.



A ben vedere, lo sono veramente, sia per la bellezza e l'eleganza delle linee che per la potenza che riescono ad esprimere, e, soprattutto, per tutta la tecnologia di cui dispongono. Marco Donati, di Viareggio, trentacinque anni da compiere il 10 giugno, sposato e padre

di una splendida bambina tanto sorridente quanto golosa. Marco è alla seconda esperienza in America's Cup (in precedenza con Mascalzone Latino) e fa parte del team di elettronica di Luna Rossa. **Che cos'è la vela per te?** "Sono solo un grande appassionato, non un matto di velista. Ho giocato per anni a pallacanestro e quando posso, vado in snowboard, anche se da quando sono arrivate "le mie donne" e vivo a Valencia, dove la neve non abbonda di certo, ho accantonato un pò queste attività". **Marco durante la campagna del 2003 sei stato ad Auckland con Mascalzone Latino,** "si ma solo per gli ultimi sei mesi, in quanto prima ero in Italia per l'allestimento della nuova barca. Per la squadra di Luna Rossa seguì tutte le parti elettroniche della barca,

sensori, cavi, meteo. Giusto per avere un'idea, quando parliamo della quantità di cavi utilizzati su ITA 94 e 86 ragioniamo in chilogrammi, circa 80, che se trasformati in metri sarebbero qualche centinaio". **Contando che la barca è lunga 26 m si potrebbe arrotolarla come un arrosto!** "Conquistare la Coppa è ovviamente il nostro obiettivo, per raggiungerlo dobbiamo migliorarci sempre e per questo lavoriamo duro, anche 12-13 ore al giorno e nei rari momenti di stanchezza ci carichiamo cantando in coro l'inno degli alpini...". **Abbiamo visto qualche scelta discutibile da parte degli Afterguard nei Round Robin appena conclusi, molte volte si sono giustificati tirando in ballo la sorte. Tu credi alla sfortuna in barca?**

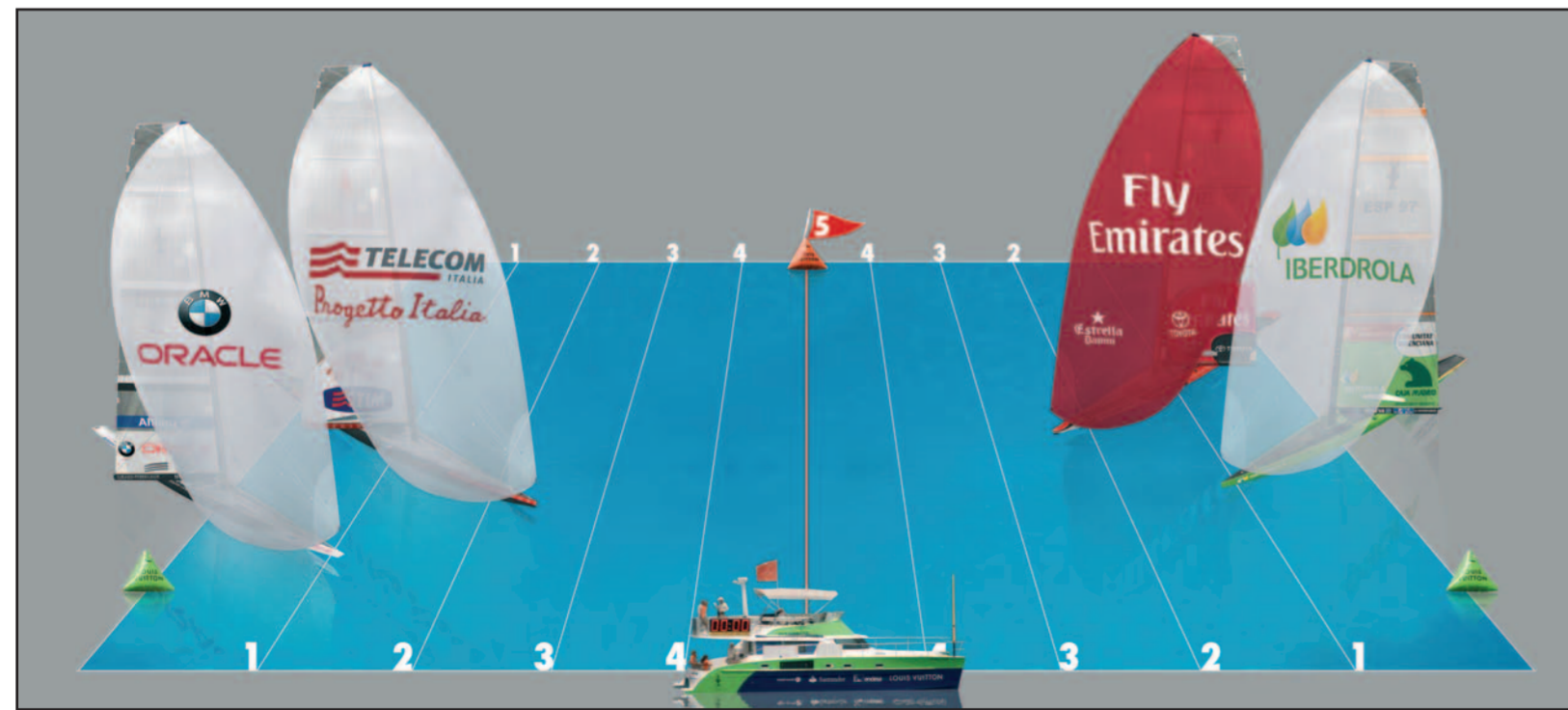
"Sinceramente, penso che ci sia poche volte". **Donati, anche se frequenta questo mondo da parecchio tempo, sa ancora emozionarsi,** "La vela mi entusiasma, se poi penso che lavoro per Luna Rossa, ho realizzato il mio sogno". **Ma voi, uomini a terra, che rapporto avete con l'equipaggio, vi sentite anche voi a bordo con loro?** "Si perché siamo sempre in contatto con i navigatori, Plazzi e Ivaldi, sono i nostri "mentori" grazie a loro sappiamo dove intervenire e cosa modificare, le sinergie che si creano fra noi e gli uomini in barca sono vitali per la buona riuscita di una lunga avventura come questa". **Marco, certe volte anche l'elettronica della Ferrari fa cilecca..."Può essere, visto che in Ferrari non lavoriamo noi!"**

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METEO	TODAY	H6	H12	H18	H24	TOMORROW	H6	H12	H18	H24
Tempo										
Vento	4	7	9	3	3	3	3	6	3	3
Mare										
H. Onda	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
Temp. Superficie	18°	19°	19°	19°	18°	20°	19°	18°	19°	18°

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SEMI FINAL A, AFTER 3 RACES: EMIRATES TEAM NEW ZEALAND: 2 POINTS - DESAFÍO ESPAÑOL 2007: 1 POINT

SEMI FINAL B, AFTER 3 RACES: BMW ORACLE RACING: 1 POINT - LUNA ROSSA CHALLENGE: 2 POINTS



RACE 3, IL FILM DELLA REGATA LUNA ROSSA



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di Luna Rossa - Il Giornale della Coppa

LUNA ROSSA

IL GIORNALE DELLA COPPA n.29 17 MAG 07

Stregati dalla Luna

REGATA PERFETTA DI LUNA ROSSA CHE BATTE BMW ORACLE E SI PORTA SUL 2 A 1. DESAFÍO ESPAÑOL PORTA A CASA IL SUO PRIMO PUNTO CON EMIRATES TEAM NEW ZEALAND. OGGI GIORNATA DI RIPOSO



SEMI FINAL

Spilt start • Luna Rossa prende la destra, al primo incrocio è 130 metri avanti, gira la boa con 29" di vantaggio • Oracle sfida la barca italiana in un duello di strambate, Luna Rossa copre bene e al cancello mantiene 24" su USA 98, tenendo sempre la destra del campo • Spithill guadagna in bolina e gira la boa con 45" su Dickson • poi Luna Rossa controlla l'avversario, precedendolo sul traguardo di 31"

MATCH 3



QUOTES OF THE DAY

Action in the pre-starts

A day of stable sailing conditions when the Spanish team recorded their first win in style imposing a penalty on Team New Zealand in the pre-start while Luna Rossa dominated the start against BMW Oracle going on to take a comfortable lead and cover all the way to the finish. Luna Rossa had led Oracle around every mark of the semi finals to date



Dean Barker
Helmsman
Emirates Team New Zealand

The only thing that went right today was the wind, unfortunately we were on the left. Right from the start things didn't go well, in the pre-start the penalty was an error that I made but we still believed if we sailed well, could lead and control the race that we could build up a big enough lead to offload the penalty. We worked really hard but the breeze went right quicker than we anticipated. With all these teams you have to be prepared to be reasonably aggressive at times but this one just didn't play out.



Karol Jablonski
Helmsman
Desafio Espanol 2007

All the starts are intensive with some pretty close situations but putting a penalty on them doesn't win you the race. We had to win the right hand side of the course, which was favoured, and fight until the end. The crew did a great job, all credit to them, you know how difficult it is to beat the top teams and we are happy to be back in the game. 1-2 is better than 0-3. There is more magic to come but pre-starts are complicated, it is very easy to turn from hero to zero. We promise some more action for sure.



Eric Doyle
Strategist
BMW Oracle Racing

We didn't think the race was won at the start but as it turned out the pressure came in nicely from the right hand side and there was a right hand shift and that side of the course was favoured about 85% of the time and they were on the correct side. They did a nice job downwind despite our efforts to out gybe them. There were fewer opportunities with one side being so favoured. They sailed as the conditions dictated, they sailed really well in the shifty stuff. Today was more consistent and they were able to play the tight game.



James Spithill
Helmsman
Luna Rossa Challenge

In the start we were feeling pretty comfortable because I've got a lot of confidence in these guys. It feels like we've got a really strong team and the guys were really digging in on the handles. When you've got that kind of belief it gives you that extra boost in yourself. The guys pretty much said to me put the boat wherever you need to and the sails will be there, and they've delivered. So full credit to the guys. The right hand side was pretty favoured and we got the right and were pretty comfortable.

PHOTO



VALENCIA

There's something about cycling

There is no doubt that cycling is a popular sport in Spain and there is nothing like success at the top level to inspire the ordinary enthusiast to get involved.

At the professional end of the scale Spain currently has some of the best road racing cyclists in the world. Alejandro Valverde, runner up in last year's Tour de France, has started the 2007 season in emphatic style, finishing 4th in this year's Tour de Valencia in March and sitting amongst the top in the overall standings. Other tour specialists Oscar Pereiro and Reyes Vicente aspire to repeat the achievements of Miguel Indurain, winner of the Tour de France some 8 years ago. Spain's biggest event, La Vuelta Ciclista a España takes place later in the year in September. Groups of competitive road cyclists can be found training in the mountainous regions of Spain, where many villages and towns have a club, that organise trips where enthusiastic cyclists can ride in groups. For the mountain bike enthusiast, the terrain of the

Alto Turia region inland from Valencia offers innumerable scenic routes of varying levels of difficulty and duration. Another popular area for off road biking is around the Descento de Las Palmas near Benicasim around 90 kilometers North of Valencia.

friendly landscaped gardens, sports grounds and exhibition areas. Now Valencian's can enjoy safe, leisurely cycling along the 10 km route, which is due to be extended in 2008 from the City of Arts & Sciences museum to the Port. When the America's

The America's Cup Parks and harbour has some 1 million sq. meters and the distance from one side of the harbour to the other is over 6 kms. A cycle lane has been built all around the entire stadium of sailing complex. Have a look at any of the team bases and they have assembled bike racks stacked high with an assortment of bone shakers, recumbents, mountain bikes and ordinary road bikes, it looks like a scene from Amsterdam. Cycle lanes have also been installed in some of the main boulevards in and out of town like in Avenida del Puerto and Avenida de Francia, and on any evening after racing you'll see swarms of team members cycling home along the Paseo Maritimo to their apartments along the beach. Bike shops have sprung up around the city to support the new explosion in demand and there are a number of bike hire facilities all round the port of America's Cup, so what's stopping you, 2 wheels are better than 4 and cycling is a great form of exercise.



BIKE RACKS AT ONE OF THE TEAM BASES

But in the city of Valencia the roads are pancake flat and cycling has not been a particularly popular pastime. However when the River Turia was diverted around the city as a result of the infamous flood of 1957, the riverbed was converted to provide environmentally

Cup first came to Valencia in 2004, the teams set up, the bases were built and as the development of the America's Cup parks grew, team sailors, staff of the cup, media and operations personnel, all started to use cycles to ride to and from and around the port.