

The features of the 33rd America's Cup Protocol are:

- *A new 90ft overall class will be used, with a sliding, as opposed to a canting keel, to reduce draft. Alinghi design team will draft the Rule for the class.*
- *The Match will take place between 2009 and 2011. Depending on the venue selection.*
- *Valencia is the first venue option, but if that is not quickly resolved then a three month venue bid process will start.*
- *The Challenger Commission is scrapped and a Competition Commission will be instituted. the parties on the Commisison will consist of Competitors, the Challenger of Record and America's Cup Management (ACM). The Competitor Commission will be consultative only.*
- *ACM will run the Match and Challenger Selection Series (previously the Louis Vuitton Cup).*
- *The Defender (Alinghi) will be allowed to race in the CCS but not in the Final of the CCS.*
- *The single Jury has been split into an Arbitration Panel and an International Jury, which will hear sailing matters. The Arbitration Panel will hear commercial and non-sailing matters and may also be a level of appeal form Jury decisions.*
- *No racing in the new class for 18 months, Existing boats to the ACC V5 Rule will be used for Qualification regattas before that time.*
- *Michel Bonnefous to step back from his current role in ACM*
- *The Spanish club Club Náutico Español de Vela is announced as Challenger of Record.*
- *No venue announced, will be selected before 31st December. If going to be in Valencia will be 2009 otherwise 2010 or 2011*
- *CCS may have qualifying regattas to select the teams going forward to the main event.*
- *Will be a best of nine (first to win five) races for the America's Cup as for the 32nd America's Cup*
- *America's Cup Management will continue. There will be a Competitor Commission comprising Defender, Challengers and ACM to determine the basis of the competition.*
- *The existing International jury will be scrapped and replaced with a Sailing Jury and an Arbitration Panel*
- *There are no nationality rules for crew or designers.*
- *The designers will be locked into a Team 30 days after class rule issued, and will not be able to move after that time. Sailing crew will have to be contracted by October 2008.*
- *The Competition Regulations will be announced before before 31 December 2007 and will be determined by the Competitor Commission.*
- *America's Cup Management will continue to assume full financial risk of the regatta.*