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America's Cup World Series – OMAN

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Landrover BAR of Great Britain claimed their second World Series regatta in Oman. The crowds came out in Muscat to help Sir Ben Ainslie and his team celebrate a hard-fought victory.

OT - Sir Ben Ainslie, Skipper Land Rover BAR
Yeah it's great for us to win another Louis Vuitton World Series because it really helps us as a new team i think.

On Super Sunday, when races are worth double points, the breeze was around 10knots at the start of the day's first race ...which saw Emirates Team New Zealand get away well.

For the regatta leaders Landrover BAR the early stages did not go so well finding themselves fifth.

But 25 year old Peter Burling, at the helm of the Kiwi boat was enjoying the freedom of being out in front and was the fastest boat on the track.

There was heartache on board Team Japan who were sitting third when an error left them frozen in the water allowing Landrover BAR to take second place....

With victory going to the youngest helmsman in the Americas Cup....
And with double points at stake there was a close battle not to come last – it was a battle won by the Americans.

What a difference Race 2 made. Penalties went to the British, Japanese and Swedes....

...and saw the Americans head out into the lead followed closely by the French.





But it was two times Americas' Cup winner Jimmy Spithill who won the race a full 1 minute 15 seconds ahead of second placed Groupama Team France.

Ben Ainslie at the helm of Landrover BAR is known for his comebacks and he worked his magic again to move from last to fourth and hold on to the regatta lead.

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It's also really important for our guys back home, our boatbuilders, our designers, the rest of the team back home in Portsmouth for the base.

Race 3 saw Oracle USA start very well ...but what a shocker for Artemis Racing and Landrover BAR.

By Gate 2 it was a straightforward race for victory between the Americans and Groupama Team France.

But it was the French who came out on top taking the lead going into Gate 3.

...it was a lead their Kiwi helmsman, deputising for the injured Franck Cammas, would not give up.

Artemis Racing of Sweden however did not look so solid...having to go for a swim after hooking the buoy rope – it meant finishing the race a man down.

As the Swedes struggled Team France were on a roll and in control of the race taking their first race victory in the World Series 24 seconds ahead of Oracle Team USA.

But the day belonged to Ainslie and his crew who fought back to take third place – a result that made them regatta winners in Oman. END