

**SKIPPER**

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★ Mini Transat 2009 et 2013

**CO-SKIPPER**

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**A WORD FROM THE SKIPPER**

Leg 4 for Amhas's second team is different as it is now our first leg that is shorter. We have had a full schedule with the delivery and setting up the boat. Leg 2 was our first leg racing and it was very long with lots of unknowns with a huge range of weather. Ollie and I were just finding our rhythm and pace. In Leg 2 that in the end was very successful but leg 4 is different we are not a new team anymore and learning our way now so we will sail differently from the start.

We plan to sail this Leg at maximum performance and push harder as this section is more of a sprint than the marathon of Leg 2 and Leg 3. It is an interesting goal for us as no major races have come north in the Pacific to the Tahiti islands so from that perspective there is no race data. The weather models and routes are driven more from the local New Zealand weather at start. This start and the first few days of the leg will make or break the race and set the course. It will be important to lead early in the race into the more Easterly trade winds.

Overall we are looking forward Leg 4. We plan to have fun!



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DESIGN :

AKILARIA RC<sub>3</sub>

ARCHITECT :

MARC LOMBARD

SHIPYARD :

MC-TEC

YEAR OF FIRST LAUNCH :

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