



Super 12 Cup Yachts will be built by Westerly Marine in California

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SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA -- Westerly Marine will construct the 65-foot yachts that will be used in the Super 12 Cup to be raced annually in San Francisco beginning in July 2017, regatta CEO Tom Ehman announced Friday.

Westerly Marine is a custom builder of high performance, advanced composite, racing and cruising boats. It was founded in 1970 by owners Lynn Bowser and Steve Lee. Westerly's yard and efficient production facility is located on a two-acre industrial site in Santa Ana. All work is completed in-house by their highly skilled workforce including experienced laminators, marine carpenters, mechanics, electricians and metal fabricators.

"This is good news for the sport of sailing in general, the Super 12 Cup in particular, and the marine industry in the USA and California," Ehman said.

Ehman said he is also in advanced discussions with three other American firms for winches and deck hardware (Harken, Peewaukee, WI), carbon masts (Hall Spars, Bristol, RI), and composite tooling (Symmetrix, Bristol, RI).

The Super 12s will be an updated version of the venerable 12 Meter yachts that were raced in the America's Cup from 1958 to 1987. The yachts will be strictly one-design, built of fiberglass and carbon fiber. They will be powerful, elegant and robust, with an expected competitive life of more than 20 years.

Britt Ward of Farr Yacht Design of Annapolis, Md., is the lead designer. Bruce Farr has come out of retirement to consult on the design. Today Ward outlined the design parameters of the Super 12s, per the attached chart.

Additionally, Ehman announced that marine industry veteran Randy Moreno (Newport Beach, CA) has been appointed the Super 12 Project Manager.

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