

## **Script for LVACWS – Chicago – Race News Saturday**

### **SHOT LIST FOR VNR**

0.00 - 0.39 General views of Chicago and crowds at Navy Pier, Chicago, the ACWS venue

0.39 - 0.57 Substitute race start and boats speeding in line

0.57 - 1.07 Boats approach first mark and Team Japan then pulling into the lead.

1.07 - 1.19 But it is Artemis in the lead at the end of the 5th leg with Japan just behind and Landrover BAR close behind.

1.19 - 1.30 Oracle Team USA capsizes with various replays

1.30 - 1.59 From on board Team Japan we see they have now passed Artemis

1.59 - 2.14 Team Japan leading Artemis to the finish line with FRA in third place.

2.35 to end: On board shots on Japan.



## **SOFTBANK TEAM JAPAN CLAIMS FIRST WIN IN CHICAGO**

Up to 1000 boats were ringing the race area just off the city front. Tens of thousands of fans were lining iconic Navy Pier. Bars, restaurants and fan zones were heaving. The best sailors and fastest boats were ready to show what they could do. After phenomenal practice racing on Friday, with two capsizes, the wind took a while to co-operate.

So while fans enjoyed a great day on Navy Pier, officials took the ‘substitute race’, which was sailed on Friday, and scored it as Race One of the Louis Vuitton America’s Cup World Series Chicago.

That victory went to SoftBank Team Japan who would have seen a measure of justice in having Friday’s “substitute race” count on the leaderboard.

In New York, the team won the substitute race, but it was never used.

But in Chicago, with winds too light and unstable to start on time, the substitute race was inserted in the broadcast and scored as an official race. It was the first win of the Louis Vuitton America’s Cup World Series for SoftBank Team Japan.

“It’s a shame we couldn't get racing started on time today, but it's nice to turn the good work from Friday into a win on the scoreboard today,” said skipper Dean Barker. “We've been working hard to improve our performance... Friday was a good day and we take a lot of confidence from that.”

Artemis Racing scored second place and Groupama Team France was third.



On the other side of the ledger was ORACLE TEAM USA, who capsized in the substitute race on Friday and who now must carry that last place finish on the scoreboard.

As Saturday afternoon progressed under steamy, sunny conditions, and with the sea breeze taking its time to settle in but picking up, race officials and teams extended the race window beyond the initial 3:00pm deadline and were eventually able to get one late afternoon race completed for the fans on Navy Pier.

This race was a huge crowd-pleaser and is designated as a 'substitute race' for Sunday. Should conditions not allow for racing to progress as scheduled on Sunday, it will be inserted in the international broadcast and scored as an official race.

Emirates Team New Zealand were the top team on Saturday, finishing ahead of ORACLE TEAM USA and Artemis Racing.

Conditions are predicted to be excellent tomorrow, setting up a fantastic finish for Super Sunday.

## **Louis Vuitton America's Cup World Series Chicago**

### **Race One (substitute race from Friday)**

1. SoftBank Team Japan – 10 points
2. Artemis Racing – 9 points
3. Groupama Team France – 8 points
4. Emirates Team New Zealand – 7 points
5. Land Rover BAR – 6 points
6. ORACLE TEAM USA – 5 points



**Saturday Substitute Race finish order (this race will only be scored if used on Sunday)**

Emirates Team New Zealand

ORACLE TEAM USA

Artemis Racing

Land Rover BAR

SoftBank Team Japan

Groupama Team France

