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Franco Costa is internationally known as "Official Artist" for **America's Cup** in the '80ies. His "crossed sails" have been seen all over the world among many other successful images created by him. He has also created artwork for events and brands such as: **Whitbread 'Round the World Race**; Baltic Match Race, **Becks Beer, Renault, Volvo** and many others.

Franco continues receiving great admiration worldwide, returning after a period of absence to "sailing world". He has in fact created the Official logo for the **150th America's Cup Jubilee 2001**; after this, **Volvo Ocean Race 2001-2002** commissioned 5 images electing him "Official Artist" to the event. The 5 images have been all around the world, following the race in main ports reached (Southampton, Cape Town, Sydney, Auckland; Miami; Annapolis, La Rochelle, Kiel).

More recently international success continues:

Nomination as finalist to "**2003 Sport Artist of the Year**" chosen among 56 candidates throughout the world, by the American Sports Academy (USSA) and the American Sport Art Museum and Archives (ASAMA).

Franco is also "Official Artist" to "**Kiel Sailing City**" in Germany, the city is candidate to Olympic Sailing City in 2012, a press conference has been held November 11th in Kiel in Old Rathaus with Oberbürgermeister Norbert Gansel nominating Franco officially.

The President of prestigious German Association **Norddeutscher Regatta Verein** in Hamburg has requested Franco to represent the Daimler Chrysler North Atlantic Challenge 2003 with his art creating a special image for the event.

For more information please visit: www.francocosta.it & www.francocosta.com updated with all latest news on the artist's work.