



Luna Rossa first race

Thursday July 11th, San Francisco Bay: Cloudy skies, 13-15 knots westerly breeze, flat sea.

Today Luna Rossa Challenge 2013 raced for the first time and alone in her second scheduled race of the Louis Vuitton Cup Round Robin. Artemis Racing is not yet ready to face its opponents on the race course.

At 12.15 Luna Rossa Challenge 2013 got off the start of her very first race in the 34th America's Cup and completed the five laps Race Course.

Luna Rossa Challenge completed the 12.07-nautical-mile course in 28 minutes, 58 seconds, maintaining an average speed of 24 knots and reaching a top speed of 34,2 knots.

Luna Rossa Challenge foiled consistently around the course, showing confidence in manoeuvring and boat handling.

"We are satisfied with what we have done today on the water and I want to thank both sailing and shore teams for the excellent job they have done. We sailed the boat really nicely. We know we have still room for improvement and in all areas we are getting better in every sailing day." after the race Skipper Max Sirena declared.

Today's crew for Luna Rossa Challenge was: Max Sirena (skipper and pitman), Francesco Bruni (tactician), David Carr (pitman/grinder), Pierluigi de Felice (trimmer), Simone de Mari (primary grinder), Cris Draper (helmsman), Xabi Fernandez (wing trimmer), Nick Hutton (bowman), Lele Marino (wing grinder), Marco Montis (freestyler), Giles Scott (hydraulic grinder).