



# TARBERT LOCH FYNE YACHT CLUB

RYA SCOTLAND CLUB OF THE YEAR 2006

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## A “very amateur sailor’s” account of THE 32<sup>nd</sup> AMERICA’S CUP EXPERIENCE

Back in November last year, on a typically wet and windy Argyll day, with the help of a friendly Spanish girl, we were duly booked to go out on the water to watch Race 5 of an America’s Cup Match race. Never mind that it was the last day of school; it had the potential to be the final race of the 32<sup>nd</sup> America’s Cup, being the best of nine races.

We arrived early on Friday 29 June into Valencia and drove straight to a massive free car park right beside the entrance.

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Entry into Port America’s Cup was free too, which was another pleasant surprise. Passing through security we went to get our tickets for going out on the spectator boat later, then had a couple of hours to

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get our bearings.

First, the immense scale of the organisation hits you. The layout of the Port America’s Cup is phenomenal, with Alinghi and each of the eleven challengers having a base; these are built around the port like a horseshoe.

We spent time in each of the bases, having a look at the displays they had set up and being lured towards their shops for souvenirs to take home.

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The Valencia Yacht Club stands out - a massive three-storey square building - at the entrance to the canal that the boats were soon to go down and out to sea.

Here, on view was The America’s Cup itself. A fine trophy that we hoped we would see being presented, however flying home on the Wednesday we knew The Cup might not yet have been won. It was soon time to board our boat but not before we joined the colourful throng that lined the canal to wave the boats out to sea.

The music started, the commentators began commentating, and soon there was a real party atmosphere.

Alinghi supporters took the Yacht Club side with Emirates Team New Zealand on the opposite side of the canal.

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