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A-Class Catamaran World Championship Announced Ronstan & FSE Robline Title Sponsors of November Regatta in Florida Keys

Islamorada, FL - The world's best catamaran sailors will converge on Islamorada, Florida this fall to compete for the 2007 A-Class Catamaran World Championship. Hosted from the Islander Resort, the races will be sailed November 10th through the 16th on the Atlantic Ocean side of the Florida Keys. Ronstan and FSE Robline have agreed to be title sponsors of this exciting event.



The 18 foot A-Class Catamaran is a state-of-the-art carbon fiber sailing machine. Weighing in at a mere 165 pounds, it provides fast and furious sailing action in even the lightest winds. Many renown sailors plan to compete for the prestigious St Petersburg trophy including current World Champion Glen Ashby, and other high profile sailors including Ben Hall, Pete Melvin and Lars Guck.

Bob Hodges United States A-Class Catamaran Association class president said, "We are pleased and excited to welcome Ronstan & FSE Robline as the primary sponsors for the 2007 A-Class Catamaran World Championship. They are recognized around the world for their high performance sailing product lines and this support of the A-Class Catamaran World Championship regatta will add a high level of prestige to an event that will be contested by some of the best racing sailors in the world."

Recognizing the opportunity to showcase their latest technological advancements, both Ronstan and FSE Robline agreed to be title sponsors of this year's event. Ronstan President, Scot West said, "Our involvement with cutting edge racing classes is worldwide and goes back for years. Ronstan's products and image are a perfect fit for these high-tech cats. We are thrilled to be a major supporter of the event."

Alexander Kubizek, International Sales Manager of FSE Robline, also sees this as a great place to introduce their high performance sailing lines to the US Market. He said, "FSE Robline is well known throughout Europe as a leading provider of high performance cordage; sponsoring a high performance world championship being held in the US in cooperation with our US distributor made perfect sense."

Established in 1967 as a development racing class, the A-Class Catamaran has enjoyed a recent resurgence in the United States and Canada driven by hot new designs and very active fleets. Ronstan International is one of the world's leading manufacturers of hardware for sailing, as well as architectural and industrial applications. The company is based in Melbourne, Australia with distribution offices in the USA, Denmark, New Zealand and the UK. FSE Robline is Europe's largest manufacturer of high performance sailing cordage and has recently entered the US market.

For more information on the world championships go to: www.acatworlds.com
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