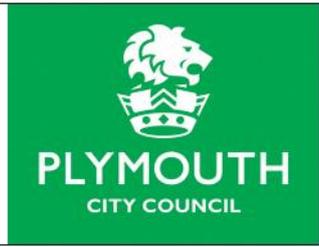


# **CONTRACT AWARD REPORT PART I**

2022 British Sail GP, PRN #244826267



## **I. INTRODUCTION**

Sail GP is an annual global sailing championship. Teams compete across a season of multiple grands prix internationally in cities including San Francisco, New York and Sydney with the first season being held in 2019. The boats are identical F50 catamarans, the fastest and most technologically advanced racing boats ever built – they are engineered for racing at speeds exceeding 50 knots (60mph). The 2022 teams are: Great Britain (skipper: Ben Ainslie), USA, Australia, France, Japan, Spain, Denmark, New Zealand, Switzerland and Canada.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rr7r42OX6CE>

In Plymouth, the racing will take place in summer 2022 very close to the shoreline in Plymouth Sound, with practice sessions taking place the week prior. The race village and activity hub will be located on the Hoe with a mixture of hospitality and public free and ticketed areas with live commentary, screens and concessions to enhance the spectator experience. Amazing viewing will be plentiful across the entire waterfront area.

The technical area (similar to F1 pit lanes) will have a longer period of occupation at Millbay on Clyde Quay and Trinity Pier where the race boats will be constructed and craned in and out of the water each day for servicing. The public will be able to get up close to view this unique and exciting process.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

In 2021 Plymouth hosted the Great Britain Sail Grand Prix (SailGP) – an inshore ‘stadium’ sail racing event that is viewed as one of Plymouth’s golden moments for economic impact, global positioning and spectator engagement. It has been referred to by many as “the best event Plymouth has ever done”.

Sail GP is the fastest, most competitive sail racing in the world and shares a lot of the same DNA as Plymouth, leading the way in marine technology and sustainability. We began courting the race organisers when the concept was first announced and in 2020 won a competitive bidding process to host the UK event in 2021. Following the huge success of this event we entered another competitive bidding process to host it again in 2022. Despite fierce global competition our bid has been successful.

This provides a great opportunity for Plymouth City Council to build on the success of the 2021 event, placing Plymouth, Britain’s Ocean City, firmly at pole position in the staging of major sailing events in the UK.

## **3. PROCUREMENT PROCESS**

This is a Sole Supplier situation as we have won a competitive bidding process and F50 League LLC are the only providers of the Sail GP event.

## **4. PRE TENDER SELECTION CRITERIA**

N/A

## **5. TENDER EVALUATION CRITERIA**

N/A

**6. SUMMARY OF EVALUATION**

N/A

**7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The financial implications are set out in part 2 of the report.

**8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

To approve the contract award as outlined above

**9. APPROVAL**

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