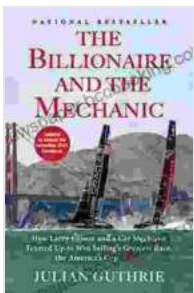


# How Larry Ellison and a Car Mechanic Teamed Up to Win Sailing's Greatest Race

In the world of sailing, there is no greater prize than the America's Cup. The race, which is held every four years, is the oldest international sporting competition in the world, dating back to 1851. Winning the America's Cup is a testament to a team's skill, dedication, and financial resources.



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In 2010, Oracle Team USA, led by billionaire Larry Ellison, won the America's Cup in a dramatic come-from-behind victory. The team's victory was particularly surprising because it was the first time that a team from the United States had won the race in over 10 years.

The story of Oracle Team USA's victory is a fascinating one, and it is a testament to the power of teamwork and innovation. Ellison, who is the co-

founder of Oracle Corporation, is one of the world's richest men. He is also a passionate sailor, and he has competed in the America's Cup for many years.

In 2007, Ellison decided to put together a team to compete for the 2010 America's Cup. He hired Russell Coutts, a New Zealander who is one of the most successful sailors in history. Coutts had won the America's Cup three times, and he was known for his innovative approach to sailing.

Ellison and Coutts assembled a team of top sailors from around the world. The team included American sailors James Spithill and John Kosteki, as well as New Zealand sailors Dean Barker and Chris Dickson. The team also included a number of engineers and designers, who worked to develop the fastest boat possible.

The team faced a number of challenges in the lead-up to the race. The boat, which was named BMW Oracle Racing, was not ready on time, and the team had to scramble to get it ready for the race. The team also had to deal with the pressure of being the favorite to win the race.

Despite the challenges, Oracle Team USA persevered and won the America's Cup in a dramatic come-from-behind victory. The team won the race by a score of 2-1, and it was the first time that a team from the United States had won the race in over 10 years.

The victory was a major triumph for Ellison and Coutts. It was also a victory for the United States, which had not won the America's Cup in over a decade. The victory is a testament to the power of teamwork and innovation, and it is a story that will be told for years to come.

## **The America's Cup**

The America's Cup is the oldest international sporting competition in the world, dating back to 1851. The race is held every four years, and it is contested by two teams of 12 sailors. The race is sailed in a series of races, and the first team to win nine races wins the Cup.

The America's Cup is one of the most prestigious races in the world, and it is considered to be the pinnacle of sailing. The race is often referred to as the "World Series of Sailing," and it attracts the best sailors from around the world.

The America's Cup has been won by teams from the United States, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, and Australia. The United States has won the race the most times, with 13 victories. The United Kingdom is second with 8 victories, and New Zealand is third with 4 victories.

The America's Cup is a challenging race, and it requires a team of top sailors, a fast boat, and a lot of hard work. The race is also a test of teamwork and innovation, and it is a race that is often won by the team that is most prepared and most willing to take risks.

## **Oracle Team USA**

Oracle Team USA is an American sailing team that competes in the America's Cup. The team is based in San Francisco, California, and it is owned by Larry Ellison, the co-founder of Oracle Corporation.

Oracle Team USA was founded in 2007, and it has competed in the America's Cup four times. The team won the race in 2010, 2013, and 2017. The team also finished second in 2015.

Oracle Team USA is one of the most successful teams in the history of the America's Cup. The team has won the race three times, and it has finished second once. The team is also known for its innovative approach to sailing, and it has pushed the boundaries of the sport.

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Oracle Team USA is a well-funded team, and it has one of the best boats in the America's Cup. The team is also a well-prepared team, and it is known for its attention to detail. Oracle Team USA is a team that is always looking for ways to improve, and it is a team that is always ready to take risks.

## **Larry Ellison**

Larry Ellison is an American businessman and entrepreneur who is the co-founder of Oracle Corporation. Ellison is one of the world's richest men, and he is a passionate sailor.

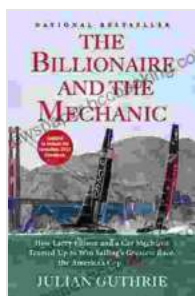
Ellison began sailing in the early 1980s, and he quickly became a top competitor. He has competed in the America's Cup four times, and he has won the race three times. Ellison is also known for his innovative approach to sailing, and he has pushed the boundaries of the sport.

Ellison is a determined and competitive sailor, and he is always looking for ways to improve. He is also a generous donor to sailing charities, and he is a passionate advocate for the sport.

## Russell Coutts

Russell Coutts is a New Zealander who is one of the most successful sailors in history. Coutts has won the America's Cup three times, and he is known for his innovative approach to sailing.

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