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AMERICA'S CUP SETS SAIL ON FOX SPORTS

START TO FINISH LIVE COVERAGE COMPLEMENTED BY DAILY REPLAYS

One of sport's most prestigious competitions begins this weekend when the Louis Vuitton America's Cup begins and FOX SPORTS will be the only place to watch start to finish LIVE action.

The iconic Great Sound in Bermuda will host the 35th edition of sailing's pinnacle event as the best sailors in the world vie for international sport's oldest trophy.

Fans will be able to watch every race beginning with this Saturday's Qualifying Series, which pits each of the six teams against each other twice in a round robin battle across eight days.

FOX SPORTS will deliver LIVE, HD coverage of all the action, complemented with extensive replays, from qualifying through to the Challenger Playoffs and culminating with the America's Cup best of 13 race final beginning June 18.

FOX SPORTS CEO, **Patrick Delany** said: "The America's Cup is an iconic sports event that ranks with few – only being conducted every four years and having deep history, it's revered for its prestige, intense battles and fierce competitors."

"This era of Americas Cup sailing is incredible to watch. 15-metre cats reaching speeds of up to 85-kilometres per hour with sailors pushing themselves to the limits in relentless conditions. It's edge of the seat TV viewing," Mr Delany said.

This year's revamped competition will see the reigning champions, Oracle Team USA, sail against the challengers for the first time as they look to etch their name in the history books by becoming just the second team to win three consecutive America's Cup trophies.

Joining the defending champions is Emirates Team NZ, who narrowly lost the 2015 America's Cup race, alongside Artemis Racing with three new teams in Groupama Team France, SoftBank Team Japan and Land Rover BAR, led by Olympic legend Sir Ben Ainslie.

FOX SPORTS will also show the Finals of the Red Bull Youth America's Cup across June 21 and 22 as the next generation of stars battle it out for sailing's prestigious prize.

Foxsports.com.au will be the online destination for the most up to date news across the competition plus fans can get up to speed with the America's Cup Ultimate Guide.

FOX SPORTS News' sailing expert, **Patrick Bollen**, will provide regular updates across the competition with special guests along the way.

FOX SPORTS' BROADCAST SCHEDULE:
LOUIS VUITTON AMERICA'S CUP

AMERICA'S CUP QUALIFIERS:

| DATE | RACE | TIME | CHANNEL |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Saturday 27 May | Round Robin 1 | 6.00am-8.00am | FOX SPORTS 505 |
| Sunday 28 May | Round Robin 1 | 3.00am-5.00am | FOX SPORTS 505 |
| Monday 29 May | Round Robin 1 | 3.00am-5.00am | FOX SPORTS 501 |
| Tuesday 30 May | Round Robin 1 | 3.00am-4.30am | FOX SPORTS 501 |
| Wednesday 31 May | Round Robin 2 | 3.00am-4.30am | FOX SPORTS 501 |
| Thursday 1 June | Round Robin 2 | 3.00am-5.00am | FOX SPORTS 503 |
| Saturday 3 June | Round Robin 2 | 3.00am-5.00am | FOX SPORTS 503 |
| Sunday 4 June | Round Robin 2 | 3.00am-5.00am | FOX SPORTS 503 |

AMERICA'S CUP CHALLENGER:

| DATE | RACE | TIME | CHANNEL |
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| Monday 5 June | SEMI-FINALS | 3.00am-5.00am | FOX SPORTS 501 |
| Wednesday 7 June | SEMI-FINALS | 3.00am-5.00am | FOX SPORTS 503 |
| Thursday 8 June | SEMI-FINALS | 3.00am-5.00am | FOX SPORTS 503 |
| Friday 9 June | SEMI-FINALS | 3.00am-6.00am | FOX SPORTS 506 |
| Sunday 11 June | FINALS | 3.00am-5.00am | FOX SPORTS 501 |
| Monday 12 June | FINALS | 3.00am-5.00am | FOX SPORTS 503 |
| Tuesday 13 June | FINALS | 3.00am-5.00am | FOX SPORTS 503 |

35TH AMERICA'S CUP:

| DATE | RACE | TIME | CHANNEL |
|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Sunday 18 June | Race 1 & 2 | 3.00am-4.30am | FOX SPORTS 503 |
| Monday 19 June | Race 3 & 4 | 3.00am-4.30am | FOX SPORTS 503 |
| Sunday 25 June | Race 5 & 6 | 3.00am-4.30am | FOX SPORTS 507 |
| Monday 26 June | Race 7 & 8* | 3.00am-4.30am | FOX SPORTS 507 |
| Tuesday 27 June | Race (& 10 * | 3.00am-4.30am | FOX SPORTS 507 |
| Wednesday 28 June | Race 11, 12 & 13* | 3.00am-5.00am | FOX SPORTS 507 |

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RED BULL YOUTH AMERICA'S CUP:

| DATE | RACE | TIME | CHANNEL |
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| Wednesday 21 June | Finals | 3.00am-4.30am | FOX SPORTS 507 |
| Thursday 22 June | Finals | 3.00am-4.30am | FOX SPORTS 507 |

