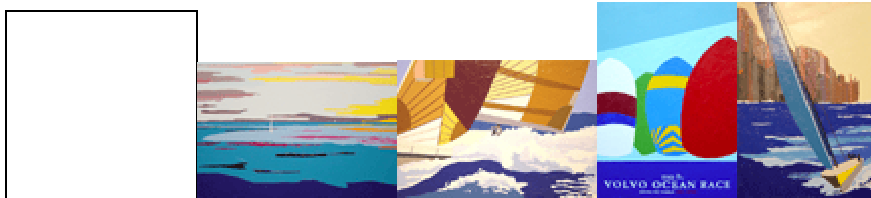


**PRESS RELEASE FRANCO COSTA**

**June 2001** Franco Costa is commissioned 5 new originals by **Volvo Ocean Race 2001-2002**, from which a new limited edition of graphics is printed. The artworks will be exposed in harbours during the Race stopovers. The artist will be personally present.



**August 2001** World Premiere presentation of the artwork created for Volvo Ocean Race 2001-2002 and exhibition of different marine subject art pieces at the Volvo Show Room in Kungstradgarden in Stockholm, Sweden.

Franco Costa is nominated Official Artist for the America's Cup Jubilee in Cowes, England. He creates an original and a limited edition graphic for the event; 150 pieces exceptionally numbered from 1851 to 2001, one for each year of existence of the America's Cup. They carry the seal of the event. Costa also creates the logo for the event which has been reproduced in official poster.

Great success for the return of the artist in Sailing world.



**December 2001** Franco Costa will be in Sydney, Australia and in Auckland, New Zealand to be present at Volvo Ocean Race 2001-2002 stopovers. For this occasion he has created an original: Dreaming and Sailing "Down Under".... Sydney & Auckland, from which a Limited edition is available.

