

Future Fibres, Chosen as supplier of one design high performance rigging for the 36th America's Cup

Valencia (29 August 2018) – America's Cup Event Limited (ACE) and the Challenger of Record (COR) have engaged Future Fibres to supply its new AEROrazr rigging to all teams competing in the 36th America's Cup Presented by Prada.

The America's Cup is the oldest trophy in international sport and considered by many the premier sailing event. Historically, the race has pitted the world's finest sailing contenders running the world's optimum performance sailing yachts against each other. From inception, the America's Cup has strongly embraced technical innovation.

Future Fibres is the world's pre-eminent supplier of composite rigging, with creativity and high performance driving its continued growth. With the America's Cup sharing these same values, this is a platform for a strong alliance. For the 36th America's Cup, Future Fibres will supply their latest design, AEROrazr. This newly developed aerofoil shaped solid carbon rigging is created especially for elite grand prix racing.

Speaking about selecting Future Fibres, Martin McElwee, Head of Emirates Team New Zealand rigging said:

"With Future Fibres' reputation and experience in the grand prix racing arena, we believe they are the perfect choice to supply the rigging for the upcoming America's Cup. Their new AEROrazr product is pushing the boundaries of innovation and we believe that using this rigging will push the AC75s performance to its maximum. Having already worked so successfully with Southern Spars, their parent company, we know that our partnership with Future Fibres will bring the same results."

Future Fibres' solid carbon RAZR rigging was custom designed and supplied to all nine newly built TP52 boats currently competing in the 52 Super Series, the world's leading grand prix monohull racing circuit.

With the America's Cup showcasing the most advanced and technically progressive yachts on the planet, their selection of AEROrazr acknowledges the commitment Future Fibres has made through their ground-breaking design innovations placing them at the very cutting edge of the sport of sailing.

Sam Watson, CEO of Southern Spars and Future Fibres, responded to being selected for this honour:

"At Future Fibres we are delighted to supply our new AEROrazr product as the one design rigging for the AC75 Class boats. With the introduction of aerofoil profiles to our already successful RAZR rigging



product we have taken another significant step in our high performance rigging offering. We look forward to working with all of the teams in the 36th Americas Cup.”

About Future Fibres

Future Fibres is a Southern Spars brand, the world’s largest carbon spar maker and a division of the North Technology Group. Future Fibres has produced first class rigging systems for both standing rigging and torsional cables for almost 25 years. Their company is comprised of a dedicated team of designers, engineers and technicians delivering exceptional technical support to all projects. As manufacturers of both solid rod and ECsix multi-strand cables, Future Fibres has a suitable composite rigging solution for every segment of the yachting world.

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