FUN FACTS:

- The twelve teams will get through 561,600 tea bags while they are at sea over 11 months.
- More than half a million litres of water is filtered in the fleet’s watermakers.
- On each yacht, round the world crew members spend on average at least 504 hours of their life stood at the helm during the race.
- Each crew member burns around 5,000 calories a day.
- The highest wind speed recorded is 85 knots in the Southern Ocean, the equivalent of almost 100 mph.
- The largest wave recorded is 90 feet tall, the equivalent of a 9-storey building.
- The crews will have completed a combined total of over half a million training miles before the race starts.