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Yanmar Holdings Co., Ltd.

## YANMAR Co-sponsors the Dragon Class International Yacht Race "BIWAKO DRAGON INVITATION 2024"



Key visual for "BIWAKO DRAGON INVITATION 2024"

Osaka, Japan (August 29, 2024) - Yanmar Holdings Co., Ltd., Yanmar Corporation, and Yanmar Marine International Asia Co., Ltd. are proud to announce their sponsorship of the Dragon Class International Yacht Race, "BIWAKO DRAGON INVITATION 2024". The event is set to take place from Thursday, November 21, through Sunday, November 24, 2024 at Lake Biwa, Japan.

The "BIWAKO DRAGON INVITATION 2024" is an international yacht race for the Dragon Class, hosted by the Lake Biwa Sunset Yacht Club. This will be the first time that the event has been held at Lake Biwa, with the competition taking place at the Yanmar Sunset Marina, located in Moriyama City, Shiga Prefecture. It is expected to attract approximately 30 teams and 100 participants from across the globe, including teams from Europe, Oceania, Asia, and Japan.

The Yanmar Group is committed to realizing "A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE", in a society where human prosperity coexists with a rich natural environment. To achieve this goal, Yanmar believes in harnessing both technological advancements and human potential. Guided by the values of "HANASAKA", which emphasize belief in human potential and addressing people's challenges, Yanmar sponsors global sailing events including the Dragon Class and the America's Cup. The yacht racing team's ability to harness the power of nature and push the limits of human potential

and technology inspires Yanmar's innovative efforts toward new prosperity.

Following our sponsorship of the world's premier yacht race, the America's Cup, which begins this August, the Yanmar Group is proud to co-host the international "BIWAKO DRAGON INVITATION 2024" in the birthplace of Yanmar's founder, Magokichi Yamaoka. Through these efforts, we continue to contribute to the cultivation of a culture where nature and sports coexist.

## **Overview of "BIWAKO DRAGON INVITATION 2024"**

Date: November 21 to 24, 2024. Two races per day.

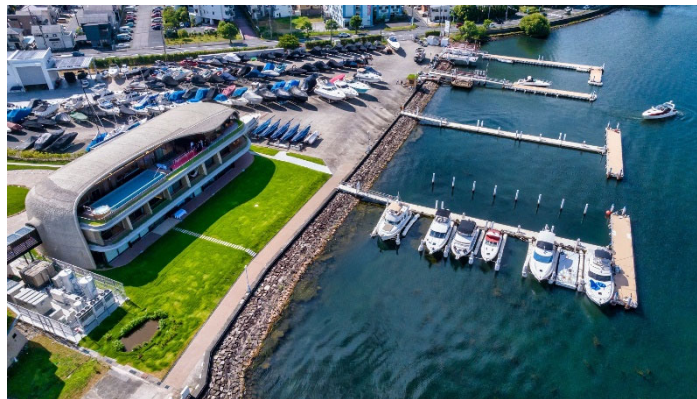
Location: Yanmar Sunset Marina, 1380 Mizuhocho, Moriyama City, Shiga Prefecture

Organizer: Lake Biwa Sunset Yacht Club

Co-organizers: Yanmar Holdings Co., Ltd., Yanmar Corporation, Yanmar Marine International Asia Co., Ltd., Japan Dragon Association

Support: Shiga Prefecture, Moriyama City

About Yanmar Sunset Marina: <https://y-sunsetmarina.com/>



Yanmar Sunset Marina

## **About Dragon Class**

The Dragon Class is one of the most prestigious and exciting keel boat competitions in competitive yachting, with a distinguished history that dates back to the first designs crafted in Norway in 1928. Adopted as an Olympic sport from 1948 to 1972, the Dragon class has associations in more than 30 countries, attracting enthusiasts worldwide. The International One-Design Class measures 8.90 meters in length and adheres to strict standards for sail area, mast length, and maximum crew weight. In the Dragon Class, sailing skills and experience, rather than the boat's performance or sailors' physical strength determine the winner. Participants compete in races globally, with annual rankings identifying the champion based on points earned throughout the year. Many renowned sailors who have competed in the Olympics and the America's Cup are drawn to the Dragon Class. For more information, please visit:

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Scenes from the Dragon Class Race

## Overview of “America's Cup”

The America's Cup is the world's premier international yacht race, originating from a race held as part of the 1851 London World Exposition. An American team won that race and brought home the championship trophy, which became known as the “America's Cup”. It is the oldest sports championship trophy still in use today. Yanmar is proud to be an official sponsor of this prestigious event.

### 37th Tournament in Spain, Barcelona

1. Louis Vuitton Cup, Challengers Selection Series, Preliminary Tournament: August 29 to October 7, 2024
2. Youth America's Cup, Youth Match, Preliminary and Final Tournament: September 17 to 24, 2024
3. Puig Women's America's Cup, Women's Match, Preliminary and Final: October 5 to 13, 2024
4. America's Cup Match, Final Tournament: October 12 to 20, 2024

America's Cup Special Website:

[https://www.yanmar.com/global/about/sports/marine\\_sports/sponsored/americas\\_cup/](https://www.yanmar.com/global/about/sports/marine_sports/sponsored/americas_cup/)

Official Tournament Website:

<https://www.americascup.com/37th-americascup-barcelona>

## Yanmar's Contribution to the Marine Sector

By combining limited resources with human passion and ingenuity to more efficiently harness power, Yanmar strives to maximize the use of renewable energy and achieve a sustainable coexistence between humanity and nature. Yanmar is a leader in the marine sector, offering diverse solutions through advanced technology, including marine engines, pleasure boats, marine facilities, and more.

## About Yanmar

With beginnings in Osaka, Japan, in 1912, Yanmar was the first ever to succeed in making a compact diesel engine of a practical size in 1933. A pioneer in diesel engine technology, Yanmar is a global innovator in a wide range of industrial equipment, from small and large engines, agricultural machinery and facilities, construction equipment, energy systems, marine, to machine tools, and components —

Yanmar's global business operations span seven domains. On land, at sea, and in the city, Yanmar provides advanced solutions to the challenges customers face, towards realizing A Sustainable Future. For more details, please visit the official website of Yanmar Holdings Co., Ltd.

<https://www.yanmar.com/global/about/>

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